



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS**

**General Membership Meeting
Minutes of 5/28/05**

Windsonnet Stables, Interlochen, MI

Meeting convened: 5:30 p.m.

Previous minutes: Motion by Stephanie, 2nd by Sarah, approved by all.

Treasury: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Stephanie, approved by all.

Present: Annelise, Jada, Jeff, Pam, Sarah, Nicole, Mike, Stephanie

Special Guests: Sandy Whip, Chris Deisler, Katy Deisler, Bob Gilbert, Tom Sophiea, Deb Cochran, Sharon Piatek, Jennifer Dankers, Aaron Dankers, Chris Stoops, Marie Aldridge, Emily Round, Kelsie Leonardi

Absent: Stevie, Danielle (excused)

Topics:

- Anna Bays Memorial Tribute Shows-June 25th & 26th 2005, Traverse City Fairgrounds
 1. Stall Cleaning: Jada has faxed a request to the county jail for a work crew. If this does not work out we will need to come up with a back-up plan for stall cleaning. Plans are to do the stall cleaning on Monday after the show. Windsonnet Wranglers 4-H group was suggested as a possible back-up option.
 2. Back tag numbers: Nicole will order back tag numbers. We have about 50 numbers left from last year.
 3. Show workers: We are working to finalize our workers list. Sarah secured Tina Neihardt as an announcer. Board members have agreed to help out in the booth. We still need to secure commitments for ring stewards and gatekeepers. Sandy Whip offered to help as a Gate Keeper in the mornings. Sharon Piatek offered to be Ring Steward on Saturday. Board members will continue to seek additional workers.
 4. Early Sign-up: Jada asked the board members if we should offer an early sign up time on Friday night. After consideration, it was decided that due to board member's work schedules, preparation time needed to get horses ready for the show, cash box concerns and the fact that we are administering the test for the Queen's Contest on Friday night that it would be too difficult to offer an early sign up time.
 5. Trail Class: The 6 obstacles for trail were discussed and decided on; Slicker, mailbox, water box, back through "L" shaped rails, side pass rails, bridge. Jada will draw the pattern and Pam will put them in the computer and print copies so that handouts can be made available for exhibitors.
 6. Insurance for Fair Grounds: Due to cost, Jada researched and found a new insurance carrier. The cost will be \$200 for both days.
 7. Refreshments for the workers and judges: It was agreed that we would set up a tab at the Windsonnet Wranglers food booth for lunches and drinks for the workers and judges.
 8. Reserve High Point Awards: A Saddle Bag will be embroidered for Reserve High Point Awards. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Sarah, approved by all. Chris Deisler informed us that he knows a company who does embroidering and will check on pricing for the embroidering.

- Funding for Special Activities/Events Fund
 1. Multiple money generating ideas were suggested to build up additional moneys to use for special activities, events, education, etc. Included in this discussion were ideas to help fund the Queen's scholarship. Ideas adopted included a "NMAWHC Queen's Contest Donation Jar" to be put out at all NMAWHC shows and 50/50 raffle money collected at new events like the NMAWHC Mid-Summer Warm Up Show and NMAWHC Fall Overnight Trail Ride will be placed in the Special Activities/Events fund. Other money generating ideas are welcomed!

- 2005 NMAWHC Queen's Contest
 2. Entries: Two applications have been received to date for entry in the Queen's Contest.
 3. Sash and Crown: Jada volunteered to research and order the sash and the crown for the queen's contest. Jada asked Chris Deisler if he could check to see if a Sash could be ordered/embroidered for the Queen from his contact.
 4. Savings Account: There was discussion on the best method of holding scholarship monies for the new queen should they not be entering college in the fall of 2005. This topic was tabled.
 5. Contest Schedule:

a. Friday night	Applicants complete NMAWHC test
b. Saturday	Applicants compete in classes
c. Saturday night	Board Members conduct interview and Preliminary Results calculated
d. Sunday morning	Final Results confirmed.
e. Sunday during lunch hour	NMAWHC President announces winner

- Groom's Class-Awards
 1. It was decided that the Year-end Awards for the Groom's Classes would be a SURPRISE at the banquet!

- Cherry Royal Parade-Saturday, July 9, 2005, Traverse City, MI
 1. Annelise will represent NMAWHC as our Queen in the Cherry Royal Parade and is seeking "horse-related" safe transportation in the parade. Suggestions include a buggy or carriage. She also asked for us to include a request for riders to accompany her in the parade per the parade management request in our next NMAWHC Newsletter. Annelise noted that she realizes that the parade conflicts with one of our show dates and that she certainly does not want to take anyone away from the show. Anyone interested in riding in the parade should contact Annelise or Terry Shoemaker as soon as possible. All riders/entries must be at the start up area by 11:00 a.m. on parade day. Announcements will be made at the NMAWHC Anna Bays Memorial Shows on June 23rd and 24th and in the next NMAWHC Newsletter.

- Newsletter
 1. The next Newsletter will go out after the show points are completed from the Gladwin and Anna Bays Memorial Tribute shows.

Adjournment: 7:00 p.m., Motion by Nicole, 2nd by Mike, approved by all.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Jeff & Jada Leek's, Kalkaska, MI.

Respectfully submitted by:
Pamela L. Gilbert, Secretary