

NWMHC GENERAL FALL MEETING
October 24, 2015
Salem, Oregon

1. The meeting was called to order, at 1:34pm, by Vice President Diane Dorigan.
2. Roll call: **PRESENT:** VP Diane Dorigan, Treasurer Kathy Howard, Administrator Jamie Bethany, Director Christine Houts, Recording Secretary-elect Janine McDonald, Director Joanne Ross, Director Robin Hardy, Cindy Saum, Julie Hemenway, Kathy Sammons, Susie Gunther, Linda Van Fleet, Katie Hansen, Amber Hansen, Lisa Mangles and Carole Heermann. **ABSENT:** President Lisa Pichler and Recording Secretary Helen Halderman
3. Minutes of the Summer Meeting were approved as read.
4. **President's Report** – Lisa Pichler not present so no update given.
5. **Treasurer's Report** given by Kathy Howard:
 - The NWMHC took a relatively small loss due to the cancellation of the Emerald Valley show. The schooling clinic came out ahead as 2 grants, totaling \$400, were received from AMHA. The Can Am Classic show took a loss. This was contributed to the fact that an extremely large order of ribbons was placed against this show. Except for the ribbon order, Can Am would have made a profit. WOW show reported a loss as the 2014 show was paid out wrong. In 2014, NorCal was given 50% of the profits prior to all bills being deducted. Those 2014 bills were applied to 2015, causing a loss to be reported.
 - The NWMHC balance sheet is healthy. As of October 1, the total of the CD and checking account is \$25,224.27. All bills have been paid out except one, which hasn't yet been received. Balance above does not reflect the Gelding Incentive Fund payouts tonight.
 - The Gelding Incentive Fund raised \$2,290.00 over the past year. A total of \$2,289.95 will be presented in checks tonight, leaving only five cents in the account.
 - 2013 and 2014 taxes will be filed by the end of November.
 - All items not in the budget, that are \$25 or more, need to be approved by the Board before being paid out. These are items that are too large to come out of Petty Cash.
 - An Audit Committee, separate from the Finance Committee, will meet in January to go over the financials. The Audit Committee consists of Joanne Ross, Janine McDonald and Carole Heermann.
6. **Club Administrator's Report** given by Jamie Bethany:
 - The NWMHC currently has 75 memberships, plus 1 pending membership. There are 5 sponsored youth as well.
 - 15 members currently contribute to the Miniature Horse World ad. 19 members are needed to cover the cost.
 - 12 members have currently paid for NWMHC Farm advertising.
 - The insurance, for all of the 2015 shows, came to a total of \$845. This includes the Emerald Valley show which got canceled.

- The NWMHC is classified as a non-profit organization in Oregon. The annual fee of \$50 will be due next July 23rd.

7. **AMHA Director's Report** given by Joanne Ross (appointed after Polly Hyde stepped down):

- There were two conference calls concerning the renewal of the 2017 dates at the Will Rogers Coliseum. No other viable alternatives were found so the 2017 Worlds will be at Will Roger Coliseum. The 2017 dates will be a week later than normal, as that was the consensus. The Will Rogers Coliseum has progressively gotten more and more expensive. For instance, they are now charging a \$10 fee to park daily, so fewer outside people come to watch. They are also charging \$60 per night for RV hookups. The Will Rogers Coliseum will possibly be renewed, for the 2018 and 2019 Worlds, if no other facility can be located.
- The upcoming February AMHA meeting, being held in Tampa Florida, will be ruling on whether or not to open up the hardship to AMHR registered horses under 34 inches. Joanne will be attending and is willing to hear what people have to say. By a show of hands, the majority of NWMHC members would like to see the hardship open back up.

8. **Committee Reports**

- **AUDIT** – A new audit committee has been appointed by Diane Dorigan. The members are Joanne Ross, Janine McDonald and Carole Heermann. This new committee will get together next year, prior to the Winter Meeting, to go over financials.
- **BY LAWS/RULES & REGS** – Julie Hemenway went over the changes that were brought up in the BOD meeting. **1)** In the current by-laws, the Region 8 AMHA Director doesn't have to be a member of the NWMHC. A change to the by-laws was approved to require that they become a member. They will be on the BOD and be able to vote. **2)** By-laws need to reflect that the Club Administrator is a President appointed position and is a 2 year position. The Club Administrator is a voting member of the board. This is an addition to the by-laws as it isn't currently mentioned. **3)** Housekeeping changes to be done on By-Laws, such as taking out all mentions of a newsletter, as the NWMHC no longer produces a newsletter. Also, all references to State of Washington need to be changed to State of Oregon. Last, the Secretary position is now classified as a Recording Secretary. **4)** *“Qualifications for the Year End Awards may be adjusted by the BOD, due to the cancellation of a NWMHC sponsored show, in any given year”*. This will be added as “H” in the Rules and Regs. **MOTION** was made to approve the housekeeping and Year End Awards changes to the By-Laws and Rules & Regs. Above changes were voted on and approved.
- **FINANCE** – No other finances to report, other than what was mentioned earlier.
- **FUTURITY** – A total of \$440 is currently in the fund. A breakdown of the funds was provided by Linda Van Fleet. 2016 foal nominations are due by December 31st. Foals can be nominated up until 30 days prior to birth for double the usual fee. There was a discussion on how to get more people to participate in the futurity. Suggestions included sending out emails listing all of the weanling and yearling horses that can be sustained. Another email, detailing the pay outs, might encourage more to participate.

- **GELDING INCENTIVE** – A breakdown of all the moneys received and paid out was given. \$3.38 per point will be paid out at the Year End Awards Banquet. All \$2,290 raised will be paid out except for 5 cents. Cancellation of the Emerald Valley show hurt raffles. Kathy Sammons notified the group that her yearly Year End Awards afghan is not finished. People can view it, unfinished, and bid. Kathy Sammons will then finish it, within 3 months, and will get it to the winning bidder.
- **NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY** – No report. No report. The Canby Tack Auction was brought up and discussed. It's a huge event and would be a great event to have a NWMHC booth. The auction takes place twice a year, in March and October. Julie Hemenway and Christine Houts agreed to be chairman of the Publicity Committee. They are tasked with bringing back a proposal in January to vote on.
- **WEBSITE** – No report.
- **WELFARE** – Christine Houts informed everyone that Kandi Crow had been caught violating her probation. She was found having several animals at her residence.
- **YOUTH** – No application was received for the youth scholarship so no scholarship will be given out this year.
- **ONLINE STORE** – No report. Christine Houts brought up the idea of going through teespring.com as a fund raiser. T-shirts, hoodies, etc. can be purchased there and profits would go to the NWMHC.

9. Old Business

- **2015 SHOWS** - The cancellation of the Emerald Valley show caused a \$269 loss. Some of that will be recouped by the judges being able to rebook their flights for this year. The schooling clinic made \$68.46, due to the AMHA grants received. CanAm reported a \$460 loss due to a ribbon order of \$5,000 put towards this show. The WOW show gave out donated bottles of wine along with the Grand Champion ribbons. The WOW show reported a \$420 loss, due to bad accounting in 2014. OSF had a total of 38 horses. Ron Hood will be manager and coordinate the 2016 OSF show.

MOTION was made to cover the \$88.88 cost for the Roxanne Hood memorial get together at the 2015 Oregon State Fair show. Approved.

The BC show was in Chilliwack this year. It's usually in Cloverdale but because of construction was moved to Chilliwack. At this time, it is believed to be in Chilliwack in 2016 as well.

The stock horse classes were well attended. The stock classes will probably be approved in February as normal classes. Developmentally disabled classes were sponsored by Don Louge last year. If they are sponsored again, we will have them.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** – 2015 award will be handed out to Sheri Dingmon tonight.
- **CLUB TRAILER** – Linda Van Fleet will take the trailer for a few months and fix jumps as needed. **MOTION** was made to allow Linda Van Fleet to take the trailer and fix jumps. Passed.

10. New Business

- **2016 SHOWS**

- Show Committee Members – We need show committee members. Show coordinators were also discussed. Lisa Pichler, Christine Houts, Cherie Smith were all mentioned but no definite decisions yet. Standardized show lists were brought up. A 2 day standard list, similar to NorCal, was proposed. A 3 day standard list, similar to Regionals, was proposed. There need to be some changes but would be something to work with.
- Schooling Clinic – Dates are not confirmed yet but should be in the last part of March (26th?). The Clinic will be held at Kathy Howard's place. Instead of charging to use her facilities, Kathy has asked that a donation be made to Michael's Place. Finalized info to be discussed at Winter Meeting.
- Emerald Valley - Show will be May 26-30, 2016 in Eugene, OR. It will include a 2-day ASPC/AMHR/ASPR show. Kathy Sammons offered to help Cherie Smith. Cherie Smith is not present so not finalized. Kathy Sammons and Diane Dorigan will work on sponsorship.
- CanAm Classic – Show will be June 17-19, 2016 in Spanaway, WA. Discussion surrounding whether or not Lisa Pichler would coordinate this show like this year. Lisa Pichler not present so no decision was finalized. If Lisa chooses not to, Kathy Howard, Christine Houts and Joanne Ross have volunteered to coordinate. Christine Houts reported that the Gypsy Horse Club would like to share costs with NWMHC. They've provided a list of classes they'd like to include. The Gypsy horses would be stalled in their own barn, away from the miniature horses. Feasibility will be decided at the Winter Meeting.
- WOW – Show will be August 18-21, 2016 in Central Point, OR. Casey Campbell has asked that a 1 day AMHR show be added. Kathy Howard will determine the cost of adding the AMHR show and provide a total. This amount will have to be paid by Casey Campbell, by the time the Winter Meeting takes place, in order for it to be added to WOW. A discussion was brought up about making the WOW show just a NWMHC show. **MOTION** was made to go forward with an AMHR show, with the caveat that Casey Campbell pays the costs associated by the Winter Meeting. A negotiated cash incentive, for NorCal to include the WOW show as a High Point, and yet not split the show's cost or profits. Passed with 2 abstains.
- Oregon State Fair – Ron Hood has taken over for Roxanne Hood as the coordinator. Christine Houts will work closely with him on the 2016 show. No dates as of yet but will try to get weekend dates.
- BC Classic – Show will be June 10, 11 and 12th. It will most likely be in Chilliwack again next year.

- Mt. Hood – Plans are to have a new show in April at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. This show would be a combined show with the Gypsy Horse Club. Dates and contracts haven't been finalized yet.
- **2016 Winter Meeting** – The Winter Meeting will be either the 23rd or 30th of January. Carole Heermann and Janine McDonald have been tasked the job of finding a venue up in Washington. Date and Location to be finalized soon.
- **2016 Banquet/Year End High Points** – The Kensington product will be mostly used up after tonight's Awards Banquet. We need more Year End Awards committee members. Judy Howard was approached and helped a lot this year. Someone needs to help her though, especially with heavy lifting etc.

The George Roberge trophy was discussed. The trophy has been lost so Joanne Ross donated a trophy for 2015. Joanne has another trophy she can donate for 2016. Since the perpetual trophy has been lost, this award will be an individual trophy for now. The George Roberge trophy is given out to the best NW bred 2 year old stallion.

The Heermann Award was discussed. To qualify, a person can show in a maximum of 5 open classes, such as Halter, Driving and Liberty. Carole Heermann will give the keeper award, for the Heermann Award, out at the Winter Meeting.

The High Point Amateur Level 1 and 2 award needs to be clarified in the Rules & Regs. To qualify, a member has to show the horse in a halter, a driving and a performance class. Some performance classes are Obstacle, Liberty and Versatility.

Lisa Mangles inquired about the Community Service Award. It states that the award is for service provided through August. Why doesn't it include the winter months? Dawn Sayles needs to be asked to clarify the dates.

- **Elections** – Joanne announced the new positions filled recently. The new President is Susie Gunther. The new Recording Secretary is Janine McDonald. The new Director is Christine Houts. Lisa Pichler will remain on the Board as the past President.

11. MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:25pm. Approved.