



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Present: Gerianne Street, Hope Ann Smeltzer, Kelly Leonhard, Beth Friend, Cindy Gerou, Cathy Browe, Sandra Stevens, Karen Duell, Isaac Boyer
Absent: Megan Ryan-Kessel, Alisa Forton, Laura Boynton
Guests: Mike & Sandy Zerbe

Location: Casalae Farms; Motion by Stevens, Second by Duell to call meeting to order, motion carried. Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

Treasurer's Report: Leonhard recapped bank account information (bank balance \$8,144.00 & scholarship funds \$822.45 as of 1/13/16). Financial report emailed to board members with meeting agenda on 1/10/2016.

Secretary's Report:

- *Minutes:* December 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes presented by Sandra Stevens (Friend absent at December meeting). Motion by Browe, Second by Gerou to approve the minutes, motion carried. November 2015 meeting minutes have not yet been presented as officers are trying to locate notes; a document will be presented at the February board meeting.
- *Forms:*
 - 2016 membership form has been updated and 1) has been sent to board members 2) is available on facebook and the website 3) will be printed by Stevens and brought to banquet.
 - Fuzzy Feedback form has been updated and reviewed by Browe and Gerou. They have no changes, awaiting the name of judge to add to flyer.
- *2015 Ballots:* Ballot results were reviewed. The board has to address two items resulting from the ballot 1) electing a vice-president 2) breaking the tie vote on the proposed bylaw change #8 which concerns age divisions. NMAWHC's Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Show Rulebook are all being updated.
- *Next regular meeting:* Monday, February 1 @ 6:30 pm at Casalae Farms.

President's Report: No specific President's report, Street moved on to agenda items.

2016 Event Dates:

All event dates are tentative at this time unless noted. We are waiting for confirmations and contracts.

- Perfect Pattern Clinic – April 9th
- Fuzzy Feedback Clinic – May 15th (definitive date)
- Anna Bays – June 11/12, July 16/17

Additionally, the club will have a table at the upcoming tack sale on March 5.

Banquet Subcommittee:

An update was provided on the 2016 banquet planning. The banquet will be at the Park Place dome on Saturday, January 16th at 5 pm. The City of TC approved our raffle request and Leonhard received the final raffle documentation. By board consensus, the following will be offered by the club for raffle at the banquet:

- One Anna Bays weekend pass/blanket fee
- Two Perfect Pattern audit entries
- One Fuzzy Feedback pass/blanket fee

2016 NMAWHC Regular Meeting Dates:

Member availability on certain dates was discussed. Currently, meetings have been the fourth Monday of the month with changes as needed. Board consensus to move meetings to the first Monday of the month with changes as needed. The location will be Casalae Farms. The 2016 dates will be (* denotes a changed date due to a holiday):

- February 1
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July 11*
- August 1
- September 12*
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5

2015 Ballot:

Nominations for Vice-President were taken, nominees are Stevens and Smeltzer, no other nominees were suggested/accepted. Proposed Bylaw change #8 was discussed. Pros and cons for each option were reviewed. Members filled out private ballots. Results:

- Option #8A passed. Age groups will be PeeWee 10 and under; W/T: 11-18, 19 & over; W/T/C: 13 & under, 14-18, 19 & over.
- Vice-President tied with 8 votes submitted. Missing board members were contacted. Subsequent vote results: Smeltzer elected to office of Vice-President.

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