

NWMHC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – NOV. 3, 2007 OAKTREE RESTAURANT, WOODLAND, WA

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Miller, at 10:00 a.m.

32 members were present to establish the quorum.

Minutes of the Jan. 28, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

1. All committee members, please **re-sign up** for any committee that you want to be on for 2008. A sign-up sheet was circulated and Dave will be sending out an email to the club list.
2. Thanks to everyone for attending the meetings and shows. The NWMHC shows were up again this year while the national trend is down about 20%.
3. For this meeting, each speaker may speak twice on a subject, Mark will keep time. Rather than brainstorming at the meeting as has been done in the past, committees should be doing that. If we have an idea presented, the appropriate committee can work on it and report back at the winter meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Approximately \$20,000 in CDs; checking has approximately \$25,000 of which \$8,000 is allocated and \$10,000 is start-up for next show season.

Judges' expenses will be higher in 2008 due to higher travel expenses.

Administrator's Report:

1. Be sure to renew memberships in a timely manner. **Jan 15, 2008** is the deadline if you are getting the "package deal" with advertising and directory listings.
2. Breeders' List – some who paid this year didn't get on the website until last month. Those people will be comped for 2008.
3. Recommended additions to the website are show rules, rules and regulations, qualifications for special awards.
4. Annette Helgeson is working with Barb Hento to put the premium books in PDF format online.
5. Jessica Kimball will be taking over as Administrator in Jan 2008.

AMHA Directors' Report:

Dave Miller reviewed the upcoming proposed by-law and rule changes that will be voted on at the AMHA National Meeting in So. Carolina. This is a brief synopsis, for more detail see upcoming the World magazine:

1. Allow associate members a vote.
2. Must be a member to do business, no "non-member" fees.
3. Change Honorary Directors to International Directors who are elected from members from their own nations. Still non-voting. 3 year term with maximum of 6 consecutive years.
4. No more than 1 officer and Director at Large can be from the same region.
5. With each election, the VP will be President Elect; can be nominated by Regular members; ballots will be mailed out to eligible voting members.
6. Eliminate the requirement to serve 1 year as a director before being able to serve on Executive Board.
7. No more than 2 directors from any region can hold office the same time.
8. Treasurer will do all of the books rather than office staff. If there isn't a qualified person on the BOD, someone from the membership can be appointed by the BOD to the position. This person would not have voting rights.
9. Biographical sketches for those running for the executive board must be submitted 2 months before the national meeting and will be published on the website.
10. The President will not chair any committee other than the Executive committee
11. VP shall serve as President Elect and become President upon expiration of the current President's term of office.
12. Discontinue hardships as of 2013.

13. Allow younger horses to hardship as long as they meet the age/ht requirement.
14. Measurement requirements for perm registration.
15. Only horses born in North American or with proven AMHA history can be hardshipped.
16. Change ht measurement to "top of withers"
17. Change ht measurement to "base of withers"
18. Add 3rd type of registration "gold label", measured 3 times and certified.
19. Proposed by-law changes must have 15 signatures or be passed by committee to be presented.

Measurement seminars – AMHA would like to start doing again. Discussion followed about doing a measurement seminar in the northwest, possibly as part of the Schooling Clinic. Margaret Slape will follow up to see if it would be possible to get Diane Stasiak to do the seminar.

World/Regional Shows: split Versatility to Country and Single Pleasure; Rotation of 4 judges.

The AMHA BOD is working on addressing the 2 hr height protest rule that was passed last year, as it will create a hardship on exhibitors, especially at local shows. Discussion followed about measuring.

Committee Reports

Audit: Bill Sample reported that the books were in order. It was difficult to compare costs of shows due to the way each coordinator listed items. He is working with Barb Hento and Carole Heermann to develop a standard form for all of the coordinators to use.

By-Laws: Dave reported there was nothing to vote on at this meeting. A By-Law change will be presented to combine the Year End Awards Committee and the Ribbons and Trophies Committee into one. This will be printed in the News and voted on at the Winter meeting.

Elections: Dave reported that Hilary Schult is running unopposed for Secretary and he is running unopposed for President. Bill Sample and Mark Bullington are running for Director At Large. Ballots will be included in the Nov/Dec News.

Finance: Bill Sample will be taking over the chair of this committee. The committee will be tasked with getting monthly financial reports from the Treasurer and will have copies of all contracts.

Rules and Regulations: Helen Halderman reviewed the changes that were voted on at the Winter meeting. Dave presented a new rule that is proposed by the BOD. **MOTION** by BOD "No issue voted on at a regularly scheduled NWMHC meeting can be re-voted on at the next meeting unless new information has come to light that significantly changes the proposal." **PASSED** with 1 opposed.

NEWS: Be sure Barbara Ashby has your name if you want to be in the drawing for covers which will be done during the banquet. Remember to get your ad in to Barbara 2 weeks before the due date. If you are unable to provide an ad by the stated date the alternate for that issue will be contacted.

Website: Sheryl Peterson reported that John Sayles is the new webmaster.

Welfare: No activity.

Winter Meeting: will be Jan 26-27, 2008. **MOTION** by Barb Ashby to change the potluck dinner on Sat. night to lunch that day. **PASSED**

Youth: Dave reported for Summer Sayles-Ruegger. The Youth committee has \$2000 in the bank; all previously awarded scholarships have been paid out. No scholarships were applied for this year. All scholarship application information is on the website. The silent auction was successful again this year. There is a youth photo contest which will be awarded during the banquet.

Year End Awards: Barbara Ashby presented several options for awards. **MOTION** by Helen Halderman that the plaque with acrylic horse head be year end award for 2008. **PASSED.**

MOTION by Helen Halderman that the Grand Champion award be the larger silver tray as presented along with a stand. **PASSED.**

Show Committee: Nancy Rivenburgh

Nancy thanked the show coordinators and asked that anyone wanting to be on the show committee to please sign up.

MOTION by Kate Beevers to discontinue the Canadian discount for 2008 due to the strength of the Canadian dollar. **PASSED.**

2008 SHOW SCHEDULE:

1. Schooling Clinic – Margaret Slape. Mar 1-2 in Longview, WA. Thanks to Margaret's persistence the NWMHC was awarded \$500 from the AMHA for the clinic. Her committee recommends having a tack and clothing sale at the clinic, proceeds to go to offset the cost of the clinic. The group agreed this was a good idea.
2. Schooling Show – Kate Sherry, Sharon Bullington. March 28-30 in McMinnville, OR. Judge: Roger Eitel. The contract has been signed. Kate is concerned that the fairgrounds are not directly off of I-5 and this might affect attendance. Recommendation from Annette Helgeson that will be taken to the BOD for discussion: to give a coupon at the Schooling Clinic for a discount at the Schooling Show. This may encourage people to attend both.
3. Sea-Tac Classic – Whitemans and Osgoods. April 18-20 in Elma, WA. Judges: Billie Hesseltine, D. Phillips, Bill Fairchild (World judge). Breakfast is planned again. No increases in fees.
4. Emerald Valley Classic – Smiths, Dickens, Brian Reid. May 24-26 in Eugene, OR. Judges: Sara Runyon, Charles Schroeder, Cindy Carlson (World judge). It is unknown as of today if prices will be raised or not.
5. Can-Am Classic – Porters, Dave Sandeno. June 20-22 in Monroe, WA. Judges: Carol Dobbins, Duke Neff, Myron Krause (World judge). No changes in fees. The idea of an auction has been dropped.
6. Mini-Mac – Kathy Howard, Stuckis. July 5-6 in McMinnville, OR. Judges: Sunny Williams, Doris Carpenter.
7. Western Championship – July 24-27 in Reno, NV. AMHA is still accepting bids for management.
8. Central Point – Aug 15-17 in Central Point, OR. Group coordinators Brian Reid, Dave & Jill Miller, Darrell & Cherie Smith. Sheryl Peterson will help with facility contract since she has worked with the facility before. **RECOMMENDATION FROM SHOW COMMITTEE** to discontinue the AMHR show at Central Point. **PASSED** with 1 opposed. The Evergreen AMHR club has a show that weekend in WA. **MOTION** by Mark Bullington that no "sales pens" be allowed at Central Point. **PASSED** with 1 opposed.
9. Oregon State Fair – Marge Robinson. End of Aug, Salem, OR. Crowds were up, classes were well attended. The State Fair is having a horse show meeting on Nov 9 at 6 pm in Salem regarding the future of horse shows at the fair. Marge encouraged as many as possible to attend.
10. AMHA World Show – Sept 24-Oct 3.

Show Manager - Barb Hento presented the following:

1. A white board will be used at the gate for splits, order of go, etc. at all NWMHC shows.
2. **Recommendation from show committee:** Each NWMHC show shall have a volunteer, knowledgeable witness to assist the measurer within the established AMHA guidelines. This person may not be showing at that show. **PASSED.**

3. **Recommendation from show committee:** The measurement of every horse being shown shall be videotaped. **FAILED** with 2 yes votes.
4. **MOTION** by Nancy Rivenburgh to amend the Fees section Rule 6 to read: "If a horse is entered and has a back number, no extra fee will be applied. **PASSED.**
5. Some show rules have not been followed recently, for example the times allowed for post entering during a show and extra fees. Reminder that these rules will be followed to help the show run smoothly. As written in the show rules: "Post entries or added classes will be accepted up to five (5) classes prior to the class entering the ring provided the horse is determined to be eligible for entry, **exception, draw classes, i.e. Liberty, Obstacle, Hunter/Jumper classes, once the draw for order of go is completed, entries will not be received. This will take place 5 classes or 1 hour before start of class. Post entry fee for a horse not entered will be an additional \$25.00 if entered at the show.**"

Futurity – Jill Miller is the new chairman. She has forms for sustaining and/or nominating. Yearling Futurity will again be at Can-Am, 2-yr old Futurity will be at Emerald Valley. Be sure to nominate mares by **Dec 31**. A late fee will apply after that date. Forms are also available online. To show as a 2 year old you must have nominated in utero or weanling and have sustained as a yearling.

Gelding Incentive – Approximately \$7500 will be given out tonight. Margaret Slape and Tiffany Porter volunteered to be recorders this evening.

Publicity – Kate Sherry.

1. Kate will have generic information, press releases, etc. that will be available to all show coordinators at the winter meeting.
2. Kate recommended getting a stall co-located with the horses at the Albany expo rather than being in the expo hall. Stall cost is \$60. **MOTION** by Mark Bullington to have the club booth at a stall co-located with the horses at the Albany Expo for \$60 in addition to the regular booth fee, if it is available. **PASSED.**
3. NW Rider Magazine will give us 2 columns for our club ad rather than 1 for next year due to their mistake this year.

Ribbons & Trophies – LaVon Read will continue doing the ribbons. We are staying with the same ribbon company for 2008 and the Morrisons will again do the Grand/Supreme neck sashes.

Year End Banquet – Helen Halderman reported that approximately 100 people are attending the banquet this year. The facility did raise their costs, but since we had reported at the last meeting that the dinner price would be the same this year, the BOD voted to keep the price the same and subsidize the cost of the dinner. Barb Ashby did all the decorations.

Other facilities

1. New facility in Winlock, WA, Exit 63 just south of Chehalis. Could be available in 2009.
2. TRAC center in Pasco, WA. Barb Hento reported that this is a nice facility, grounds people are good, the hotel is close, and there is a nice RV area. There are limited dates available, Nancy is following up on this.
3. King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw. A feasibility study for an equestrian center is being done.

Old Business

1. Question about AOTE performance awards. This will be looked at and clarified at the winter meeting.
2. Ride the West in Spokane has a conflicting date with an AMHR show; NWMHC will therefore not sponsor a booth as there is no one in the area to coordinate and man it.
3. Jim Evers Memorial Chair. Dan Groves is donating \$250/yr for three years to the youth. Star Lake Tack sells us a harness for that amount and a harness is awarded to a youth.

4. Measuring Out at a show. Papers are not being revoked. AMHA is working on a By-Law change to enforce pulling of papers but as it is written now the AMHA lawyer says the statement on the papers ("If at any time it is determined that this horse has exceeded 34 inches in height, this certificate will be voided on the records of the Registry, without refund of fee.") is not enforceable.

5. Barb Hento will be pulling the club trailer next season. Thank You, Barb!

Meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Halderman, Secretary