



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS**

Board Meeting

February 23, 2015

Present: Sandy Jansen, Cathy Browe, Gerianne Street, Hope Ann Smeltzer, Kelly Leonhard, Beth Friend, Jo Ann Bohrer, Cindy Gerou

Absent: Sandra Stevens, Isaac Boyer, Alisa Forton

Meeting called to order at 6:45: Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Gerou, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Leonhard recapped bank account information (balance \$10,512.62). Discussion regarding banquet revenues and costs. Further analysis at the March board meeting, currently expenses are still coming in (caterer, entertainment). Motion by Bohrer, Second by Jansen to accept Treasurer's report, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: February 26, 2015 meeting minutes presented. Motion by Browe, Second by Smeltzer to approve the minutes as presented adding the motion regarding discounted show approval fees, motion carried. Beth Friend reviewed materials given to members at the banquet. That information has also been sent to all board members in a single pdf document to share with others who may be interested in clinics and shows.

President's Report: Gerianne Street reviewed the description of duties in the bylaws for officers and board members.

Update on Clinics: Perfect Pattern applications are out and several have already been received. The board reviewed the consensus regarding securing a placement in the clinic (Reservations on a first come-first served basis with club members given preference to non-members. Among members, the date given to Gerianne Street or the post-mark will be used. Among identically timed member reservations, a lottery system will be used.) Fuzzy Feedback flyer is complete and a clinician/judge has been secured, JR Covell. Stall charges were discussed – those participating in the 4H Bootcamp will not need to pay for a stall since they have already done so. It is hopeful participants will make a learning weekend of both opportunities.

Point Secretary: The importance of regular calculation of points was discussed. Motion by Jansen, Second by Leonhard to appoint Alisa Forton as Point Secretary, motion carried. Motion by Leonhard, Second by Smeltzer to appoint Isaac Boyer as Asst. Point Secretary, motion carried.

Bylaws & Rules: Bylaws & Rules document and the division of the sections was discussed. The need to have Bylaws amendable by the membership and Rules amendable by the Board was expressed. A Bylaw committee was suggested and created by Street. Those volunteering were Street, Gerou, Benton and Friend. Friend will send along former committee assignments to the board in March.

Anna Bays Volunteer Benefits: The proposal identifying the need for dedicated and consistent volunteer help which suggests utilizing a voucher system was discussed. The board discussed using vouchers vs. payment, which volunteer jobs, and the use of vouchers. Motion by Friend, Second by Smeltzer to implement the suggested Anna Bays Volunteer Benefits for a pilot year in 2015, motion carried. A one-page explanation of system will be distributed in April to the general membership.

Show Approvals: GT Horse & Pony Council submitted two showbills for approval. Show management pays \$35 per judge for approval.

Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Benton to approve July 18th Cherry Classic Horse Show, motion carried.

Motion by Benton, Second by Browe to approve August 29/30 Barnraiser Horse Show pending no conflicts with judges retained, motion carried.

Future agenda items in March to include: Anna Bays' sponsors, Banquet recap, NMAWHC Equipment & Inventory, Anna Bays' photographer.

Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting: March 23* @ 6:30 pm @ Ruby Tuesday on US 31 North.

*Note: meeting has been moved up by one week due to Spring Break school schedules.