

NWMHC GENERAL FALL MEETING

October 21, 2017

Clackamas, OR

1. The meeting was called to order, at 1:01pm, by President Susie Gunther.
2. Roll call: **PRESENT** : President Susie Gunther, VP Julie Hemenway, Treasurer Kathy Howard, Recording Secretary Janine McDonald, National Director Joanne Ross, Club Administrator Judy Howard, Guests Cindy Saum, Lisa DeLeon, Michelle Michelsen, Kailee Michelsen, Sheryl Peterson, Clarissa Alldredge, Sharon Dickens, Sharon Hardt, Katie Hansen, Linda Van Fleet, Lisa Abboud, Ronda, Daniel and Meghan Figal **ABSENT**: Director Kathy Sammons, Director Jessica Kimball and Director Kelsie Sherman
3. **MOTION** was made to approve the Winter Meeting minutes, as posted on the NWMHC website, by Joanne Ross. Kathy Howard seconded and all **approved**.
4. **President's Report** given by Susie Gunther.

Thank you all for being here. I appreciate it. Thank you for your patience the last couple of years. I'm looking forward to being a very annoying member. I really love this little club and you're a pretty good group of people.

Thank you. I appreciate it.

5. **Treasurer's Report** given by Kathy Howard:

Same report as was given during the BOD Meeting. Please see section 4, of the BOD Meeting minutes, for more details.

- The board is recommending that we put the Youth Fund back into the General Fund, as of January 1, 2018, and it becomes an annual budgeted line item. Since this is a Treasurer **recommendation**, no MOTION is needed. All **approved** so this change was passed.

6. **Vice President / Show Committee Report** given by Julie Hemenway.

Same report as was given during the BOD's meeting, with a few additions listed below. Please see section 5, of the BOD Meeting minutes, for more details.

- A Canadian discount will be given at the CanAm show. This will be on entry fees, owner fees, etc., not on stalls and such, which cost the Club money. Rinda bases the discount on the rate
- Sponsors for the free water, offered at shows, were asked for. Approximately 5 cases are needed for each show. 12 cases were used up at CanAm, as it was so hot. Lisa Abboud and Julie volunteered for Capitol City. Michelle and Lisa Abboud volunteered for Emerald Valley. Sharon Hardt and Janine volunteered to sponsor water for the CanAm show.
- Hauling the club trailer. Joanne has agreed to haul the trailer to the Capitol City show. Ideas were discussed, such as possibly having Dorothy and Tammy haul the trailer from Emerald Valley, so that it would be at least closer to Spanaway. Will have to discuss more during the Winter Meeting. Kathy Howard mentioned that people are reimbursed 41 cents per mile for hauling the trailer.
- Another issue at the Capitol City show was that AgFest people are not allowed to come through the Silverton Road exit but were, so there was limited parking and no control. Coming through that exit, they were also getting in free. Julie will talk to Wayne about her concerns.
- Judy suggested that somehow the miniature horse show be advertised, along with the AgFest. Susie saw a blurb on the news, about the AgFest, and yet nothing was mentioned about the miniature horse show. Judy thought the AgFest people should be talked to, so that they could include us. However, Julie says the OSF doesn't even want us there during AgFest, so highly unlikely they'd want to advertise us with them. OSF doesn't have enough manpower, to watch over everything, so they have to pay for extra manpower.

- Show coordinators were brought up. When asked what the duties are, of a show coordinator, Joanne stated the following. They make sure everything is working, the trailer gets brought in, stall charts are put up, signs are put up, unlock stalls, handle giving people extra shavings etc. Sharon Hardt said she wouldn't mind being a coordinator trainee at a show.
- Emerald Valley facility will be purchasing Pacific Shavings, just for us, as we asked that we not get their sawdust anymore. Some horses had issues this year with the sawdust at Emerald Valley.
- Capitol City show, the senior classes will be combined. There will be one Senior Gelding, Senior Stallion and Senior Mare class. They won't be broken down into heights. The Yearlings and Two Year Olds will be combined as well.
- **Recommendation** from the show committee to give out double points for year-end awards, for both the Capitol City and CanAm shows. This is to encourage attendance at these two shows. All **approved** so this recommendation passed.

7. **National Director Report** given by Joanne Ross.

AMHA had some major changes this year. Our World Show got moved a month earlier. We had a new arena there, at Fort Worth, which was the old historic arena. Most people enjoyed the arrangements. Our stalling was right on the main aisle into the arena. We have a really great and very social President that wants to bring a lot of fun and social activities to our show. Some of the social events were a breakfast, Reese family dinner, Stars pizza, Howard Stables, Scott Creek and Sharon Housley had an international day root beer float social and an AMHA Club dessert social. The number of horses were down a bit but the number of entries per horse were up. It was a great show and most people went away with good feelings and are looking forward to next year. The weather, thanks to Harvey, was very nice in Fort Worth. It was actually cooler there, than in Oregon, at the time.

The National Meeting, which is normally in February, was moved. They had so many people complaining about it being during foaling season, in the Southern part of the US, they are trying to have it before the first of the year. This is like they used to have it years ago. With Worlds being earlier in the year, it should be easier to have it prior to year end for now. The National Meeting is actually next week. There was a screw up, on publishing the things that will be voted on. There were some things mentioned in the minutes, which will be voted on. Some of the items said "see pdf attached" and there was no pdf attached. Those particular rules and by-laws will not be voted on. They'll have to go another year, which is unfortunate. The meeting is going to be in Kansas City, MO. If there's anything that you'd like Joanne to bring up, at this meeting, please just talk to her privately and she will try to represent your thoughts and wants at the meeting.

Joanne proposed a recommendation, that oversized AMHA registered horses be given a foundation status, so that they could legitimately be used as breeding stock. However, this is one of the items that had a pdf attached, which was missing. It will have to wait another year. This proposal was brought up last year, however Mary Lou Elder got concerned about something and so, right before the vote, she asked to withdraw the proposal. A lot of people went to vote on that and they let her withdraw it. That's why Joanne has now submitted this similar proposal.

The registrar has stated that they get a lot of requests from people to hardship their little horses, even though they aren't registered with AMHR. The registrar is recommending that we open up our registry to everything again. Joanne is against this proposal. Sheryl commented that "pet" horses, sold without papers, could potentially be registered back into AMHA, even though they may not follow AMHA standards. Joanne's belief is that this isn't going to pass.

The World Show made money this year. The reason we have it in Texas, even though we looked for alternatives, is because they give us 30 to \$50,000 of funding for holding it there. Because of that, we always make money, and it's probably the biggest profit center now for the AMHA. Next year they'll be taking down the stalls and putting portables in. There will then be room for a hospitality area.

8. **Audit Committee Report** given by Janine McDonald.

No report. All of the financials were given to us by Kathy. Nothing to report that looked out of the ordinary.

9. **Futurity Committee Report** given by Linda Van Fleet.

We had a lot of activity in the Futurity this year. We started out January 1st with a balance of \$87.50. Four foals were nominated and two were sustained. There was one entry, at Emerald Valley, for the 2 year old class. The payout for that was \$167.50. There weren't any entries at CanAm, for the yearling, so that money is rolled ahead for the 2 year olds next year. Right now there's a balance of \$225. No nominations or sustaining fees have been received yet for the coming year. The deadline for nominating and sustaining is February 1st. Mares do need to be nominated before they foal. You can nominate late, as long as it's a minimum of 30 days prior to the mare foaling, for double the nomination fee. \$10 to nominate a mare in foal. \$15 to sustain a yearling and \$20 to sustain a 2 year old. The entry fee, for the class itself, is \$35. If you missed sustaining your yearling last year, you can still sustain the horse for double the yearling fee, and then sustain it for the 2 year old.

Julie has a proposal to add a division, since there are so many driving horses out there. For example, Julie has a mare that will never produce a halter horse, no matter what. She's a driving horse and Julie has produced 5 driving horses out of her. Julie would like to see a 3 or 4 year old driving futurity class added. The foal would be sustained each year, and possibly shown in the halter futurities, until the driving futurity classes. This is similar to the AMHA futurity. Linda agreed with Julie, that it would be nice to add a 3 year old driving futurity class.

Kathy suggested that we make it so that post entries, for a substantial fee, could be made for a weanling. Even if it had to be NW bred, if a weanling was purchased, you could enter it into the Futurity prior to December 31st. You'd just charge a big enough penalty and put a stipulation on time. AMHA charges \$50, for a mare prior to foaling. The stallion has to be nominated but then mares can be added, within 60 days after foaling, for \$150. Linda is for this, if the club is for this. Futurity is for the breeders but perhaps this would bring in more money.

Club asked the Futurity Committee to write up proposals and bring them to the Winter Meeting. Anyone who has suggestions, can forward their ideas to Linda or Katie. Katie mentioned that, if we were to start the driving futurity next year, older horses should be allowed to buy into that. Any suggestions or proposals can be emailed to Linda at vfmfarm@aol.com.

The nominating fee gets split 50/50 between the yearling and 2 year old classes. The yearling sustaining fee gets split 50/50 as well. The 2 year old sustaining fee goes 100% to the 2 year old class. All of the entry fees go to the appropriate futurity. There wasn't a yearling shown this year, so that money rolls over into the 2 year old futurity. If no one shows a 2 year old next year, that leftover money would supposedly be split between the pots for 2019. This would have to be re-evaluated, if a 3 year old class were added.

Joanne suggested that we change the focus to the yearlings more, as the 2 year olds sustained are minimal. If people lose money, on the yearlings, they're not as apt to continue to nominate or sustain foals. Joanne lost money at AMHA Worlds this year, by nominating a foal late, so doesn't intend to nominate late again.

10. **By-Laws, Rules and Regs Report** given by Judy Howard.

Judy would like a rule change. **Rules and Regs currently reads:** Any person submitting a non-negotiable check, or who fails to clear past due fees before leaving the show grounds, will not be allowed to participate in any NW sponsored show until the account is cleared. All outstanding accounts, due to the NW Club, must be settled within 30 days of the date the debt was incurred or the end of the last show of the season, whichever comes first, in order to be eligible for year-end awards, including gelding incentive money. **Judy wants added:** All outstanding accounts due to the NW Club, and not settled within the above stated timeframe, their horses shall lose all year-end award points accumulated up to and including during the time of indebtedness. However, any year-end points lost will not be reinstated once outstanding accounts are paid. This includes any gelding incentive points earned. As per AMHA, trainers are responsible for paying their client's outstanding balances for the NW sponsored shows. All outstanding accounts, due to the NW Club and not settled in the above timeframe, may be reported to AMHA. **Judy further discussed:** This will put a little more bite into the rule. As a Club this year, it was decided to give past due accounts until September 15th to pay. One person paid their account on the

14th and will still get their year-end awards. Another person wrote a check for \$5, at last year's banquet, and the check bounced. With bank fees, and now the club NSF fee, \$5 can now be \$80 owed. If someone were to not pay Emerald Valley fees timely, they would lose any Emerald Valley points plus any Capitol City points already earned. These points would not be reinstated.

Kathy Howard received a list of due accounts from Rinda, after each show this year. Some turned out to be accounting errors, while others were legitimate. Kathy had to send out approximately 20 bills, some to trainers. The issue was kind of two-fold. Rinda finished Capitol City and sent Kathy the financials. Then she moves onto Emerald Valley. Rinda does other horse shows, so she's not going to remember what people owe. The shows aren't linked, which is why Rinda has asked that a credit card # or blank check be included with each entry form next year. Kathy stated that perhaps she should have sent out bills, after each show, but it also states that you're responsible, when you leave the show, to have your account paid in full. In previous years, a list of people who owed money, would be announced periodically on the last day of the shows.

Judy has already sent her rule change to John, to be published on the website, a couple of weeks ago. Further discussion determined that a rule change didn't need to be posted prior to voting on. By-law changes need to be posted 30 days prior. However, to make sure people don't think this was done in secret, it will be published and then voted on at the Winter Meeting. Joanne made a **MOTION** that this change get published on the website and be voted on at the Winter Meeting.

11. **Gelding Committee Report** given by Kathy Howard.

GIF balance forward, from 2016, was 10.67. GIF sponsors, from last year's banquet, brought in \$997. From our shows, Capitol City brought in \$105, Emerald Valley \$199 and CanAm \$79. GIF ribbon ticket donations totaled \$19.50 for all three shows. Silent auction at the banquet brought in \$41.19. Winter Meeting silent auction brought in \$16.67. Silent auction at Capitol City brought in \$129.33 and Emerald Valley brought in \$116.83. There wasn't a silent auction at CanAm, so that was 0. The clinic brought in \$348.10 and the raffle brought in \$38.02. Total income was \$2,131. There are 1,606 points which averaged out to \$1.30 a point. The top 9 horses all got over \$100 and the least amount was \$27. Total paid out this year is \$2,087.80. We had another good year. To qualify for a check, at the end of the year, a gelding has to be entered into a gelding specific class in at least 2 NW shows.

12. **Election Committee Report** given by Joanne Ross.

Positions open are President, Recording Secretary and 2 of the Directorships. Last year we overlooked one of those directorships, which should have expired and been re-nominated. Now we have to play catch up. We are taking nominations from the floor. If anybody wants to run or has been asked to nominate somebody, please feel free to do so after the report. We actually solicited people to run, to make sure we had people for these positions. For President, we had Sheryl Peterson volunteer to run. We had another person, but that person withdrew their name. Recording Secretary we only had one person and that is Janine, who agreed to do it again. We have 5 people that want to run for the Directorships. These are normally 3 year terms. So what we're going to do is, the person with the most votes will get the 3 year term. The person with the 2nd most votes, will get the 2 year term Directorship. That will get the Directorships back on track. This will be a mail out ballot, so you don't have to vote on anybody here. For the Directorships we have Sandy Johnson, who is not here but asked Joanne to read a biography she submitted. Christine Houts, who was the past Vice President is asking to be elected. Kailee Michelsen is another candidate for Directorship. Kathy Evans Howard (WA) and Lisa Abboud are also running and both took care of the publicity board this year. Those are the nominations we have. Julie asked that some of the nominated people, who are present, stand up and introduce themselves. Kathy Howard (OR) made a recommendation to have them do so tonight, at the banquet, when more people are in attendance. Is there anyone else that would like to make any nominations? There were no more nominations from the floor.

13. **NWMHC Board** discussion by Lisa Abboud.

Lisa discussed working on and fixing the Club board this year. Michelle mentioned that it would be really nice to have the board at OHSET events. Lots of kids show OHSET and don't realize there's a miniature horse club. OHSET takes place the 2nd week of May and then the 2nd week of June is their Regionals. Michelle said she'd be happy to take the board, when going to the OHSET events. Julie mentioned that, at OSF, the Velcro was so strong, it was taking the nap off. Lisa stated the board backing needs to be replaced and the photos kept current. The club does have a laminating machine now. Julie asked if Lisa would take on updating the board again for next year. Lisa stated, now that the board is better, it shouldn't be as hard. Julie also asked that Lisa et al take a picture of the board, once finished, so that anyone setting it up knows where each piece needs to go. The photo would be kept with the board, to help anyone trying to set it up. Lisa does have a picture on her phone and agreed that would help greatly. Susie asked Lisa if she would be the Chairman of that committee. Lisa would rather be an assistant or helper, but agreed to continue working on it.

14. **Winter Meeting** discussion by Janine McDonald.

Last couple of years it's been at a restaurant. However, it did get quite noisy and chaotic last year. That restaurant is now closed, so it's not even available anymore. Janine mentioned the La Center Community Center is an option. Lisa suggested the new Ilani casino might be good but they're super expensive. Kathy mentioned a pizza place but they don't open until lunch time. As for a date, nothing figured out yet.

15. **Youth Committee Report** given by Kailee Michelsen.

Kailee suggested, on the day of move-in having a shankless showmanship or shankless hunter, similar to what they have at Worlds. At Worlds, they charged \$10 per person and potted the money. For our shows, the per person charge could be considerably less. It was a lot of fun for the kids and it was fun to watch. If these are to take place, Kathy suggested that something be put in the premium, so people are aware. For Capitol City, it could be Friday evening and include the Welsh youth.

Some youth asked Kailee about doing team leg events, similar to OHSET, so that kids work together, in groups of 4 etc., rather than always competing against each other.

At Emerald Valley, a sportsmanship award was given out. Kailee would like to see that at more shows or even a year-end sportsmanship award. The Emerald Valley one was sponsored, so we'd have to get more sponsors, if at each show etc.

16. **Year-end Award Change Proposals** by Judy Howard.

Same report as was given during the BOD's meeting, with a few additions listed below. Please see section 6, of the BOD Meeting minutes, for more details.

- Judy **Recommended** a "silver" level of Youth awards, as detailed out in the BOD Meeting. Since this is a Year-End Committee recommendation, no second is needed. All **approved** so this passed.
- AMHA approved the stock type classes this February. Judy **Recommends** that the awards not be rolled up for the stock classes. Instead, the Youth Stock Type Mares/Geldings award would be separated out into Youth Stock Type Mares and Youth Stock Type Geldings. For Amateur, this would mean splitting out the Amateur Stallion/Mare/Gelding into Amateur Stallion, Amateur Mare and Amateur Gelding. By doing this, three additional awards would be given out. The Open Stock Type classes are already split. All **approved** so this passed.
- As a housekeeping item. AMHA used to have an Adult Special Needs Exhibiting Stallions/Geldings and Adult Special Needs Exhibiting Mares. AMHA has now taken out the Stallions and combined them, so Judy has changed this to Adult Special Needs Exhibiting Mares/Geldings to mimic AMHA.

- For the Highest Point Youth Award, Judy **Recommends** that the clause be eliminated, so that any Youth could win the trophy more than once. All approved so this passed.
- An Overall High Point Amateur Level 1 and Level 2 award was originally sponsored by money from the Vicky Sanders estate. That money is now gone but the club is still giving out a club award. Judy **Recommends** that the “Vicky Sanders estate sponsored” High Point Amateur Level 1 and Level 2 awards be eliminated. All **approved** so this passed.
- George Roberge Award for High Point 2-Year-Old Stallion. This perpetual trophy has been lost. A discussion ensued. Only one 2-year-old stallion competed this year. Judy Howard **Recommended** that we retire this trophy. All **approved** so this passed.
- Judy **Recommended** that the top 5 (3rd, 4th and 5th) for each Youth and Amateur class get a certificate award. Julie and Joanne raised issues about time involved and organization for this. This could considerably add to the length of the banquet. Janine stated that we’ve already agreed to add more Youth and Amateur awards, up above, so is this really needed? Joanne suggested maybe publish or E-Blast the top 5, so that they are recognized, instead. An E-blast would publicize to the whole club and not just the banquet attendees. All **opposed** this recommendation so certificates won’t be given out for 3rd, 4th and 5th place.

17. Old Business

Kathy Howard discussed that AMHR published in their Journal that transfer fees will be drastically going up as of January 1st. Currently AMHR charges \$15 for transfers made within 6 months. They charge \$25 for transfers after 6 months. Transfers, over a year old, will possibly be charged \$200 as of January 1st. Kathy suggested AMHR do an amnesty period, of perhaps 6 months, prior to this drastic raise in fee. If you have such a horse, get them transferred now. You also might want to go back to the seller, to have them reissue you an updated transfer. In this area, Syndi Kanzler and Rob Crater, Jr are the representatives. They’re both on Facebook. It sounds like the discussion will come up again, so contact them with your opinions. Also, if you have a horse with multiple owner transfers, they’re going to charge you a fee for each late ownership transfer.

Janine stated that she’s had issues with selling horses with transfer papers several times. Years later, new owners come back and ask for updated transfers, etc. Now she offers to transfer the horses, for the transfer fee costs, into the new owners. She charges a little extra, for postage and photos etc., but the new owners save, as they don’t have to become members of each club. This way, if the horse is just a pet, the papers reflect the new owner. This means that any lost registration papers or lost/old transfers don’t come back to Janine years later. One horse this year, that had been sold 3 times and then basically been rescued, the people contacted Janine. He was A and R registered but the papers and transfers had been lost. Janine had to go out and file affidavits, for lost papers, then permanent register and transfer him for the new owner. By offering to transfer these horses, which would probably never be transferred otherwise, AMHA and AMHR actually make money as well.

Raffle tickets are being sold 5 for \$1. There are lots of prizes. The raffle will be at the banquet.

18. **MOTION** was made by Sheryl to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 pm. Kailee seconded and all approved.