

12/4/24 Directors meeting

10am @ Sheryl Petersons

Attendance: Sheryl Peterson, Sharon Hardt, Linda Dougall-Soto, Dorothy Whiteman, Tammy Osgood, Lisa Brostad, Joanne Ross, Katie Hansen, Linda VanFleet

Agenda: Winter meeting, Belt buckle series, Ribbons and awards, Year-end awards program rules, Membership and sponsorship forms, Grays Harbor, Finances, Officer handoffs, Committees, Judges, Show manger, alternative activities, Southern Oregon.

Winter meeting

Last few years have been at High Rocks in Gladstone. Other options - Woodburn golf course may not be big enough, and the Maplewood grange would have a rental fee. High Rocks seems like the best choice, dates to look into Jan 18th, 25th, or Feb 1st. Sharon H will contact the restaurant.

Belt buckle series

At this time we have all but 2 buckles sponsored. The buckle order was \$748, so far the sponsorship amount taken in is \$1250. Buckles available to sponsor are COOL and Youth w/ Multiple horses.

Ribbons

Royal Awards (Mary Anne Morrison) neck ribbons- \$12.50 each total estimate \$2415. Class ribbons are \$2.25 each with 3" Rosette. No shipping costs -Lisa can pick up.

Hodges Neck ribbons- \$13.60 each, Class ribbons with 3" Rosette/ 7" Streamer \$2.20 each Plus shipping from NJ. 10% discount if ordered by Feb 10th.

Ribbons and Beyond Neck Ribbons \$11 each was more expensive for class ribbons plus shipping from Tx.

Discussion about Tickets Vs Ribbons - Consensus is we still need to have Ribbons available to first timers and youth who want ribbons over tickets. Raffles at shows, plan to have some youth oriented prizes.

Discussion about Neck ribbons vs Streamer for Grand /Reserve. Membership wants consistency throughout the show season. We will still take donations but then we can't guarantee the same ribbons.

Still need a class ribbon count to put together an order. Discussion on ordering class ribbons tabled.

Year End Awards

The rules still need to be edited from the fall meeting vote to change the show requirement from 3 shows to 2 shows for qualifying. Katie will work on this and send it to directors to review before the Winter meeting.

Membership and sponsorship forms

The membership form needs some edits made since the addition of the associate member, discussion about changes that should be made. Sharon H will make the edits and email updated form for review.

Sponsorship form also needs to be updated. Discussion about changes to be made. Katie will make the edits and email to the directors for approval.

Once approved the forms will be sent to Sara so she can put them on the website.

Grays Harbor

We need to order back numbers for the GH show, there are not enough left over from last year.

Fundraising Idea: Purchased back numbers for the show season.

Discussion pros and cons. Back numbers are only handed out after receiving a measurement slip. This could get complicated. Rinda is managing our other shows, is she willing to assist with this idea?

Pinto youth group has done this and it was successful. - Tabled

Finances:

As of 10/31/24 - General Fund: \$34,011.16, CD: \$14,502.07, GIF: \$0, Youth: \$1,815.31, YEA: \$1,140.49

As of Nov Year End Awards and GIF savings accounts were closed. Linda plans to move money that is not earmarked for the Youth Scholarship fund out of the Youth saving account so only the money marked for the scholarship remains.

Swipe simple - we can do seasonal May/June or June/July for GH. We were charged a \$30 fee for a multi user fee since Sharon B was not removed from the account for several months for a total of \$90.

Stop payment was made on the outstanding \$200 Oak Tree Check for a \$20 processing fee.

Not for profit status - still straightening out gross receipts for the year, because deposits were made in both checking and savings accounts this has been difficult to sort out. All deposits moving forward will be into the checking account and then moved, if applicable, into a savings account.

Linda is getting insurance quotes for 2025

Insurance for Alternative activities: Like parades and the Christmas village need to have dates given before the request is made to the insurance company, and need about a month's notice to get the event covered. Need to be more proactive for 2025. The Publicity Committee is coming up with some great ideas but that info needs to get out to the directors sooner to make plans and notify the General membership. Reimplement a Director liaison on all of the committees.

Officer handoffs:

Difficulties in handing off job responsibilities to newly elected officers. ie the VP is the head of the show committee and responsible for the show contracts. The new VP needs to work on the next show season before the official start of their office. The same thing happens with the treasury, the new officer is responsible for filing the taxes and our fiscal year starts Nov 1st. Looking into Bylaws and rules and regs to see if there is a written rule. Opinions that the rules don't need to be changed and that the outgoing and incoming officers work together after elections through the end of the year. This can be a problem if the outgoing person is not cooperative if there isn't a rule in writing.

Joanne made a motion: At the conclusion of the fall meeting the newly elected directors will be seated. Dorothy 2nd - Motion passed

Committees:

Need to get new members added to committees that they signed up for at the fall meeting. Katie ended up with the sign up sheets and will send the information to the directors via email. There were many sheets that were empty and some of the committees will need to have members appointed. The Show committee chat group needs to be cleaned up and limited to the 12 members as voted earlier in the year for the 2025 show year.

Judges and show management

Rinda's contract has been signed for her and one other person for WW and EVC. She will hire the judges for all of our shows. We will need to find a gate person for all of the shows. Gutchers would like to but may not be able to due to lack of a farm sitter if both of them are attending the shows. May need to hire Rinda's full team @ \$1,865 per show.

The \$1,200 flat rate for judges doesn't seem like enough after housing, food and travel only leaves about \$200/day for judging services. Kim Sterchi is available for judging but is not willing to judge for us @ \$1,400. Chris Bickford may be willing to pick up a judge that flew into Portland on the way to one of the Washington shows. At this time we do not have any Judges hired for the show season. We need to hire some fresh judges, they are not allowed to judge the same show more than 2 years in a row according to Rinda. Paul Tarap, Karen Iverson, Chris Bickford, Margo Hepner-Hart and Sami Schuering @ \$1,200, Cindi Carlson, Cindy Weight Carter, Rob Crater- is not judging at this time, Austin VanWyck could for \$1400.

Susan George is going to sponsor the 2nd judge per show, Joanne will ask if she is willing to pay up to \$1500 per judge.

Lisa created a nice brochure about miniature horses and our club that can be handed out at shows or other events. Some of the contact information needs to be edited.

Southern oregon activities - there are some members that want to put on some camp outs and beach drives

Adjourned @ 4:43