



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS**

Minutes 09/02/2008
Cedar Run Eye Center, Traverse City, MI

Meeting Convened: 6:49 pm

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve by Kris, 2nd by Ginny, approved by all

Treasury: Motion by Sandy, 2nd by Deb, approved by all;

Present: Danielle, Kris, Ginny, Sandy, Deb, Shelly, Mike

Topics:

Election:

1. Initial deadline for nominations set Sept. 25
2. ByLaw Ammendments: A discussion about proposed rule changes resulted in several bylaw proposals to be drafted to clean-up some areas. The 75% rule was also discussed in depth and a proposal drafted for that amendment.
3. Board Positions: Tallie has communicated that she wishes to resign her position as point secretary effective at the end of the year. The board members discussed offering the position to Michelle Henderson who had been the runner-up in the prior election.

Year-End Awards/Banquet:

1. A committee was formed to review year-end awards and consists of Danielle, Sandy and Shelly. A possible trophy vendor to be considered is Maxwell Medals in Traverse City
2. Banquet: Date is January 25 at Wilderness Crossing in Traverse City. Shelly will see if a package can be put together with activities such as lasertag, bowling and game tokens. Pricing needs to be finalized to include room rental, tax and gratuity.

2009 Anna Bays:

1. Horses By the Bay facility wants to host 1 weekend of the Anna Bays show series. They will be offering a 3-show mini-series (twilight show style) before their big annual event. The HBB weekend would be promoted as the culmination of their twilight show series and the kick-off of thier annual show. The first weekend of Anna Bays would be held at the fairgrounds. Dates would be June 13-14 in TC, and July 4-5 at HBB.
2. The HBB would charge the same fee for the facility as the fairgrounds charges the association in 2008.
3. It was suggested that Anna Bays series offer an "all-Age" award in addition to the Age-group highpoint awards. This would use points in ALL classes, showmanship, halter, sr horse etc, to calculate the winner. This would be a voluntary award – it would require a separate fee to be considered. Suggestions for the award was a trophy similar to an AQHA congress trophy. The suggestion was favorably considered as it would boost entries in all classes and increase show revenue.

Tack Sale:

1. Discussion tabled until next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting: October 7, 6:30 pm at Cedar Run Eye Center

Respectfully submitted by
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NMAWHC Secretary