

NWMHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FALL MEETING

October 22, 2016

Clackamas, Oregon

1. The meeting was called to order, at 9:42am, by President Susie Gunther.
2. Roll call: **PRESENT:** President Susie Gunther, VP Christine Houts, VP-Elect Julie Hemenway, Treasurer Kathy Howard, Recording Secretary Janine McDonald, Club Administrator Judy Howard, Director Christine Houts, Director Joanne Ross, Director Kathy Sammons, Cindy Saum, Linda Van Fleet, Sharon Dickens and Carol Elvin
3. Winter Meeting action items were read by Janine and discussed.
 - The first 2 action items, assigned to Jamie Bethany, were not done as Jamie stepped down from her position. The 1st had to do with gathering info, from each 2016 show, and iContact emailing the results to all NWMHC members. The 2nd was to update the information packet that is sent out to new members. Neither of these was done.
 - The classified ad section, of the NW Miniature Horse Club website, was cleaned up.
 - Next action item was Jamie's as well, concerning insurance. A discussion pursued whereby it was stated that show insurance is per contract year, not show by show.
 - The MHW ad was updated but needs to be done again. The NWMHC ad is now a half page, due to fewer people paying for the ad. The price, for a half page ad, is \$648 a year.
 - A list of all youth members was never compiled and distributed. This again was assigned to Jamie, who stepped down from her position.
 - Susie contacted Dawn Sayles about her online store but Dawn never responded back. The store is more or less defunct now.
 - Julie's action item, concerning omissions and changes to regs, was done during the Spring and Summer. Already done, so nothing to bring up at this meeting. A sign was made and posted, at each show this year, concerning measuring requirements.
 - Christine and Jessica did get bids for new club banners. New banners were made and are now in the club trailer.
 - Sandy Johnson's (volunteer judge for schooling clinic) phone # was given to Linda Van Fleet.
 - Linda Van Fleet did try to get the sticky residue off of the club trailer but it didn't work.
 - The Canby Tack Sale proceeds went to the year-end awards. This helped a lot, as more awards were given out this year. Consensus was that we'll have a booth again, at just the March sale, for 2017.
 - Audit Committee Report – Judy sent the Audit Committee all of the financials. No errors were found.
 - Kathy was to update the trailer title, to reflect her address, and get the new registration posted in the trailer. Tags are current but the address has not been changed yet. Registration is posted in the trailer.
 - Kathy did add \$500 to the newsletter committee budget this year but none was used.
 - Kathy was to have the 2013 and 2014 taxes filed by February 22, 2016. They didn't get filed. She had to recreate them, as there wasn't anything to go off of. They will be turned into the accountant next week. Once they are filed, our non-profit status needs to be reinstated.
 - We didn't add a 1-day AMHR show to the WOW show this year. There weren't enough horses to make it worthwhile. It was too cost prohibitive.

- Kelsey Sherman did provide the CanAm supreme awards this year. Kelsey also found someone to provide the Amateur supreme awards. Kelsey has said she'll provide the supreme awards for CanAm in 2017 as well.
- The leftover ribbons and blankets were picked up from Diane Dorigan. The blankets are gone, as they were handed out this year.

MOTION was made by Christine to approve the minutes. Joanne seconded and all approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report** given by Kathy Howard.

- We were hoping for 80 memberships this year but we only had 54 family memberships and 4 youth memberships. This compares to 2015 where we had 76 family memberships and 5 youth memberships. We really need to focus on bringing in new members in 2017. Our goal for 2017 is to get 75 family memberships. When you sell a horse, offer them a membership.
- For publicity, we planned to do a full page MHW ad but ended up doing only a half-page. Even with going with the half-page, we didn't have enough farms advertise to offset the cost. Farm links were about the same. We had 10 this year compared to 12 last year.
- Mt. Hood show made \$2,570.04 but \$73 went to the gelding incentive fund. Emerald Valley ended up making \$1,718.50 of which \$118 went to the gelding incentive fund. CanAm lost \$2,592.81 and yet \$66 was still given to the gelding incentive fund. WOW made \$176.62 and \$93 was given to the gelding incentive fund. WOW was only profitable as we received \$1,000 from the city and we had a \$250 sponsor. All shows combined, we ended up making \$1,872.35, of which \$350 went to the geldings. Compared to 2015, where we lost \$1,299.72, we did much better in 2016. Our goal for 2017 is that all shows make a profit.
- Tonight's banquet should end up making a little money. Any profit will be split between Youth, Gelding and year-end awards for next year. Year-end awards, as far as income, we brought in \$173 from the Mt. Hood show. The Canby Tack Sale brought in \$432. We also had \$25 in sponsorships. A total of \$630 was put towards the year-end awards. This compares to 2015, where we brought in nothing towards year-end awards.
- The gelding incentive fund, we took in a total of \$1,554.05. All of that will be paid out tonight except for \$10. \$563 was brought in by sponsors. Last year's afghan auction brought in \$175. The shows brought in \$350. Silent auctions brought in \$466. No ribbon tickets were donated this year. Some people said they donated tickets, so perhaps they were stolen? Perhaps they should be picked up every night, or placed behind Rinda, etc. No silent auctions at CanAm or WOW, as no one coordinated them. \$1.21 will be paid out per point.
- The youth didn't bring in a lot of money this year. The silent auction at the Winter Meeting brought in \$129 for them. A 50/50 raffle at CanAm brought in \$53. The schooling show, which Linda Van Fleet sponsored, brought in \$250 for the youth. The total brought in this year was \$432 for the youth. The balance of the Youth account is currently \$1,511.89. No applications were received for the scholarship, so none will be given out this year.
- An outstanding amount of \$100 was paid to the club. Not knowing what it was for, it was booked as a donation under miscellaneous.
- As far as expenses, administrative fees were \$1,605.05. Some of the administrative costs were a computer and Quickbooks. \$1,500 was budgeted for the accountant but it shouldn't cost that much. Newsletter fees came to \$160. Publicity cost a total of \$1067.90. \$1,700 was budgeted for the Fall Meeting/Year-End Banquet and it cost just under \$200. \$3,550 was budgeted for the year-end awards and \$2,717.95 was actually spent. More awards were bought and twice as many people will be recognized this year.

- The Youth expenses were \$237.49, for picking up the CanAm pizza gathering, plus \$41.94 was spent on a youth poster contest.
- The club paid for pizza at each show this year. Donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, muffins, cupcakes and a cake were also provided at times. This created an ambiance and social aspect to each show, as people gathered and didn't have to go offsite to find a meal. This will be continued in 2017.
- Expenses incurred with the club trailer included \$86 for licensing and \$234.94 in repairs.
- A miscellaneous expense of \$100 was incurred by the club donating high point awards at the Oregon State Fair. Those awards will be given out tonight, at the banquet, as the points weren't available at the show. \$100 was also budgeted for the AMHA Regionals but nothing was done. Since Regionals will be in Eugene next year, we really need to do something in 2017.
- Sub high point awards were sponsored this year. Buckets were given out at Mt. Hood, halters at Emerald Valley, picture frames at CanAm and camp chairs at the WOW show. This was new, so it took a couple of shows for people to realize there were these new awards. Howard Stables will again sponsor the sub high point awards at the 3 shows in 2017. The sponsored shows will be Mt. Hood, Emerald Valley and CanAm. There won't be a WOW show next year. High point awards, for the Oregon State Fair next year, will only be done if sponsored, as no money is generated at this show. Very few youth show up for the OSF show as well.
- All in all, the club is way under budget and in a good financial position, even with losing money at the CanAm and WOW shows. The club CD hasn't been touched.

5. **Show Committee Report** given by Christine Houts:

- The Gypsies have bowed out from having a combined show with us in 2017. However, the Welsh horse club is interested in having a combined show. Kathy Howard is in discussions with Debbie Benson (runs the Oregon Welsh club). This would be at the Capital City (old Mt. Hood) show, which will be April 29th & 30th. If we do combine this show, we could get Karen Iversen and Christy Wood to judge, as they hold both AMHA and Welsh cards. Rinda has been notified of these possible judges. This Capital City show will be during the AgFest and has a potential to draw in a crowd. Free back gate entry, for the horse show, will most likely be by a tag Rinda will send out when entries are received. Perhaps we could use WOW ribbons (Western Oregon Welsh) for the Welsh. Coordinators for the Capital City show will be Christine Houts and Kathy Sammons.
- Emerald Valley Classic will be May 25th through the 29th. It will be an A/R show once again. The coordinators for this show will be Kathy Howard and Joanne Ross.
- CanAm Classic will be June 23rd through the 25th, if this is made a 2 day show, which we will find out in the General Meeting. If it is changed from a 3 day to a 2 day show, someone will have to contact the grounds Monday. The concessions people have offered to host a pizza or taco night feed. They have also offered to have the donuts and give out free coffee, if the club pays for the coffee. This will bring more people into their concessions area, purchasing other items from them. Kelsey Sherman, the Osgoods and the Whitemans will be the coordinators for this show.
- The Show Committee will recommend that we not hold the WOW show in 2017, due to the World Show being so early. This will be voted on in the General Meeting. If approved, someone will have to contact the center and cancel the 2017 and pencil us in for 2018. We need to know when the World Show will be in 2018, before confirming that the WOW show will take place in 2018. The Oregon Equestrian Center is another option for a summer show. The \$1,000 city sponsor is in affect for the next 2 years. We need to get sponsors and local people to attend, to make the show viable. The appaloosa group has club shows up at Clark County. Susie mentioned that we could possibly do a combined show with them in the future.

- Mt. Hood Equestrian Center will be reopening. That was where we used to have our schooling show which was very successful. Portia contacted Christine, stating that she would be interested in doing a show or a clinic. Kathy Howard will see if she can find out more info.
- Oregon State Fair show will be coordinated by Jessica Kimball and Julie Hemenway. The dates are August 29th through September 4th. We're hoping for a good turnout but it will be during the World Show. Christine will talk with Ron, to see if we can put in a few more paying classes (stakes). Horses that stay the whole week, OSF provides sawdust and discounts on stall prices.
- Western Regional Championship show will be July 21st through July 23rd at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. The show committee recommends that 3 sets of points be given, towards the year-end awards, for going to Regionals. This would encourage participation. Joanne countered with 1 set of points. The motion, to be brought up in the General Meeting, will be amended to say 1 set of points. Another motion will be brought up, stating that Regional points will not count towards gelding incentive awards, since no gelding money is brought in at Regionals.
- AMHA World Show will be August 24th through September 2nd.
- Show committee would like to see water available at all shows. They recommend getting coolers to put the bottled water in. Susie Gunther sponsored the bottled water this year and will do so again next year. A donated cooler with wheels would be nice. Can anyone donate? Question will be asked at the General Meeting.
- High point awards will be continued in 2017. There was a great response to the painted ponies given out for the High point awards. Sub high point awards will be sponsored again.

New Business

- Rinda to be given permission to refurbish and/or buy new radios and headsets. She will provide us an estimate.
- Youth Committee will be put in charge of coming up with activities for the youth. No youth should be allowed in arenas when there are horses being worked in them. Board of Directors will monitor this at the shows.
- The 2 minute rule needs to be enforced more. Show Committee will talk to Jessica Kimball and ask if she can have 3 signs made up, reminding exhibitors of the 2 minute rule and that it will be strictly enforced. One would be at the gate, one up by the office and the 3rd somewhere else on the grounds. Repeat offenders would be brought to Rinda's attention by Gwen. Rinda would then go talk to the offender(s).
- Club trailer has been repaired. Question came up as to who would be willing to haul the trailer this next year. Kathy Howard has stepped up to get the ribbons and awards ordered as needed.
- No youth classes on Fridays, due to school, for any 3 day shows in the future.
- Committee recommends splitting the Level 1 and Level 2 AOTE classes.
- Committee also recommends we put back in participation points. For some reason they were removed. If a horse doesn't place, they would still receive a point.
- Rinda has asked that prior to the first show, or along with your first entries, that all registration papers be sent, even for any horse that you MIGHT show....can be sent to her as early as January. Photocopies need to include both front and back. This way they can be entered into her computer prior to the first show in April. Perhaps this can be blast emailed to everyone.
- Rinda is also recommending flat fees for judges. Fees would be all inclusive, which would include air, hotel, car and their per diem. Approximate fees (not set in stone) would be \$1,500 for non-Oregon/Washington judges and \$1,200 for Oregon/Washington judges. These totals would be for a 3 day

show. The 2 day show flat fees would be \$1,200 for non-Oregon/Washington judges and \$900 for Oregon/Washington judges.

- Rinda would like to see late entries minimized. Post entry fees and possibly email entry forms to charge a \$5 fee per horse. When horses are entered late, at the shows, it takes up a lot of Rinda's time.
- Recommendation was made that stall requests need to accompany entry as currently stated in the premium. Also, you must show to get a stall. Any horse coming to the show has to be shown. Some board members disagreed but this will be brought up in the General Meeting. Definitely all horses being stalled need to have that stall paid for. The "stalled with" area of the form needs to be filled in so that entries match up to stall requests.

6. Futurity

- Committee suggesting that the wording be changed, to make it more understandable and more horses could possibly be nominated. After a lot of discussion, the following wording was proposed: Both the sire and dam must be registered with the AMHA. Foal must be NW bred, which is defined as the breeder residing in the NW region. Nominator of the foal must be a club member. Also suggested that it be worded as "The owner of the mare, at the time of nomination, must be a member of the NW club. The foal must be born in the NW". It would change the meaning of "NW bred" but would open up the futurity to more horses.

7. **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 12:14pm. Kathy Howard seconded and all approved.