



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

Board Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2016

Present: Gerianne Street, Hope Ann Smeltzer, Kelly Leonhard, Beth Friend, Cindy Gerou, Cathy Browe, Sandra Stevens, Karen Duell, Megan Ryan-Kessel

Absent: Laura Boynton, Isaac Boyer

Location: Casalae Farms; Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Leonhard to call meeting to order, motion carried. Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

**President's Report:** Street reviewed tack sale where NMAWHC had a table, consignments and concessions. Funds from consignments and concessions benefit the Youth Team. Memberships were also received at the sale, as well as a clinic sign-up. Regarding the Youth Team, Sandra Stevens will take over Sandy Jansen's volunteer position as Youth Team Chair. Street will be looking for sponsorships from local vendors she frequents and asked fellow board members to do the same. Regarding the rulebook printing: 50 copies will be printed and Casalae Farms is interested in an advertisement on the back of the rulebook.

**Vice-President's Report:** Smeltzer obtained prices on Reserve Champion prizes for the Anna Bays' series. Prices ranged from \$30-48 per piece, embroidery estimated at \$15 per piece. Motion by Stevens, Second by Browe to approve \$300 for Reserve Champion coolers, motion carried. Buckles for Anna Bays' series discussed. Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Browe to approve \$550 for the cost of buckle awards plus the cost of any sponsor buckles, motion carried. Motion by Stevens, Second by Duell to purchase buckles from Molly's Custom Silver, motion carried. Organizers from the Northern District Fair contacted Smeltzer and asked that their show be removed from NMAWHC's approved show list.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leonhard recapped bank account information (bank balance \$8,596.46, scholarship funds \$822.45 & Youth Team \$627.11 as of 2/1/16). Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Duell to accept treasurer's report, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:**

- *Minutes:*
  - Motion by Ryan-Kessel, Second by Stevens to accept 2/1/15 minutes, motion carried.
  - Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Leonhard to accept the February 2016 Education Scholarship subcommittee minutes, motion carried.
- *Next regular meeting:* Monday, April 4 @ 6:30 pm at Casalae Farms.

**Point Secretary:**

Discussion regarding the duty of Point Secretary in the By-Laws and how the club has filled this position previously and currently. Discussion tabled for April.

**Education Scholarship:**

Education Scholarship subcommittee (Stevens, Smetlzer & Leonhard) reviewed the minutes and recommendation from their subcommittee meeting. Balance in the account is currently \$822.45. Motion by Duell, Second by Stevens to offer a singular \$500 scholarship this year to a deserving recipient and the remaining \$322.45 will be rolled into the scholarship fund balance for next year's scholarship cycle, motion carried.

**Anna Bays:**

Smeltzer will handle stall reservations this year. Club will again offer the "New Member" coupon giving a "free day of showing" for those with a new membership (not a member in any of the past three years). Certain restrictions apply and are detailed on the coupon. Ribbons were discussed and tabled until next month. Fees for the grounds will be \$750/weekend with a deposit of \$500/weekend. It was noted that the grounds for Fuzzy Feedback will be \$250 fee with a \$300 deposit.

**Items for upcoming board meetings:**

- Points Secretary
- Anna Bays
  - Show donation of prize (saddle)
  - Ribbons
  - Volunteer placement

Hearing no objections, meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 pm.