

NWMHC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jan 24, 2015 Jollie's Restaurant, Ridgefield, WA

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Lisa Pichler.

MINUTES of the Fall Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

BOD REPORTS

PRESIDENT. Lisa Pichler reported that committees are functioning and she looks forward to a positive future. There are more members present today than for the past several years. Thanks to Lisa Abboud for finding the venue for the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT. Recently elected VP, Mel Sanders, has submitted her resignation due to other personal commitments. BOD appointed Diane Dorigan to fill the position. Christine Houts will co-chair the Show Committee with her and help with history.

SECRETARY/TREASURER. Margaret Slape reported there are no outstanding bills. Current bank balance is over \$8,000. When the CD was renewed, it was for a 5 year period. Carole Herrmann stated she would look into investments with a higher rate of return.

ADMINISTRATOR. The BOD today appointed Jamie Bethany as the new club Administrator. Many thanks to Sheryl Petersen for many years of service in this position.

DIRECTOR, Michelle Michelson. No report, not present.

DIRECTOR, Joanne Ross.

-The club trailer is in need of repairs, BOD has authorized repairs as needed. Christine Houts will haul this show season.

-The NWMHC ad in The World magazine. 20 people are needed to pay \$65/yr to advertise to keep the size of the ad for the coming year. If there aren't enough farms advertising the size of the ad will have to be decreased. Contact Joanne if interested.

-Two options for future club elections. 1) have a voting form on the website to print out and mail in. 2) email from Administrator. Discussion of pros/cons of each.

Motion that ballots be done by email, sent out by Administrator. PASSED.

DIRECTOR, Christine Houts.

-Checks are taking a long time to be cashed. This issue has been addressed in BOD meeting.

-Schooling Clinic/Show. She will pick up ball and try to get the venue reserved. She will let the BOD know if she is able to lock in a date, and this date will be posted on Facebook and website as soon as it is confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT/FINANCE. Margaret Slape. The accountant/CPA is still onboard.

BY-LAWS / RULES & REGS. Julie Hemenway. She now has updated forms and will get them formatted so that they can be posted on website. Changes for By-Laws are just housekeeping.

FUTURITY. Linda VanFleet and Katie Hanson.

-Rules for Futurity were all reviewed and they found some conflicting items. In Jan 2012 late payments were allowed for sustaining a foal. Is this still in effect? Payments must be received by closing date of show entry. Mares must be nominated no later than 30 days before foaling.

-In looking over previous versions of the futurity there were different methods of payouts. They presented different methods and examples of payouts. They decided upon method needs to be added to the Futurity Rules so that calculations will be consistent in the future. Discussion of pros/cons of splitting sustaining yearling/2 yr old fees versus all of fee going to the year sustained for.

Motion to use the 50/50 split method (split sustaining fees 50/50 yearling/2 year olds) and add to Rules. PASSED. Yes – 16, No – 0, Ab - 4 This will be posted on the website.

GELDING. Dawn Sayles/Robyn Hardy.

-Dawn has attempted to contact the Unwanted Horse Coalition but they have not responded yet.

-The committee has not been notified about any new incoming funds.

-Auction at fall meeting brought in over \$635. However this number seems low so there may be some outstanding checks that have not been deposited.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS. Joanne Ross/Suzie Durdel. Vote previously taken during Director's Report on doing email ballots.

NEWSLETTER / PUBLICITY. Dawn Sayles. She tried a program that opens like a magazine on the website but she needs input and info to put on it. Suggestions of show schedule, previously printed stories such as foaling tips, etc.

YOUTH. Summer Ruegger. Working on setting up a trip to Fun Zone during Emerald Valley show. There will be a youth award table at EVC. Silent auction at Can-Am . \$850 to start year.

YEAR END AWARDS / BANQUET. Diane Dorigan. She audited the Kensington bill and found a \$1,000 error. They will give us credit on our account or send a check. BOD voted to apply the credit for this year's order. Discussion of types of awards that people would like; many liked a halter for Reserve.

Motion for Diane to research and choose a Reserve High Point award and alternatives and present to the BOD. PASSED.

Motion to order blankets and sheets for High Point awards. PASSED.

Banquet – the venue in Salem has been reserved for next fall.

WELFARE. Christine Houts. Nothing to report.

WINTER MEETING.

Motion to have the 2016 Winter Meeting at this venue. PASSED.

SHOW COMMITTEE

1. Emerald Valley Classic May 23-25. Margaret Slape and Lisa Pichler. All set for Memorial Weekend. BOD suggestion to add a 2 day AMHR/ASPC show on Thurs-Fri before the AMHA show. Sponsorships of \$100 each to cover the extra arena costs to come from AMHR/ASPC exhibitors.
Motion to add a 2 day AMHR/ASPC show before EVC as long as dates can be confirmed with OHC. PASSED.
2. Can-Am Classic June 19-21. Lisa Pichler. Dates confirmed, contract signed. Lisa requests the show be extended to 3 days from 2.5. This is to be able to use the class list for multiple shows.
Motion to make Can-Am a 3 day show. PASSED.
3. Central Point Aug 22-23. Diane Dorigan. Last year was 2 day show, and netted \$7,500. NorCal will participate again but wants a joint bank account in the show's name for non-profit accounting purposes. Diane suggests Way Out West as name for show.
**Motion to change name to Way Out West; open bank account in show's name for both clubs to use; use old ribbons as there was a double order last year; donate any leftovers to 4-H or other group; BOD to request Rinda not hire CA judges for this show and get 1 judge from farther away.
PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Stock Classes. AMHA will decide at Annual Meeting about adding/requiring stock classes. Does NWMHC want to add Stock classes to our shows? BOD had 2 suggestions for adding Stock classes, both ideas would require classes be sponsored for \$125 each to cover costs of ribbons and year end awards.
 - A. Add 5 classes: Youth Mares/Geldings, Amateur Stallions/Mares/Geldings, Open Stallions, Open Mares, Open Geldings.
 - B. Add 3 open classes: Stallions, Mares, Geldings.**Motion to add 5 Stock type classes – Youth Mares/Geldings, Amateur Stallions/Mares,/Gelding, Open Stallions, Open Mares, Open Geldings - at all 3 NWMHC shows, with sponsorships and Year End awards. PASSED unanimously.**
2. Online store. Dawn Sayles. Sweatshirts are being sold. They will be online soon and she has them here for purchase.
3. Community Service Award. Dawn Sayles and Sherri Dingmon. Points will be accumulated for all sorts of activities including attending meetings, parades, shows, any community activities. Goal is 300 points to be awarded the Mark Bullington Versatility Award. This will be paid for by sales of shirts, stickers, etc.
Motion to fund seed money of \$150 to get the Versatility program started. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal from Don Louge to split Special Needs classes into Developmental and Physical disability. Suggestion to contact Polly Hyde about AMHA rule change.
Motion by Don Louge to add a non-rated Developmental Disability halter class, sponsored by him, to NWMHC shows. PASSED.
2. Joanne Anderson introduced a proposal that she is presenting to AMHA to hardship AMHR horses into AMHA. Several specific requirements must be met. She has petitions that members may sign today. She will present these at the annual AMHA meeting in Feb.

Meeting Adjourned 4:40 pm.