**Fall BOD Meeting Nov 4th, 2023**

**Location The Oak Tree Restaurant**

**Present: Bambi Roylance, Sharon Hardt, Sharon Bullington, Jessica Kimball, Linda VanFleet, Sheryl Peterson, Christine Houts, Charissa Alldredge**

**Quorum Met**

**Meeting Started: 10:15am**

Motion to approve the minutes from 9/13 and 10/25 as written by Sheryl, seconded by Sharon Hardt. Unanimous agreement.

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**1. Treasurer’s Report, Sharon Bullington**

Sharon Bullington explained the 2022 Expense Report she had included, then went over the provided 2023 Expense Report and answered questions about it. Sharon Bullington also went over the card reader (SimpleSwipe) information again.   
  
 Current balances in the club accounts are as follows:

* CD $13,982.70
  + +$289 from interest since opened
* Gelding Incentive Fund .23₵ (post GIF checks; before new donations)
* Youth Fund Balance $1,815.12
  + Scholarship is $1,689.09
  + Balance from Regionals Youth Activities Donation $126.04
    - This will be rolled into the General Fund
* Year End Awards $2,451.49
  + -800.00 Fox Towing Sponsorship Monies for Banquet
  + -1,200.00 High Point Series Monies
    - Total $451.49
* General Fund $5,269

There was discussion regarding the calendars and how the money

incoming/out going and profits are calculated

**2. Show Report, Joanne Ross**

Joanne was absent, report was read by Charissa as provided by Joanne:

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT 10/23/23 revised for 11/4/23

As chairperson of the committee, I challenged the show committee to a goal of recouping the 2023 loss in two years. How can we make a profit of $6000 a year @ $2000 a show? Sharon and Doug Hardt ran the numbers to figure out how we can do this.

These are the recommendations passed unanimously by the NWMHC show committee to present to the board for approval.

1. Hold three (3) shows, two (2) days, one (1) judge
2. Increase entries **per judge**: Youth ($6) to $10, Amateur ($10) & Open ($11) both to $15. With one judge entry expense for families will be significantly less for these shows
3. Have a member volunteer Show Team: show manager, ring steward, and gate manager as a cost cutting strategy.
4. Institute a member volunteer requirement as one of the qualifying factors for Year End Awards. Specific lists of volunteer opportunities at NWMHC shows and functions and record keeping requirement will be developed for the Winter Meeting approval.
5. Show Coordinators will be responsible to arrange for transport of trailer and arena set-up. Howard Stables has volunteered to transport the trailer for Can Am.
6. Volunteer Announcer costs clarification: Lunch provided at each show. Room and Transportation will be provided by Tammy and Dorothy to Western Washington. Catherine Ayers (phone number redacted) lives nearby for Can Am. Salem show will offer mileage to be determined. Joanne Ross has offered her “Bunkhouse” for housing the Announce for the Capitol City show.
7. A 2 day class list will be developed at the NOV/DEC Show Committee meeting via Zoom to be presented at the Winter Meeting.
8. We will analyze the extra time saved by only having one judge, then decide to add more classes or fun activities each day. We want to focus on making the shows a fun social time for all our members.

Sharon Bullington shared that Joanne and her had talked and they recommended a change in sponsorship costs from $25 to $35 a class, and Year End Awards sponsorships from $35 to $45. Sharon Bullington suggested adding sponsorship for Champion and Reserve. At this moment we have enough ribbons to cover the Champion and Reserve placings for 2023 with 2-day shows without buying more.

Sharon Bullington proposed raising class sponsorships to $35 to and Year End Awards to $45 starting in 2024, seconded by Charissa. 1 opposed, 7 approved, motion passed.

Sharon Bullington proposed starting a sponsorship for Champion and Reserve $60 starting at 2025; this was tabled.

**3. Clinic & High Point Series, Linda VanFleet**

Linda is having issues getting information regarding costs for the State Fairgrounds. There is also a conflict of dates with 4H for AgFest weekend if we are trying to get Youth entries.

Sheryl shared that there is a proposal being voted on at the Annual Meeting that proposes making any show put on with a public event could be an AMHA Double Point show.

McMinnville has 2 weekends in March, but it would be $800 a day because we must do a package deal and can’t rent just the arena. Linda offered to have it at her farm, but the club would need to cover the insurance – this is possible; however, we need to find out from the insurance agent if it’s possible and if people attending will need to be members or not. The other issue is Linda may not have parking space available depending on the weather.

The State Fairgrounds could be the best option, especially if we can get the indoor arena. This time of year often has wet, rainy, windy weather so the outdoor arena may not be a good choice. Stalls would also be available at the Fairgrounds, paid for by the participants directly.

Christine had spoken to the office people at the Fairgrounds and gave all of Sharon’s information and the show information to her.

Linda contacted Molly’s Silver and investigated doing belt buckles. She presented two options; with a projected cost of $800 for both; this price is partially due to a Black Friday special. With the savings from the sale Linda suggested adding back in some of the Youth Division classes to the High Point list. The company also offered a sponsorship deal of getting 2 additional buckles on our next order if we put a link & their logo on our website. The board agreed to this. Discussion was had on adding the year to the buckles due to concerns over the buckles possibly not being used in the given year, especially for the younger age divisions. It was decided to leave the year off the 7 and Under buckle and have it engraved later if needed; and to also order it as a PeeWee buckle if possible.

**4. Show Management, Sharon Bullington**

Sharon, Sharon, and Sheryl are still working on the show management. Sharon Bullington is already working on judges. She contacted James Rutledge who will be in contact with her soon with what is best for him. Rob Crater is penciled in for Ridgefield. Chris Bickford and Sami Scheuring said they would help, as well as Cindy (?).

Sharon Bullington brought up covering lodging for the Show Management; if it is needed it could be a potential expense covered by the Club. It was discussed and a plan made to have it covered between the board members for the 2024 season with no expense to the club.

**5. AMHA Report, Sheryl Peterson**

No new information at this time except Regionals will likely be at Rancho Murietta, CA.

**6. Old Business, Sharon Hardt**

Bottle Drop Account: The Bottle Drop Account has $110 in it. Sheryl proposed this money be used to purchase the card reader; seconded by Charissa, the board unanimously agreed.

**New Business**

**2024 Calendar**: Char Anderson is willing to do it again. Char requested a committee to help with the calendar. The publicity committee was suggested as being a good fit for this. Beth White was consulted as Committee chairperson and agreed as well. Justin did the 2023 calendar design and is asking for $300 for the main calendar design and $125 for basic page design, with price increasing with any additional design elements or needs.

Ended at 12:12pm

Minutes recorded by Recording Secretary, Charissa Alldredge