**NWMHC General Meeting February 4th 2023**

**High Rocks Steak & Chops**

**Meeting Started:** 1:20pm

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**Welcome Speech** by Sharon Hardt

**1. Introduction of 2022 NWMHC Board Members**

**President** - Bambi Roylance **Vice President** - Joanne Ross

**Immediate Past Pres.** - Empty **Director** - Sharon Hardt

**Treasurer Secretary** - Sharon Bullington **Director** - Jessica Kimball

**Recording Secretary** - Charissa Alldredge **Director** - Linda VanFleet

**AMHA Director** - Sheryl Peterson

**2. Board of Director Reports**

**President’s Report Bambi Roylance**

Bambi welcomed everyone and announced the changes to the Board of Directors due to recent resignations. Bambi appointed Christine Houts as Club Administrator and the Board of Directors voted Sharon Hardt and Linda VanFleet in as Directors. Bambi wants all club members to feel free to reach out to her with questions, suggestions, or comments. She wants to support the club’s committees and members as much as possible and to now regroup and move forward after all of the recent changes. The website is being updated and Bambi hopes to make this a great year. She wants to promote the club, it’s events, and the miniature horse as a whole through the club website and other venues if possible. She does request a little bit of grace as this is her first time acting as President and this is all new. We are all works in progress and trying to do our best.

  **Show Report** **Joanne Ross**

Capital City Show is secured, with the deposit being sent before the end of the month. Costs for this show are very similar to last year.

Emerald Valley just had the contract sent in but we still need to find out if our deposit from 2022’s EHV cancelled show will roll over to 2023. The arena fee is up $200 and stall fees are up $1 a day and will cost us $800-$1,000 more a day.

Can-Am was not notified by document that we wanted to have the show again this year and the date was given away to a local 4-H group. We attempted to negotiate with the facility & group but it wasn’t successful. We attempted to move it to the week before but our show staff wouldn’t have been available. As of Feb 3rd, 2023 Can-Am was officially cancelled with Rinda.

The new Western Washington Classic, replacing MiniMac, is at the Clark County Fairgrounds and is very reasonable. Their arena fee is around $1,000. Lisa Abboud offered to help with finding hotels and with this show.

Regionals will be held at the Oregon Horse Center this year, and State Fair’s dates are still being organized.

 **Treasurer’s Report** **Sharon Bullington**

CD matures this year, options are being explored for what the best option is for this fund. It is currently at $13,668.81. Checking account balance as of Feb 3rd, 2023 is $10,826.43. After dues remaining to be paid for show facilities, our clinician’s air fair, and withholding the Gelding Incentive, Youth Scholarship, and Futurity funds we have $3,883.98 to start the show season off. We still have money from memberships, the clinic, and sponsorships coming in.

The clinic has 13 paid spots right now. We have 1 new husband and wife membership and are at about around 55 paid members at this moment.

**AMHA Director’s Report Sheryl Peterson**

**AMHA Directors Report February 2023**

***25% OFF HARDSHIP JAN 1 - MARCH 31, 2023!!!***

Sale is for both regular Hardship & Progeny Hardship. Sale price is given automatically by the office as long as the application and payment are postmarked by Marsh 31. Sale is only for horses that are eligible to be Hardshipped in 2023 and their inspection/measuring/DNA is completed by Dec 31st.

***TEMP TO PERM LATE FEES WAIVED FOR MEMBERS!!***

Sale runs through April 30th! All Late Temp to Perms already in the AMHA office postmarked in 2023, but not yet completed, will also get the sale price. Sale price will automatically be given, no need to use a coupon.

***Important Changes Effective Jan 1, 2023***

* Free Stud Book Online with each Annual Membership! If you don't have a Stud Book Online Account, please email **memberservices@amha.org** to set one up.
* Annual Membership increased to $80/year Jan 1 - Dec 31, no pro-rating
* $10 Stud Book Online Annual Subscription for Lifetime Members!
* Hardship Registration into AMHA lowered to 3 years (over 36 months) from actual birthday
* Stock Type Attire - Must include western hat, long sleeved shirt or jacket, and western footwear or will be disqualified
* Stock Type Horse - Tails must be off the ground or be disqualified
* Stock Type - Razoring of heads is prohibited and cause for disqualification
* Stock Type - Exhibitor may use an empty hand of the hand holding the lead only to engage the horse's interest or enhance their expression. Stretching, baiting (enticing horse with any body part, equipment or material) and excessive jerking or harsh use of the lead line to be viewed as a negative towards presentation.

We are now, thanks to our new software, able to print the pedigree of AMHR hard shipped horses in the studbook and on the certificate. This is just for horses hard shipped from AMHR and the official AMHR certificate of registration must accompany the hardship application. There will be a small office fee (to be determined) if you wish to send your papers back to the office to have their AMHR lineage added.

Register of Merit (ROM) is also benefitting from our new software. When your horse reaches ROM status it will be reflected in the studbook and on your registration certificate. You can earn ROM points at local and Regional shows.

AMATEUR and YOUTH of the year has been approved! You earn points at all local shows and at the regional show. The person who gets the most points in their division for their region will be receive this prestigious award.

Pay to Play was approved at the annual meeting. Instead of paying $50 and requesting a hardship for not being able to attend two local shows (and being at the mercy of the committee to approve your reason for the request) you pay $250 per horse per show for approval to show at the World Show. The money from this program goes back to the local clubs who put on shows. The hope is that this will help local clubs by getting money back from those that were qualifying for the World Show through the hardship program and are now “Paying to Play” instead.

Qualifying for the World Show has changed. Requirements now are to attend 2 local or regional shows to qualify for any class you wish to enter at the World Show. The number of judges requirement was dropped. Exception to this is for youth, who must show the horse themselves to qualify in their respective driving and/or halter division at the two shows.

Thanks to the amateur and youth committees for helping to sponsor them, we are able to give belt buckles to the 2022 Honor Roll winners! The final calculations for honor roll are finished and the winners will be notified soon!

Thanks to you all for being a part of the Amazing Journey of the American Miniature Horse Association!!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Peterson

AMHA Region 8 Director

**3. Committee Reports**

**Youth/Scholarship Committee Report** **Jessie Skerjanec**

2022 was another successful year for our NWMHC youth. The scavenger hunt was a hit again this year and all the youth seem to enjoy having an involved activity at regionals. The youth participation has been consistently strong at all this year's shows which is wonderful to see.

This year we revived the Youth Scholarship Fund with great success on fundraising from two main events. VFM (Linda VanFleet) hosted a fun show earlier this year where all the funds raised went to the fund, and they raised over $1000. The show was a blast for those who attended. There was laughing, learning and tons of support for new people looking to get a start. The second event was an online auction put on by the Scholarship Committee that raised a little over $700 with items donated by members and supporters of the Youth Scholarship. I also have a rollover of items that were donated this year for an auction next year as I either didn’t get them in time or wasn’t able to add them for this year. To my knowledge we didn’t have anyone apply for the scholarship this year, but we have quite a few youth aging out in the next two years. Having this great start to a fund will help us award multiples of the scholarship to deserving youth in the next few years. This is an amazing opportunity to be able to offer our youth and also serves as a great drawing point and benefit to being a NWMHC member.

**Year End Awards Committee Report** **Katie Hansen**

A recommendation to add Ladies Roadster and Youth Costume to our class list and as categories for Year End Awards with an addition Year End Overall High Point award for Roadster for 2023; or 2024 if the class list is already approved for 2023 with AMHA.

A question came up on if our class lists were sent to AMHA yet with these classes added or not and if they are approved for 2023. Joanne will contact Rinda to check on this and report back to the Board; the motion was amended to add “**or** 2024 if the class list is already approved for 2023 with AMHA.”. The Year End Awards Committee’s recommendations to add these awards will be voted on by the Board at our next meeting after we hear back about the status of the classes/class list.

A recommendation was also made to the rules to add in the aforementioned classes.

A revision was suggested to have the section regarding Grand/Reserve points which get added to classes to refer to back to the rule clarifying it only applied to Open and Stock type halter and that Amateur only applies during tie-breaks.

Another revision is suggested for the Mark Bullington Versatility awards section to add that VSE (anything under 39”) can now apply for the award.

**Gelding Incentive Committee Report Katie Hansen**

Currently at $1,596.27. A portion of each class entry goes in for our Gelding Specific classes, plus any ticket donations.

**Futurity Committee Report Katie Hansen**

Last entry of the NWMHC Futurity classes, with only one entry. Has not yet sustained but owner has until show entries close. If the class does not pay out then the monies will roll into the General Fund.

**Fall Banquet Committee Report Heather Curtis**

Some options are being explored along I-5. The three bids received so far were over budget. Heather is still working to secure a location and bring a recommendation to the Board.

**Publicity Committee Report Beth White**

Hello all,

I am so sorry I couldn't be there in person to give this report. Man, am I super excited for the upcoming show year.  After talking with the other members on the committee we have some really cool ideas for the year ahead.  Below are some of the ideas we are working to get more information on or would like to do:

1. Club hoodies and T-shirts that we can sell at the shows and events. If any one has any ideas for fun shirts please forward them to me.
2. Getting a new tri-fold board to showcase all the fun and exciting things we are planning to have at the shows and events. I am hoping to get one that we can change the info in and out. So please share your pictures with the club so we can spotlight everyone.
3. There are many parades all over the state that we are going to try to participate in so if you know of people that might be interested please have them contact one of the committee members. We do have some members and I have seen quite a few people on different facebook groups that just want to enjoy their minis and not show.  I have sent out some emails to local cities about the sign ups for parades and what is required. So if you are interested in going to one please let me know.
4. We need to be way more active on social media. Facebook, Instagram, TicTok.  I know we have a Facebook page, but is there an account for the others? If not, who is the right person to help get this set up? I would love to help with this if no one is doing it.  Both Instagram and TicTok will draw in a new, younger crowd which will help the club.
5. I have also reached out to the Ag fest to get information on having a booth over there somewhere. So many people are there that don't even realize the show is going on at the same time, some don't even know mini horses exist. Having people over there with a horse or two throughout the weekend to chat about the club and the horses will give us so many opportunities to have others fall in love with the horses like we do.
6. As well as other events around the valley there are festivals such as Homer Davenport days in Silverton, the strawberry festival in Lebanon, the farmers market in Salem, Aumsville, Independence, basically most cities have some type of market. We just need some volunteers to go and I will reach out to the different events you would be interested in and get it set up.
7. Lastly for now, how about setting up a weekend drive? I mean a bunch of minis out driving the beach or park is going to draw some fun attention.

The committee welcomes anyone's idea. We all want to see the club succeed and we have to all work together to see it grow. Again I am sorry I wasn't able to make the meeting today but I hope you guys are as excited about some of these events as we are.

**Sunshine Committee Report Sharon Hardt**

Sharon explained the Sunshine Committee and what they do, then announced that they plan to now also celebrate weddings and births (of human babies, not fur babies!). Please email **NWMHC.2023@gmail.com** to let them know of these lovely events!

**By-Laws, Rules, & Regs Committee Report Sharon Hardt**

Two new members have joined the committee. Because of the changes to the board things have been a little hectic and things haven’t managed to be brought up for changes yet, but welcome Wendy Wright and Linda VanFleet!

**4. Introduction of New Club Administrator by Bambi Roylance**

Mary Christine Houts is our new Club Administrator. She will be in charge of updating the website, oversee and maintain all of our club records, and she will be the one sending out mass emails, membership cards, and many more things. At this time the address for the Club Administrator will be the Club Treasurer’s however, to make things easier on club members. She is hoping to add to the website including a running point tally for each show. She is new to this position but not to the club or the Board.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**Bottle Drop Account Sharon Hardt**

Sharon has bags available, please request them if you need them. We’re currently at $21 in the account.

**6. New Business**

**2024 Calendar**

Payment deadline is 30 days from Feb 4th, pictures are due in September. Please send payment to Sharon Bullington. Char Anderson overseeing the calendar, please send any questions or concerns to her.

Calendar pages were drawn and assigned as follows:

* January – Char Anderson
* February – Nikki Payne
* March – Linda VanFleet
* April – Joanne Ross
* May – Jessica Kimball
* June – Sharon Hardt
* July – Sheryl Peterson
* August – Wendy Wright
* September – Lisa Abboud
* October – Susie Gunther
* November – Jessie Skerjanec
* December – Tammy Osgood/Dorothy Whiteman

**Misc. Discussion**:

1. Weanling/Yearlings currently must attend 2 shows (1 NWMHC show and 1 NWMHA Sponsored show) to qualify for Year End Awards but a suggestion was made to change this to weanlings/yearlings only needing to attend 1 NWMHC **or** 1 NWMHC sponsored show. The reasons given being that lot of weanlings are born in April or later making it hard to manage to safely take them to 2 shows in one year. After some discussion, it was suggested this be taken back to the Show Committee and refined, then brought back to the Board. There was some concern as to how this could affect show financials. Changing it to only apply to weanlings was discussed as well.
2. It was suggested that the Western Washington Classic show pick up Can-Am’s 2x points awards. This was sent to the committee to discuss and bring back up to the Board with a new recommendation later.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

 Please volunteer to help set up/take down obstacles and jumps or to haul the club trailer. These are huge parts of the shows! Trailer hauling does pay milage of .51 cents a mile from the trailer’s location to the show and back. The trailer is currently at Scott Creek Miniature Horse Farm but can reside elsewhere if needed/able. You can volunteer for the whole year or per show. If hauling the trailer, you are responsible for unpacking/packing the trailer and the set up/take down of center ring. Please contact the Vice President about hauling the club trailer; to volunteer to set up/take down obstacles please speak to the show coordinators for the show you will be attending – or jump in and help when you see the classes being set up and taken down.

Moved to adjourn by Sharon Hardt, seconded by Charissa Alldredge; unanimous agreement

Ended at 3:22pm

Minutes recorded by Recording Secretary, Charissa Alldredge