



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS**

Minutes 7/18/2005

Pam Gilberts home, Interlochen, MI

Meeting convened: 7:10 p.m.

Previous Minutes: Motion by Mike 2nd by Annelise, approved by all

Treasury: Motion by Sarah 2nd by Stevie, approved by all

Present: Jada, Jeff, Sarah, Mike, Annelise, Stevie, Nicole, and Danielle

Special Guests: Shayna & Donna Zerbe

Absent: Pam (excused), Stephanie (unexcused)

Topics:

➤ **Queen's Scholarship/contest**

1. A motion from Nicole was made to use the money from the food booth and the money made from the trail ride and do a \$500 Scholarship. Was 2nd by Stevie, and approved by all. We will present this at the awards banquet.
2. Was discussed that if we could get someone else to run the queen's contest that we may be willing to bring it back.

➤ **NMAWHC Warm – up show**

1. Workers: Pam will announce, Sarah ring steward, Shayna, Mike, Jada, Nicole, Stevie will help with gates, ribbons, and the entry booth.

➤ **Points:**

1. Errors in the points were brought up and we will go over them with Stephanie before the next newsletter.

➤ **Anna Bay's show help**

1. Mike made a suggestion to do gift cards instead of cash or checks for those who helped with the show. Motion by Mike 2nd by Nicole to do \$25 for gate, ribbon runners, booth help etc. And \$50 for Sandy Whipp for ring stewarding both days. Nicole will get the gift cards from the bank and then

we will do thank – you cards. *This is what the \$2.00 office fee was added for.*

➤ **Yearend Awards/ Banquet**

1. Discussion on doing gift cards for awards with Trophies also being an option *as this would save the club money on shipping and also cut back on the back orders as well as giving members more time to pick out what they really want.* We will stick to stores in Michigan Morr's (Pards), Tom's Western Store, Baker's, Millbrook, Square deal, and Pointer Hill. Motion by Annelise, 2nd by Danielle, approved by all.
2. Sarah brought up a suggestion to moving the banquet up to December so that new board members would be able to come to a meeting in November and December and then take over at the first of the year. More research on prices, dates will be done. Will discuss at next meeting.

➤ **Judges evaluations**

1. The board filled out judges' evaluations for Holly Osborn, and Jill Laidlaw – Gonzales. Mike made a suggestion for future double judge shows of pinning an A and B on the judges so that you can identify them and also save entry booth workers from being asked so many times. We look at doing that in the future.

➤ **Open discussion**

1. Sarah brought up getting members to help out at shows more. More discussion on this will be done at a future meeting.
2. Nicole made a suggestion for next year's show to possibly look at doing payback instead of ribbons. Due to the rising cost of ribbons and also would possibly bring more participants to the show. Mike suggested that we as a board get some feedback from members on which they prefer payback, money or ribbons. We will work on this and discuss it more in-depth at an up coming meeting.
3. *Trail class was also brought up we have heard some complaints about it taking to long in the middle. This was voted on at the banquet and this is how the majority of the membership liked it. We have also heard from others that they like it in the middle and it has brought out more participants. We discussed possible proposing a rule change to do fewer obstacles to make the class move more quickly as well.*
4. Stephanie Murray (Stevie) asked the board about sponsoring her for the NMQHA team she will be competing at the congress in the team tournament. Mike made a motion to sponsor \$50 2nd by Nicole approved by all. She will put the club logo and Nicole's phone number for membership info.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Stevie 2nd by Annelise

Next meeting: August 16, 2005 at Pam Gilberts, home, Interlochen, MI

Respectfully submitted by,
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NMAWHC President