

## **Northwest Miniature Horse Club: Annual Fall Membership Meeting**

**Minutes 26 October 2013**

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by president Matt Davern at 2:32PM.

### **Members Present:**

Please refer to sign in sheet.

### **Minutes from the Winter 2013 meeting were read and approved.**

**President's report:** 2014 will be the year of the horse. The Chinese garden in Portland has invited the Northwest miniature horse club to present courses at their New Year's celebration for two weekends in February we are very excited for this opportunity and will several volunteers. He would also like to thank poly Hyde for her hard work and dedication representing the Northwest's interests in the AMHA.

**VP's report:** Lisa would like everyone to know that she loves being here! She is very excited for the upcoming show season and the possible addition of the Walla Walla and North by Northwest shows she would also like to celebrate the fact that participation in OHSET has generated several new members in our club.

**Secretaries report:** Bethany reports that she is excited to see the club growing and gaining momentum. She also wants to recognize the volunteerism of so many members this year in their efforts to make the club successful.

**Treasurers report:** Margaret reports that she has moved from QuickBooks online to simpler program for accounting purposes. We currently have \$13,000 in checking Albany still needs to be paid as well as the year-end awards. That being said we are still well in the black, and will not have to scrape to start 2014. Our club has reached financial solvency. Margaret also shared a brief synopsis of our IRS audit. We were informed that from 2009 until 2012 \$16,000 in back taxes and penalties had been accrued. Margaret had worked with our accountant and a consumer advocate to challenge this claim. We send a \$1000 good faith payment to the IRS and paid our accountant Brian \$1200 to assist in resolving this matter. We have received a final judgment from the IRS reversing their claims of accrued fees and penalties. They have returned our \$1000 good faith payment as well as \$5.44 in interest.

**Club administrators report:** Sheryl shared membership forms are out for 2014. You are encouraged to pay tonight. Please include your email and web address on the form. These should be mailed or delivered directly to the club administrator. Sheryl is committed to doing the directory this year. Keep an eye out for it in your mailbox mid April 2014. She also reminded membership that if you paid for the farm focus in 2013, it will be comped to you in 2014 due to the fact that it was not published in 2013 as promised.

**Elections:** nominations were opened. Lisa Pitchler was nominated for President, Bethany Jones was nominated for Secretary, and Michelle Michaelson was nominated to the open board member position. No additional nominations were made.

JoAnne moved and Sheryl seconded to seat the nominees by acclamation. The membership voted in unanimous agreement.

**Discussion items:**

schooling clinic- the board will be sending a request to AMHA for funding. If AMHA funds are available, we will move forward in adding this event to our calendar for 2014.

Schooling show- proceeds from the schooling show will be designated to the youth fund this year. No date is set but every effort will be made to hold this event after the schooling clinic.

Albany show- the Albany Fairgrounds have given us the same dates as State Fair for 2014. The current plan will be to discontinue this show and replace it with the North by Northwest show in Central Point.

North by Northwest show-it was voted that we join with Norcal in August to produce this show. The vote passed membership unanimously

Oregon State fair-Christine Houts will follow up with Roxanne Hood to generate a schedule and to make sure that the show is on board with AMHA rules; especially class splits in youth Showmanship. She will also ask about youth class pricing.

The membership has asked that a master list be generated for classes at our summer shows. Also that our numbering system be revised to indicate what day the class will be held on. IE: 100 level classes for Friday 200 level classes for Saturday 300 level classes for Sunday...

Futurity-there is no report available at this time. Lisa Pitchler will contact Linda for a report by the winter meeting. Julie Hemingway and Kathy Sammon have volunteered to join the committee

Newsletter-Kerry has been out with a death in the family. She and Joanne plan to start the newsletter again. The newsletter will be distributed on a bimonthly basis, and a hard copy will be sent quarterly. Susie has also offered to help with this.

World magazine add- the membership would like to see this continue. The fee will be \$65 for participating members. The next release will be in November. New members will be added for January's edition.

Logo contest- Sheryl shared the board directive for new logo submissions. Possible adoption of a new logo will be put to the membership when submissions are received.

Youth committee- we do not have a solid total for the fun this year. Our youth were a strong force on the local, regional and national levels this year. The committee welcomes any fresh ideas or donations to make our 2014 season successful.

Club membership fees- after a brief discussion it was decided that this is not the time to raise fees.

**Bylaws-**

suggested changes

It was moved by Lisa Pitchler and seconded by Jamie Bethany to change the titles of Treas. to secretary-treasurer, and the title of Sec. to recorder. As well as to add the position of past president (non-voting) to the board.

Joanne Ross moved and Sheryl Peterson seconded the section on salaries be added to the bylaws 205.5 stating that members may be reimbursed for expenses, but will not be paid for club functions.

These changes will be voted on in our January meeting.

Winter meeting- winter meeting will be held at the Fords Prairie Grange January 18, 2014. The cost of the facility is \$250, please remember that the silent auction held at this meeting pays for the use of the building.

gelding committee-there is currently \$1949 in the gelding fund. Sponsorship for the often gelding award fell through this year; new sponsors are sought for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.