

## **1/26/2025 Directors Meeting**

Via Zoom 6:30pm

Attendance: Sheryl Peterson, Lisa Brostad, Linda Dougall - Soto, Tammy Osgood, Dorothy Whiteman, Linda VanFleet, Katie Hansen. Guests: Judy Howard, Sharon Hardt

Minutes From 11/2, 11/10, & 12/4 have been reviewed by all directors. Linda V motioned to accept all three sets of minutes as written. Tammy 2nd - Motion passed.

2025 show update - Dorothy

We have 2 judges for Western Washington and Emerald Valley. 1 Judge for Grays Harbor, waiting to hear back from the 2nd judge. Contracts signed and returned for all three facilities. Deposits have been made for WW, and GH. Linda DS is about to send out the deposit for EVC. Dorothy will send Signed contracts to Linda DS. Sheryl has talked with Val, she has received and approved the shows with AMHA. Dorothy has not seen the premiums for WW and EVC, not sure if those were included in the show approval.

Judy joined meeting - State line tack

Stateline is accepting requests for sponsorships for small groups. Judy sent an email to get more information. They need a form filled out for each event, they provide items for goodie bags, but not money. Stateline will send a banner to hang at the events, would like to put their logo on our website and would like to send us monthly ads to post on our facebook page. Is this something that we want to pursue? Dorothy made a motion to allow approved corporate sponsors to be featured on our facebook and website pages. Lisa 2nd - Motion passed

Sharon joined meeting

Sharon has not received or seen updated premiums for the shows either. We are not sure if premiums were submitted to Val for approval. Rinda told Dorothy that she submitted the dates for the show approval. We still need an updated class list to be submitted with the premiums. Sheryl is going to check with Val to see what she has received.

There might be another judge option for GH - Myron Cross spends summers in Washington and might be available - Dorothy will ask Rinda to look into this option.

Ribbon order - Sharon

Class placement ribbons have been ordered and paid for. A ribbon committee was formed, working on getting members involved, ideas will be run past the show committee and the directors will approve the financial part. Sharon Hardt will take lead on this committee.

Grand and reserve neck ribbons order has been placed with Maryanne Morrison, these have not been paid for yet.

Judy asked if we have the class list updated so she can finalize the rules for the belt buckle series. Dorothy does not have the updated class list since the last show committee meeting.

Kathy may have the current class list, Dorothy will ask her to send it to her

Membership form

Discussion about the family membership wording regarding dependent children or grandchildren, youth as described by AMHA. Linda has been receiving membership forms that have an additional \$10 for grandchildren, and this is confusing for the membership. Wording changes will require a change to the bylaws. For now we will remove the word dependent from the membership form.

Tammy made a motion that we use the new membership forms . Linda DS 2nd - Motion passed Sharon will have some available at the winter meeting.

Judy had a proposal to offer a drawing at the meeting to offer a class to encourage participation and thank you to the membership for attending. Tammy made a motion that we offer a free class raffle at the winter meeting for a show of their choice for anyone in attendance, non transferable. Dorothy 2nd - Motion passed Judy will post on facebook

#### Treasurer's report

Checking balance - \$39,638.23 The GIF checks have not been canceled yet for those that were donated back to the fund. The total of those checks is \$799.19

Youth Savings \$1,815.34 - \$126 of that is designated for youth group, Leaving the scholarship balance of \$1,689.31

The CD is \$14,554.05

Working on 1099 forms and getting the profit/loss statement for 2024 to the bookkeeper. Once these are done she'll have more time to get the not for profit status filed.

Belt buckles will be categorized as show expresses since these are show high points not year end awards.

#### Corporate sponsor letter - Lisa

Lisa wrote a generic professional letter that can be used to send to corporations/businesses to solicit sponsorships and donations. Can be used to collect monetary donations as well as product donations.

Lisa is currently reaching out to some local businesses in her area and is willing to reach out to the businesses in the cities where our shows are being held.

Need to create a form to go along with the letter as a means to track money and items collected and as well as provide recognition to the sponsors. On the corporate form we need to have room for general donations, and items being donated. The sponsorship form that is currently on the website needs updating and is only for class and year end awards. Add Grand and Reserve class sponsors @ \$50 per show.

#### Director meeting schedule

Monthly meetings on the 4th Thursdays @ 6:30 pm Next meeting Feb 27th

#### Agenda for the winter meeting

Usual items/ committee reports

By law Change vote

Check processing for the shows

Gate Volunteers

#### Potential member issue

There is a past member that has been involved in a potential animal neglect case. This individual has not yet applied for membership in 2025. Will we accept membership, if submitted? This individual has not been convicted and we may not have the legal right to refuse membership. We have already been blocking/deleting any negative comments made on facebook postings by this individual. Our upcoming meeting is publicized and there is potential for them to attend. What do we want to do if they show up to the winter meeting?

Decision - If this individual attempts to attend the meeting, Sheryl will speak with them outside and will ask them to leave. If they refuse to leave there is nothing we can do as long as they remain civil. If the reaction becomes hostile, Sheryl will call the police. If membership is submitted we will hold the check and Sheryl will email informing them of our decision not to accept their membership at this time.

Continued discussion about Champion ribbons, Lisa found the quote from Royal Ribbons for 96 champions @ \$12.50each and 96 Reserve champions @ \$12.50each. She then found an email from Sharon about how many ribbons we needed to order. We have 19 sash style and 45 flat 3 streamer style for a total of 64 Champions and need order 38 to come to 102 Champion ribbons. We have 19 sash style and 62 flat 3 streamer style for a total of 81 Reserves and need to order 21 to come to 102 Reserve champion ribbons. We have had several conversations about the members wanting consistency across the classes at each show. These numbers will need some adjusting to make the ribbons styles consistent per show. We need a class list to confirm the number of champion classes offered. Linda V thinks we only added one champion class for a total of 16 champion classes per show so the total number of Ribbons needed is 96 Champions and 96 Reserve Champions, not 102. Lisa will contact Marryanne to confirm prices and hold on the order until we get an accurate ribbon order.

Linda V Motioned to adjourn. Tammy 2nd - Meeting adjourned @ 8:48 pm