



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS**

Minutes 7/31/2006

Annelise Sophiea's Farm, Bendon, MI

Meeting convened: 7:10 p.m.

Previous Minutes: 6/26/06 approved: Motion by Tallie, 2nd by Sarah, approved by all.

Treasury: 6/26/06 approved: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Tallie, approved by all.

Present: Jada, Annelise, Pam, Mike, Sarah, Danielle, Deb, Sandy, Goldie, Tallie

Special Guests: Jeff Leek

Absent: Shelly (excused)

Topics:

Ongoing Business

➤ **Anna Bays Shows Wrap Up:**

1. Jada asked for comments on this year's shows and ideas for next year from the board members. The following represents those comments and ideas:
 - a. Changes in fencing worked well.
 - b. Keep next year's shows at the fairgrounds. Next year new arena will be completed. Old arena can be used as practice arena.
 - c. Encourage NMAWHC members to run for fair board and become NW MI Fair lifetime members and vote to represent and promote the livestock and horse industries.
 - d. Look at other show bills for ideas on number and types of classes.
 - e. Left over pop to be donated to 4-H. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Pam, approved by all.
 - f. Evaluate our current age division structure and look to reduce costs, promote more competition and evenly distribute entries. Look at other show bills for ideas.
 - g. Consider eliminating the Jackpot classes.

➤ **Newsletters:**

1. August: Points to date and Nominations and Rule Proposal change/add forms will go out in a mailing to all members no later than August 15th with a due date postmark by August 25th
2. September: Final Points and Election/Voting Ballots will go out in a mailing to all members no later than September 15th with a due date of postmark by September 25th.

➤ **NMOF Ad:**

1. Membership application will be placed as our Ad in the NMOF book. The year will be listed as blank to allow it to be used for the remainder of this year as well as next year.

New Business

➤ **Show Dates for 2007:**

1. Gladwin would like to set their show date for 2007. There was discussion concerning whether it would be a one day or two day show. It was suggested that Saturday would be the better day if it is to be a one day show. Jada will clarify the plans of the Gladwin Show Committee and report back to us and will give them our unfilled weekend dates based on the 2006 show schedule.
2. All Show committees are guaranteed their current weekends. They must let the board know if they will be changing weekends as soon as possible.

➤ **Year End Awards:**

1. There was discussion on the budget for year-end awards including what the breakdown amount per class would be.
2. A motion to set the budget at \$4,000 was made by Pam, 2nd by Deb, with 7 yeas and 2 no. Motion passed.
3. Gift ideas and amounts for the Special Awards of Member of the Year (\$35), Sportsmanship (\$35), Rookie of the Year (\$50) and Most Improved Rider (undetermined \$) were also discussed.
4. Sponsors are needed for buckles and Special Awards!
 - a. Mike Zerbe volunteered to sponsor the "Most Improved Rider" award and will help look for and secure more sponsors.
5. It was suggested that we offer Gift Cards to places of business in the local area as well as catalog. VISA check cards were also suggested as an option to consider. It was suggested that we limit the choices to 4 stores.
6. An Awards Committee for setting the breakdown, researching and selecting year-end awards was appointed and will report back at the next meeting. The members are Goldie, Tallie, Sandy and Danielle.

Motion to adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. by Tallie, 2nd by Annelise, approved by all.

Next meetings: **Tuesday, August 29, 2006**
 Jada Leek's Home
 Kalkaska, MI

Respectfully submitted by
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NMAWHC Board Member