

11/1/25 General membership meeting

Langdon Farms

Attendance: Charrisa Alldredge, Leslie White, Joan Moorehead, Joanne Ross, Kelly Kelvin, Kelly Egilske, Karla Blaney, Marguerite Dulik, Ronda Figal, Melissa Henthorne, Amy Engleman, Helen Halderman, Matt Davern, John Langley, Becky Nicol, Lillie Nicol, Megan Figal, Savannah Haslhault, Danna Ash, Jan Sanders, Jean Howard, Judy Howard, Kathy Howard, Kim Grist, Wendy Wright, Sharon Hardt, Sharon Dickens, Katherine Gauthier, Katie Hansen, Linda Van Fleet, Dorothy Whiteman, Tammy Osgood, Sheryl Peterson, Linda Dougall Soto, Lisa Brostad, Jessie Skerjanec, Laura Service, Lindsey Day, Kristie Bingaman,

Called to order @ 1:12

Presidents Report

2025 has been a very successful year for the Northwest Miniature Horse Club, thanks to the tremendous volunteer support we had in 2024. Each of our three shows this year came in well in the black, with attendance up at every show.

The Western Washington Classic, coordinated by Kathy Howard and Lisa Aboud, was a huge success. Many thanks go to Jan Sanders who stepped in to measure horses when we discovered

that that duty was no longer in the show manager's contract. The ring steward decided on Sunday that passing out ribbons wasn't her job any longer, so Jan and other volunteers picked up that duty also. Kathy was able to negotiate a great rate on our tack stalls, which made a huge difference in our profit for the show. Sincere thanks to Kathy, Lisa, Jan and the entire club for making this a successful show.

The Grays Harbor Classic was run again this year on a total volunteer staff, allowing it to be financially successful. Dorothy Whiteman and Tammy Osgood not only coordinated the show, but also performed the duties of ring steward and, along with Lisa Brostad, gate manager. They contributed countless hours and money to ensure the success of this show. From paying the facility deposit to housing and feeding the judges, they "made it happen". Our volunteer show manager ran the show, Linda VanFleet calculated the Belt Buckle points, and Sharon Hardt helped in the show office. Sincere thanks to each of our volunteers!

With help from Charissa Aldredge, Joanne Ross was the coordinator for the Emerald Valley Classic. This show was held in the Prairie Arena this year, and our exhibitors truly enjoyed the atmosphere in this venue. Many thanks to Syndi Kanzler, who volunteered to run the gate, and to Charissa for organizing and managing the silent auction. With the addition of the funds from the silent auction, this show was a definite financial success. Many thanks to all who participated and helped out at our last show of the year.

Again this year, our beautiful Supreme sashes were made and donated by Lyndsay Day and Kristie Bingaman. Undoubtedly the finest sashes I have seen yet at any show!!! Thank you so much for making these!

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as your President for the past three years. This club is pretty amazing and has an exciting future ahead of it. It is time for someone else to "run the ship", and I not only wish our new President the best of wishes, but will also be here to help with the transition. Here's to new ideas, new people, and an exciting 2026!

Sheryl Peterson, 2025 NWMHC President

VP - Dorothy thanks everyone as head of the show committee for all the help with the shows this year and we had a successful year.

Treasurer report - Linda Dougall-Soto

As of 9/30

Checking \$55,789.89

Savings \$1815.48 (Youth funds including the youth scholarship)

CD \$14,985.4

AMHA Director Report - Sheryl

The 2025 Annual Meeting is just around the corner – November 13 - 15, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Houston, Texas. We encourage all to attend this year's meeting and to vote on the proposals and next year's officers.

The Board has been challenged with some tough decisions this year. The Regional Shows have not been profitable, and with the cost of facilities and awards increasing next year, some decisions need to be made on how we handle them. This will be discussed and decided at the Annual Meeting in just a few short weeks.

Rising costs, building maintenance, and reduced income have all contributed to a tight financial year. The Finance Committee is working closely with the Board on recommendations for "tightening our belt" in 2026. Many solid and workable solutions are going to be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting. At this time we are financially stable, but there is no "fluff" in our budget.

AMHA will be sending out a survey to all members in a few days. Since holding a virtual meeting

at this time is too costly, we are distributing the survey to gather your opinions on the proposals being voted on at the annual meeting and, most importantly, to hear your comments, ideas, and thoughts on each proposal. These results, along with each of the comments, will be shared with the assembly at the meeting so that everyone attending to vote can hear the opinions of our members.

Please remember to renew your membership for 2025, send in your stallion service reports, nominate your futurity horses and finish up your foal registrations. Lots to do at the end of the year.

Here's looking forward to a great 2026 for AMHA!

Discussion regarding the Western Regional show moving back to Oregon:

The last couple of years the area costs were donated by Aimee Davis. The membership would like to see it moved back to the Oregon Horse Center. Prairie Arena Cost is \$750 per day, and can hold 90 stalls inside. Silverado Arena costs \$1,175 per day with the warmup. Normally set up as a 3 day show but could be cut down to a 2 day show to save money. The plan is to have an answer by the end of the annual meeting.

Lisa Brostad offered to donate \$1000 towards Regionals, Joanne offered the possibility of a judge being paid for. Other pledge donations offered: Kelly and Cherie Jensen \$200, Howard Stables \$100, Becky Nicol \$500, Leslie White \$100, Sharon Hardt \$100, Kristie Bingaman \$200, Tammy Osgood \$250, Matt Davern \$100, Helen Halderman \$100, Ronda Figel \$100, Kelly Kelvin \$100, Kelly Egilske \$100, Danna Ash \$100.

Show committee Report

We will have 3 shows this year

Rinda will manage 2 shows and Sharon Hardt will manage the third

Western Washington May 23-25 in Ridgefield will be a 3 day show with 2 days of A classes and 1 day of R classes. It will be sanctioned by both registries. We have a class list made up from Norcal and Arizona shows that regularly offer R shows. We have not made changes to the A class list.

Summer Classic June 20 & 21 In Eugene in the prairie arena, Sharon will be the manager.

Howard Stables and Casino Gold will be the coordinators.

Emerald Valley July 25 & 26 in the Prairie arena. Managed by Rinda, Joanne Ross and Tom Soto coordinators.

Working on finding someone to fill the gate position.

Recommendation from the Directors to pay the Gate person \$400 for the weekend - No discussion - Membership passes

Recommendation from the Directors to raise the Announcer pay to \$400 for the Weekend - No discussion- Membership passes

Recommendation from the Directors to pay Sharon as Show Manager \$1000 for the show - No discussion- Membership passes

Recommendation from the directors to pay a Ring Steward for the Summer Classic show \$400 for the weekend - No discussion - Membership passes

Recommendation from the directors to pay \$250/day plus mileage and RV parking for the AMHR Steward - Membership passes

The Judges fee at a flat rate of \$1400 is no longer working. Discussion about what the judges need to pay in expenses for airfare/mileage, lodging, and judges fees. We generally buy their lunches.

Jessie - feels that they need to make ~\$1000 after expenses. The majority of the Judges are charging OT fees past 8 hours

Kathy - some of the judges have mileage and hotel dividends We have in the past had a rate for local judges vs non.

Recommendation to increase the flat rate from \$1400 to \$1700 as a starting point.

Sharon Hardt moves to raise the fee to \$1700 for 2 or 3 day shows. Matt Seconded Discussion: we would need to increase for an additional day. Additional expenses to add a day include hotel night and day fee. The R show would count as a second show during the same weekend as the A show. Recommend wording change to per weekend vs per show.

Addendum to the motion: change 2 or 3 day shows to per weekend. Motion passes

Club trailer Show coordinators will be responsible to get the club trailer to and from shows.

Seemed to work well this year.

Leslie White -The youth committee did not meet and did not get going this year, we need help at the show from people who are not busy showing at the shows. Sheryl suggested that we change the direction of the youth committee to youth development and have events outside of horse shows. Opportunities for the youth to get to know each other, encourage more youth participation. Katie Gauthier will head a youth development program.

By laws/ Rules and Regs - Linda Van Fleet

Wording change proposal to By Laws was published on the website

Bylaw change proposed by Directors 1/26/25

Currently reads

Section 202 – MEMBERSHIP

A. Application for membership shall be made in writing by completing the club's membership form, accompanied by the appropriate membership fee, and submitted to the Club Treasurer/Secretary.

~~B. Family Membership includes up to two (2) adults living at the same address, their dependent children, and/or grandchildren (Youth as defined by AMHA). Names and date of birth must be provided for all youth.~~

Proposed change

B. Family Membership includes up to two (2) adults living at the same address. Their children, and/or grandchildren, who are Youth, (Youth as defined by AMHA) are included in the Family Membership as well.

Names and date of birth must be provided for all youth.

Call for vote - Proposal passes

Rules and Regulations change proposed by Directors 1/26/25

Currently reads

MEMBERSHIP

Membership eligibility in the Northwest Miniature Horse Club (NWMHC) shall be as stated in the current club Bylaws under Article II – MEMBERS; Section 201- Eligibility. See the Bylaws for eligibility and the application process to become a member of NWMHC. Annual dues are as follows:

~~1. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$45.00 for up to two (2) adults, living at the same permanent address, and includes their dependent children and/or grandchildren (see Youth as defined by AMHA). Name and date of birth of all dependent children/grandchildren must be provided on the application.~~

Proposed change

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children and/or grandchildren, who are Youth (see Youth as defined by AMHA) are included in the Family Membership as well. Name and date of birth of all Youth must be provided on the application.

Call for vote - Proposal passes

Schooling show Dates reserved April 17 & 18

Linda is willing to do the office work but would like someone to take over managing the clinics. Joanne has offered to help with the clinics. Will need help with setting up courses and running the gate. Charrisa offered to help, Ronda and Megan Figel offered to help.

Discussion: Should we hold the Schooling show? This year's clinic and Schooling show made about \$1000 profit. We applied for the AMHA Amateur grant to offset expenses.

Ronda Figel made a motion that we have the schooling show and clinic on April 17-18 at Salem.

Matt Seconded Discussion: RV Camping @ salem will cost \$200 for set up to the club and \$55 per night parking. Motion revised to add: to not offer any RV parking. Matt seconded - Motion passed

Sunshine Committee- Sharon Hardt and Lisa Brostad

Not sure how to make this committee work well. Not getting information on who is in need.

There is a note on the website on who to contact if you know of someone who is in need of a card.

Website - Sheryl

Sara Houts is still managing the website. Hearing complaints about information not on the website. She can only put up what she knows. If you see that something is missing or in need of change please let someone know, contact committees and they will get the info to her.

GIF

Sponsorships for this year's GIF total was \$2,303.23 and Class entry contributions were \$208. Total fund \$2,611.89. The top earner is going to receive a check for \$316.43.

Year End Award

We will be handing out some nice awards tonight. We did have some donations of Crystal and Silver trays. We will also be handing out directors chairs, horse blankets and Coolers as well as the individual class awards to recognize the champions and reserve champions from all qualified classes.

There was not much money reserved in the way of sponsorships for the year end awards this year. Please consider using the bundle package on the sponsorship forms for sponsoring a class at the shows as well as year end awards.

Publicity

Lost Chair since Beth moved away. Charrisa has offered to chair this committee

Fall/Winter meeting - Joanne Ross will work on the Winter Meeting

Thank you to our banquet committee

Belt Buckle series

Becky motion that a person can only win 1 buckle

Charrisa Motions that a youth can only win 1 buckle

Kathy - Made a motion to Award the Single 1st and the Multi horse 2nd award, then go down the line into the age divisions so that the same kid can not win in 2 categories. Cherie seconded Motion passed

All but 4 buckles have been sponsored so far. Need to get the last 4 sponsored by the end of November to get the buckles ordered

Recommendation for the directors to extend the Coordinator benefit of a free stall for 2026 - Membership passes

Changing affiliation to include AMHR

Discussion: Kathy - if we are not offering R classes at more than 1 show it may not be a benefit to make the change this year.

Jessie Spoke with Rob Crater - would be more beneficial to join forces with the existing R club

Joanne - feels that the conversation of changing is premature, we need to trial adding R classes at Western Washington as planned and see

Joanne made a motion for 2026 2 shows are required to qualify for year end awards. Charrisa Seconded - Motion passes.

State Fair Points for year end awards - Matt Davern

Has talked with Ron to add a fee to entries so that a portion of profits support the NWMHC.

Ron is retiring, Matt is working with Ron to find a manager that will be able to run the AMHA program and moving the date to a weekend. There are no final decisions about the horse shows at the state fair.

AMHA passed double points awarded at fairs for honor roll.

Continue to research the state fair option and bring it back to the winter Meeting for a vote.

Elections:

Nomination for president - Helen Halderman, no other nominations, Helen is the new President

Nomination for Secretary - Katie Hansen declined, Sharon Hardt, no other nominations Sharon is the new Secretary

Nomination for Director - Brian Smith, no other nomination Brian Smith is the new Director

Ribbons

Lindsay Day only has enough sashes sewn for supremes for 2 shows. Sharon Hardt knows someone who could make the sashes for the last show.

We have ribbons left over for most placements, need to order 1st and 4th place class ribbons.

235 @ \$2.50 each for rosettes, 4th place 60 ribbons needed. We need 78 Champions and Reserves \$378. for the streamer style \$4.75 per ribbon. Neck ribbons are \$13.75 would cost over \$2000

Helen would like us to be conservative with our Ribbon costs

Jessie has offered to offset the cost of ordering Neck ribbons vs streamer ribbons for grand and reserves.

Charrisa Motioned to Adjourn @ 4:27pm