

NORTHWEST MINIATURE HORSE CLUB
VIRTUAL WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING - January 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM

1. WELCOME! ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT ON ZOOM MEETING - Judy Howard

Roll Call attached.

2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM FOR VOTING - Joanne Ross Quorum was established at 18 members.

3. APPROVE 2020 FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - Jessica Kimball

The minutes for the November 14, 2020 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:

The attendance members was incorrect due to computer failure.

Those who purchased a page in the 2021 calendar will receive 1 free calendar.

The dates for the Emerald Valley show will be 5/29/2021 – 5/31/2021

The AMHA Western Regional Show will be 8/19/2021 – 8/22/2021 at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene, OR.

The neck ribbons for the Amateur Supreme and the Open Supreme will be provided by Jessie Skerjanec.

We currently have 5 high point award categories: Performance; Driving; Amateur; Youth with one horse; Youth with Multiple horses. It was recommended that the search for the high point awards begin. The club will pay for these awards. The recommendation passed.

A recommendation was made that the NWMHC start to phase out the Futurity beginning in 2021. Recommendation passed.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

President Joanne Ross: Things are going slowly, but we are working to accomplish our duties.

Vice President Kathy Howard: Report tabled until the Show committee report.

Treasurer/Secretary Linda Soto: Checking Account has \$4992.19; CD has \$13,331.33; Total in these two accounts: \$18,323.51. Gelding Incentive Fund: \$1037.77; Futurity: \$442.50

Recording Secretary Jessica Kimball: No Report

Director Sharon Hardt: Working with the other directors to put a final polish on the job descriptions.

Director Shawna Hardin: No Report

Director Linda VanFleet: As the Director of Membership Services, I have been working with the Club Administrator to keep track of the membership. As of 1/29/2021 we have 51 family memberships, six of which are new members. There are 72 adult members, 29 youth members, and 2 sponsored Youth Members. Because of COVID restrictions, we are pretty limited in the activities we can have for recruiting new members. I want to encourage everyone to have membership applications on hand, and when you sell horses, make sure the new owners get a form.

Administrator Judy Howard: We are encouraging people to get their memberships in early. We have given out 120 calendars this year. We have sent calendars to 3 different Canadian Provinces. We printed 200 copies, and have around 80 left.

AMHA Director

Sheryl Peterson: It has been a tumultuous year. AMHA used the year to go forward, rather than backward. They designed and implemented new software. The data transmission between the old software and new software did not go as planned. AMHA got great information from the Treasurer, Dawn Heinrich. AMHA is now \$60,000 in the black. This lady has done a more than outstanding job. NWMHC sent Dawn a thank you gift to recognize her tremendous contributions to this organization.

James Rutledge and Julianna Meyers have been working with Sheryl on the new section of the website. The new "Members Only" section will offer webinars, training, veterinary information. These different webinars will be recorded and kept so we can access them moving forward.

Marketplace Sponsors Section: Every Monday AMHA will recognize a different sponsor. This gives us all something interesting to look forward to, and helps the sponsors' businesses grow.

AMHA is working to send out 3 newsletters every year and one Year End Magazine.

AMHA's BOD is working on having meetings (virtual) every other month.

The AMHA Annual meeting will be November 11 – November 14 here in Portland. Sheryl and Joanne are working to make sure our location is a good fit. We anticipate good things.

The Western Regional Show will be back in Eugene at the Oregon Horse Center. Dates are 8/19/21 – 8/22/21. AMHA is currently working on establishing a permanent location, and we are all hoping Eugene will be filling the bill.

Judy Howard moved that NWMHC form a committee to work with Laura Mullen on the regional show. Sheryl seconded. Motion passed. Judy will chair the committee, Sharon Hardt, Christine Houts, Bambi Roylance and Jessica Kimball will form the rest of the committee members.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

In order to make sure the Committee Reports are accurate in the minutes of the meeting, the chairperson of each committee needs to send a written report 14 days of the general meeting so that these reports can be incorporated into the minutes. The Recording Secretary will then make sure the minutes, with the reports attached are sent out within 14 days after the general meeting.

Youth Committee - No Report

Gelding Incentive - *Kathy Howard, Judy Howard* - \$1307.77. There is \$300 outstanding.

Finance, Audit - *Kathy Howard, Joanne Ross, Sharon Hardt* – There is no report since the committee has not had time to meet.

By-Laws - *Sharon Hardt, Sheryl Peterson* – There is no report since they have not had a meeting in 2020-2021.

Rules & Regs - *Sharon Hardt* – Sharon has a draft of the Rules and Regulations changes. It will be viewable at the fall meeting.

Futurity - *Linda Van Fleet* – A financial report is attached to the minutes. The total amount is \$442.50. There are 17 horses involved in the futurity. There are no new nominations at this point. Make up class for Halter will be held at Capital City. Make up driving class will be at Mini Mac. Make up class for Yearling Halter will be held at Can Am. Make up class for the Two Year Old Halter will be at Emerald Valley.

Website - *Lisa Abboud, Sheryl Peterson, Judy Howard* – The website has been updated other than show results, year end awards, and minutes.

Show Committee - *Kathy Howard* – There is a Show Committee Report attached to the minutes. The Oregon State Fair will be held August 27 – September 6 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The class schedule will be posted around the first of July. Classes will be held for AMHR/AMHA/Pinto Miniatures. Christine Houts and Jessica Kimball are currently working with Ron Hood to get the Miniature Horses Organized. According to the OSF Board, we are going to have a fair – unless Covid rears its ugly head and causes the fair to not happen. **Addendum – dates for Mini Mac have changed to 7/17/2021 – 7/18/2021.**

A motion was made to increase the Stall Fees - \$2.00 per show (2 day shows would be \$70 per show. 3 day shows would be \$80.00) This helps cover the increased costs of the stall fees from the facilities. Motion Passed.

A Motion was made to increase the Judge's fees - \$1.00 per judge. (Youth Judges would be \$5.00 per judge, Amateur Judges would be \$9.00 and Open Class Judges would be \$10.00). Motion Passed.

Year End Awards - *Judy Howard* – Report has been moved to the end of the meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Criteria for any new privately sponsored year end awards. Criteria has been proposed for privately sponsored year end awards. A copy is attached to the minutes. A motion was made to accept the criteria as written. Motion Passed. A copy of the Criteria is attached to the minutes.

Club Clinic: Kathy Howard asked for volunteers to help with the annual Spring Clinic. At this time, there were no suggestions for location, and no volunteer for chair of this committee. A motion was made and seconded to table the Clinic for 2021 and move it to 2022. Motion passed.

Further discussion included the proposal to run a “virtual clinic” possibly with a guest presenter.

It was also discussed that we offer educational classes at established shows. A suggestion of offering this on Friday prior to the Capital City Show was made.

Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Clipping

1:00 p.m – 2:00 p.m. Halter

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Question and Answer.

It was decided that the Show committee will further examine the possibilities. Kathy Howard will get back to the board with suggestions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022 NWMHC Calendar Draw - Judy Howard

Names will be drawn for the calendar months at the Winter meeting. You must be a paid 2021 NWMHC member. Cost of a calendar month is \$100 to be paid no later than March 1, 2021.

The members whose names were drawn were listed as follows:

January – Helen Emory
February – Dorothy Whiteman
March – Jessica Kimball
April – Linda Van Fleet
May – Jessie Skerjanec
June – Judy Howard
July – Bambi Roylance
August – Sheryl Peterson
September – Joanne Ross
October – Heather Curtis
November – Joan Cunningham
December – Lisa Abboud

Alternates: Anna McCarthy and Susan Wilson

Artwork needs to be finalized by September 1. Debbie Boosallis will again be working with everyone to make sure the calendar pages are as wonderful as they have been. We will be printing enough to make sure that they go into the packets at the AMHA National Convention here in Portland.

B. Proposed 2021 NWMHC Year End Awards' Categories - Judy Howard

A motion was made regarding the proposed Year End Award List as presented by Judy Howard for 2021 with the exception of splitting the Youth Roadster classes to Youth Roadster 12 and under and Youth Roadster 13-18 and Youth Versatility classes to Youth Versatility 12 and under and Youth Roadster 13-18 and that we revisit this at the fall meeting. Seconded by Sharon Hardt. Motion Passed.

C. Proposed NWMHC Youth Scholarship Revisions - Jessie Skerjanec – Tabled to Fall Meeting.

D. 2021 Year End Awards Banquet Ideas/Location Discussion

A decision was made to form an Ad-Hoc committee to discuss locations and timing of the Year End Awards and Banquet. There is no chairperson. Committee Members are Judy Howard, Bambi Roylance, Sharon Hardt and Janine McDonald.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.