

**(Approved May 18, 2022)**

NWMHC General Meeting Feb 26<sup>th</sup>  
High Rocks Steak & Chops, Gladstone OR  
Meeting Started 10:20am  
Quorum Set at 9

Motion made to accept the Fall General Meeting Minutes as corrected by Bambi Roylance, seconded by Helen Halderman. Unanimously accepted.

There was a recap of the Board of Directors meeting on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, based on the meeting minutes. During the reading of the recap Susie Durdel offered to possibly help haul the club trailer. Christine Houts offered to bring the club trailer to both Can-Am and MiniMac.

- Sharon Hardt has created an account with BottleDrop for the club, just ask her for labeled BottleDrop bags to donate cans. Please save your bottles and cans, especially at shows, and try to remember to donate them to help your club!
  
- Judy Howard is looking for suggestions on frequently asked questions and information that would be good to put on the AMHA website for new owners

**Financial Report, Linda Soto:**

Currently there is \$3,197 in the club account.

**Club Administrator Report, Judy Howard:**

2022 NWMHC Memberships as of 2-26-2022

59 Families, 18 are new

90 Adults

32 Youth, 2 Sponsored Youth

Several BOD members are updating membership and sponsorship form.

**Website Committee, Judy Howard:**

Still working to add past general membership meeting and BOD meeting minutes. Working on adding/updating photos on website.

**Bylaws Report, Joanne Ross:**

There was some discussion to clarify some points of the Bylaws: voting and ballots were discussed. In particular the options for ballots, as the By-Laws currently only have voting for live attendance at meetings. The club is trying to align themselves with the way the AMHA does their voting which is based on the live meeting attendance. Ballots being mailed has been done in the past and the cost + lack of response makes it unusable. The option of using survey websites was brought up and briefly discussed. An amendment may be brought up in the Fall Meeting regarding the use of survey websites and to add wording regarding handling club positions when there is only one candidate. There were also discussions on what the committee designations like "Standing", "Auxillary", & "Other" mean. Bambi Roylance made a motion to pass the Bylaws as they are written, Jessica Kimball seconded, 11 for, 2 against.

### **AMHA Director's Report, Sheryl Peterson, AMHA Region 8 Director:**

The AMHA board voted to increase the number of directors for regions with over 400 members. We welcomed new directors Julianna Meyers, Chandler Marks, Shana Fuchs, Kim Audit, and Gene Baynham who replaced our eastern Canada director Debbie Rogers.

The new studbook online has been completed and launched. For the month of February members can access it for free to give it a try.

The sign-up form is on the website to get your subscription. Price remained the same at \$50 for one year.

The Miniature Horse World Year in Review magazine is out and is BEAUTIFUL! Every paid member received this amazing magazine as a thank you for supporting AMHA and as part of their member benefits.

If you missed the last two webinars, they are now posted in the members only section of the website. Be sure to watch Bryce Baker talk about hitching the green horse and Val give a very valuable insight into how to best work with AMHA, where to find forms, how to navigate the website, and much much more.

Upcoming webinars are being prepared with Kristina Slobody and Clinton doing a duo one on driving with Kristina talking about how to dress for each division and what appropriate outfits are. This is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>. Following her will be another judges' perspective with our great AMHA judge Ann Judge.

Have a Great Show Season!

### **Rules & Regulations, Joanne Ross:**

The rules & regulations were read to all present. The corrections suggested are as follows:

- In Meeting Procedures, Fall Meeting section, last paragraph: remove "age 19 or older" & "subject to change"

- Correct references to Family/Adult to use one term throughout
- Committees: Corrections to be made to use a singular term (either Other, General, or Auxiliary as chosen) for non-Standing committees throughout both the By-Laws and Rules & Regulations (pg 6 & 7)
- Add chair position to Finance Committee for the Treasurer
- Futurity Committee needs to be added for the next 2yrs; info can be taken from the old By-Laws
- Website needs housekeeping in relation to Committees
- Add Committee rules & show rules to Rules & Regulations, committee chairs will need to write up the descriptions for committees

Joanne requested a vote to approve the new Rules & Regulations, unanimously accepted.

### **Show Committee Report, Kathy Howard (OR):**

The class list has been approved by the Show committee and will be used at all 2 day shows. Rinda Pullen, Gwen Rinkle, & Sarah Rinkle have been hired for all shows and Amy Christopherson will announce at all shows. Ribbons have been ordered. There will be no coffee & donuts or pizza provided by the club due to Covid restrictions. The 2022 NWMHC show dates are as follows:

- **Capital City Classic**, April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR
  - **Coordinators:** Sharon Hardt, Bambi Roylance, Jessica Kimball
  - 2 Judge Show
- **Emerald Valley Classic**, May 28<sup>th</sup>-39
  - Oregon Horse Center, Eugene OR
  - **Coordinators:** Kathy Howard, Sharon Dickens, Joanne Ross
  - 3 Judge Show
- **Can-Am Classic**, June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Grey's Harbor Fairgrounds, Elma WA
  - **Coordinators:** Dorothy Whiteman, Tammy Osgood, Char Anderson
  - 2 Judge show worth double points
- **MiniMac**, July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville OR
  - **Coordinators** Christine: Houts and Sharon Bollington
- 2 Judge show
- **BC Classic**, June 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Chilliwack BC, Canada
  - **Coordinators:** Tina Harrison, Taylor Jahyacinth
  - 2 Judge show
- **AMHA Western Regionals** August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
  - Oregon Horse Center, Eugene OR
  - **Contact** AMHA
  - Judges
- **State Fair**, August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem OR
  - **Coordinators** Christine Houts, Jessica Kimball
  - Amount of Judges TBA
- **AMHA World Show** Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Fort Worth, TX
  - **Contact** AMHA

<<add ribbon/award sponsorship info from Committee report when received>>

### **NWMH Club Clinics for 2022:**

- March 12<sup>th</sup> at Scott Creek Farm
- Casey Campbell presenting, Driving & Halter
  
- March 26<sup>th</sup>, Vintage Farms
- In-Hand Obstacle
  
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, VFM
- In-Hand Clinic Schooling Show

### **Year End Awards, Judy Howard:**

Committee has made recommendations to membership for updating year end award categories for 2022 and year end award rules.

Motion made by Bambi to approve rules for Year End awards rules, seconded by Jessica. Discussion began around the Twiggy Award and the proposal to include Reinsmanship as a Twiggy Award class and the inclusion/exclusion of YOTE classes for the award.

Motion made by Helen Halderman to approve all the changes except 5B: the Twiggy award, seconded by Christine Houts, unanimously accepted.

Motion made by Kathy Howard (OR) approve the Twiggy Award as written, seconded by Bambi. 9 for, 5 against.

Motion made by Joanne Ross to pass categories for 2022, seconded by Jessica Kimball, unanimously approved.

### **Proposed protocol for Year End Awards error:**

“If an error is found after year end awards have been presented, it must be brought to the attention of the awards committee for verification within 90 days after the banquet was held. The Year End Awards Committee chairperson will notify all involved parties and the Board of Directors. The NWMHC will replace any plaques that were engraved in error. If an overall or perpetual trophy was found to be given in error, arrangements will be made with the involved parties to return the award(s) so that it may be given to the corrected recipient. The corrected results will be made public with a formal notification via email or NWMHC social media accounts.

The following safeguards will be put into place to assist the points keeper in record keeping and calculating year end points. The points keeper should utilize computerized spreadsheets that will auto calculate results to reduce human error. The Year End Awards Committee will annually review criteria for all awards so that each member of the Committee is familiar with all rules that apply for each award/category. After all the show results have been recorded, the points keeper will share the

spreadsheets with 2 other members of the Year End Awards Committee to double check that all calculations are correct for individual classes and overall categories before personalized awards are ordered.”

Motion made by Kathy Howard (OR) to amend the protocol from 90 days to 30 days, seconded by Joanne Ross, unanimously approved.

Vote to approve amended protocol for handling of Year End Awards errors, unanimously approved.

### **Youth Scholarship Sub-Committee, Jessie Skejerner**

#### **“Requirements and How to Apply**

Applicants will be in their senior year of high school and pursuing a higher level of education. Be an active member of the club for two years; must be a NWMHC member in good standing; must attend at least three NWMHC functions in the calendar year; and set a good example for younger youth.

Applicants are to submit an essay on why they should be considered for the NWMHC Scholarship and how the American Miniature Horse has affected their life. Applicants are to include at least two recommendation letters and state what their goals and plans are for after completing their high school education. Submitted essays should be 400-600 words in length.

Applications and essays are to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, who will then make their recommendations to the NWMHC BOD who will make the final decision. The most qualified applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

If there isn't a qualifying youth for the year, the raised funds will roll over to the following year.

Essays and letters of recommendation are to be emailed or mailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by October 15th and the scholarship recipient will be announced at the NWMHC Awards Banquet for that year.

#### **Scholarship Amount and Raising of Funds**

2022 Amount - \$750

Donations can be made to the fund at any time by an individual wishing to support the program. On the NWMHC membership application a line will be added to offer the option of “Donation to Youth Scholarship Fund”, the dollar amount will be left blank for the applying member to fill in. An online auction will be held once a year with items and services that have been donated. All proceeds will go to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

If enough money is raised to offer two scholarships at the amount of \$750 for the calendar year, the scholarship committee can vote to do so. If the scholarship amount of \$750 is not raised, the amount available in the scholarship fund will be the scholarship amount.

Funds will be raised throughout the year for the Youth Scholarship. If there is any money left over the money will roll over into the next year. Monies raised for the Scholarship fund will be restricted and only used for this purpose.

The NWMHC Youth Scholarship is made payable to the students school, and must be used within two years of being awarded.”

Amendment suggested to change “must be used within two years” to “must be requested within two years of being awarded”. Vote to pass the Youth Scholarship Proposal as amended unanimously accepted.

### **Futurity Committee Report, Katie Hanson**

“This is the last year the NWMHC will hold the halter futurity. There are 2 eligible horses, both are 2-year-old mares. One has sustained so far and I have been in contact with the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. This class will be held at Emerald Valley. Next year will be the last year for 3-Year-Old Driving futurity. There is only 1 nomination eligible for this.

2021 Payouts:

1 entry in the makeup 2020 3-year-old driving received \$220.00  
Mountain Meadows Baylees Beauty

1 entry in Yearling Halter received \$146.24  
Midnight Minatures Bella Notte

Accounting as of 2/26/22

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| 3 Year old Driving | \$ 50.00  |
| 2 Year old Halter  | \$131.25” |

### **Sunshine Committee, Sharon Hardt:**

Committee is doing great. We added a new member, Char Anderson. We’ve been sending a lot of cards.

### **Gelding Incentive Fund, Kathy Howard (OR):**

- 2020 Gelding Incentive Fund carry over: \$72.20
- Banquet donations: \$2341.30
- Ticket Monies from 2021: \$29.50
- Approx. \$2,550 total currently

### **Golden Equine Award, Heather Curtis**

Heather Curtis presented the Golden Equine Award proposal. Discussion was minimal as the proposal was well written and clear cut. There was a suggestion to change verbiage – for the age range to “15 and above” and to add wording to exclude Reinsmanship & Showmanship. A suggestion was made to double check the “Overall” section wording as well.

Joanne Ross made a motion to accept the Golden Equine Award with verbiage/clerical edits, seconded by Kathy Howard (OR) Joanne 1st, unanimously accepted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2023 Calendars**

We will more than likely need to find a new designer if we want to continue to have calendars. Sheryl Peterson may be able to get a suggestion from Debbie. Heather Curtis may know of a designer and will see what she can find out in regarding prices for printing, design, etc.

Motion to adjourn made by Helen Halderman, seconded by Jessica Kimball.

Meeting ended at 2:24pm

Minutes recorded by Recording Secretary Charissa Alldredge