

11/2/24 Directors meeting  
At the Maplewood Grange  
10am

Attendance: Sheryl Peterson, Sharon Hardt, Joanne Ross, Linda Van Fleet, Tammy Osgood, Katie Hansen, Linda Dougal-Soto

Absent: Bambi Roylance

Edits made to minutes for 10/9 meeting, Approved after changes

Presidents report and AMHA directors report will be sent to be added to the General Membership meeting minutes.

#### Financial Report:

As of 9/30 General Checking \$34,930.24, CD - \$14,455.55, GIF- \$1,634.77, Youth- \$1,815.30, Year end Awards- \$1,765.02.

Transferred the amount of the Hodges bill out of the Year end account. Waiting for other receipts. Transferred the GIF balance into the General account to write checks, we were charged a maintenance fee due to low balance in the account. To keep this from happening do we want to close the Savings accounts to just track the funds in the general checking account. Directors agree that this should be changed, we've voted to make this change happen already but the Previous Treasurer did not close accounts. Linda DS recommends that we keep the Youth scholarship account separate and close the Year end awards and GIF savings.

Tax Preparation: We now have our articles of incorporation, still need to confirm gross receipts to insure that we are under 50k to apply for not for profit status.

We are being charged \$89.90 per month for the Swipe card reader- said we were not in compliance. Part of this is the monthly fee, which can be set up seasonally as short as 3 months. Linda still needs to be set up as administrator. Will we need the card reader if we go back to using Rinda as showmanager?

Will share the profit and Loss sheet when she has it prepared for the Tax return.

#### 2025 Shows: Dates Confirmed

Clinic April 19-20

Western Washington May 24-25

Grays Harbor June 14-15

Emerald Valley July 26-27

Rates From Rinda for just herself \$1,065. If she brings a 2 person team \$1,465, If a three person team \$1,865 for 2 day shows. She is available for Western washington and Emerald Valley. Previous mistakes were made in results to AMHA resulting in loss of honor roll points, we will need to watch this.

Rinda will contact judges and get contracts signed. Treasurer will need a copy of contracts for W9 prep.

State fair points for year awards will be brought to the General membership meeting for a vote.

Buckle series being worked on by Linda VF and Judy Howard - need to get sponsors to make this happen for 2025.

Ribbons: Getting quotes from Marryanne Morrison for grands/reserves.

Hodges prices are about \$15 per ribbon.

Need to get a ribbon count on our stock of ribbons in the club trailer to be able to put together an order. We also have lots of leftover flowers that we need to find a use in some capacity for since a majority were donated.

Kathy updated the class list to include added classes and made adjustments to even out the days.

We will need a show manager for Elma - Sheryl Peterson has offered to be the manager and Lisa Brostad will be the Ringsteward and measurer.

#### Schooling show/clinic

Dates reserved 4/19-20. Still need to decide if we can do a one or two day show. Have approached Bryce Baker, interested but needs to check his schedule. Would have him judge the show portion.

Linda made a Suggestion to allow the Schooling show to count as a qualifying show but not have points counted as class list will not be compatible. Sheryl would like to discuss decreasing the qualifying shows, if we have 3 shows you need to go to 2 shows. Will bring up these options at the general meeting for vote.

Sharon H made a motion to recommend for the 2025 show season to qualify for year end awards you must attend 2 out of the 3 shows. Motion passed.

Show management discussion to hire Rinda with one other person at \$1,465, need to find a volunteer gate person(s) Reach out to Christine Houts another option is Vince Gutscher. Could offer a free stall, RV spot or an amount per day.

#### AMHR shows and clubs

There are currently 3 shows in WA and none in OR, rumors of at least one of these shows going away.

Discussion to add some R classes to one of our shows and increase to a 3 day weekend, or decrease classes to fit into a 2 day weekend. Possibility to try adding an AMHR show in 2026.

State fair points - AMHA has a proposal to make fair shows double points if passed. The Oregon state fair would qualify, could be a good thing for the state fair and our members.

Show announcer: Catherine Ayers has agreed to be our announcer again for 2025. If we are willing to pay the gate person, we also need to pay the Announcer.

#### AMHA directors report

The possibility of a virtual meeting with voting will likely never happen due to legal reasons.

AMHA Survey results provide the members a voice about the proposals that will be read by the regional director at the annual meeting. Big topic was the AOTE proposal on grooming.

The topic of Regional shows are up in the air. None of the regional shows did well. The event facilities are becoming expensive. Possibility of going to an area show like AMHR, R provides the awards, AMHA might not be able to provide awards.

#### **New Business:**

Show Coordinator incentives:

Sheryl suggests that we offer 1 or 2 free classes to the show coordinators at a show of their choosing. Linda DS how do we track that? Could provide a voucher.

Joanne suggested a gift, general consensus of the board is a free class would be better appreciated. Need to limit the coordinators eligible to 2 per show.

Discussion about offering a stall instead of a class. Agreed that a class would be more beneficial.

Sharon H made a motion for 2025 that 2 coordinators would be awarded up to 2 free classes, non transferable, to be used at any club show in the 2025 season. Linda VF seconded - Motion passed.

Show committee;

AMHA elects members to the show committee giving the show committee more authority in decision making. This would make amendments to the Rules and Regs and possibly Bylaws.

We voted to limit the show committee to 12 members - this was not installed for 2024. VP, awards chair/points keeper, Treasurer, coordinators and if open spaces the VP could appoint members. - Discussion that this is for the Chat group and voting, and meetings would be kept open for any member to attend.

Last year we were cashing checks as they came in for our shows so we could pay judges and facilities. Our finances are better as we start 2025. Sheryl would like to suggest that we go back to holding checks to the end of the show, use open checks. Rules and regs state that money is deposited within 15 days.

Joanne made a motion to recommend that checks and CC payments be deposited according to the bylaws/ rules and reg. Sharon seconded. - motion passed.

Linda to bring up recommendations to Rules and Regs to edit deposit time from 15 days to no later than 7 days.

Sharon motion to adjourn, Tammy second Adjourned at 12:05