



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

Board Meeting  
Monday, April 4, 2016

Present: Gerianne Street, Hope Ann Smeltzer, Kelly Leonhard, Beth Friend, Cindy Gerou, Cathy Browe, Laura Boynton, Karen Duell

Absent: Isaac Boyer, Sandra Stevens, Megan Ryan-Kessel

Location: Casalae Farms; Motion by Duell, Second by Smeltzer to call meeting to order, motion carried. Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm

**President's Report:** Street shared the Fuzzy Feedback contract. Members signed a get well card for a youth member who recently underwent surgery.

**Vice-President's Report:** Smeltzer had the awards for Reserve Champion in for the Anna Bays show. They are set to go to the embroidery shop.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leonhard recapped bank account information (bank balance \$7367.51, scholarship funds \$822.45 & Youth Team \$745.66 as of 3/31/16). Motion by Gerou, Second by Smeltzer to accept treasurer's report, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:**

- *Minutes:* Motion by Smeltzer, Second by Duell to accept 3/7/15 minutes with change in attendance, motion carried.
- Friend reviewed scheduled facebook postings.
- *Next regular meeting:* Monday, May 2 @ 6:30 pm at Casalae Farms.

**Point Secretary:**

Alisa Forton has offered to continue the point calculation for the club, but would prefer to do so as a volunteer and is vacating her current board member position. The club is greatly appreciative of her efforts on the board. Motion by Friend, Second by Leonhard to appoint Sandra Stevens as the Point Secretary, motion carried. Stevens will work with Forton, auditing the points when Forton has them calculated. The change in these positions has created a vacancy on the board for a member-at-large. The club will post the vacancy on facebook and the web.

**Clinics:**

- Review of the upcoming Perfect Pattern Clinic: registered riders, logistics and volunteers. The clinic takes place Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Creek Crossing and Christa Baldwin is the clinician.
- Review of the upcoming Fuzzy Feedback Clinic: venue, contract, judge, ribbons. The clinic takes place Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the NW MI Fairgrounds with judge Kim Chiodo.

**Anna Bays:**

- Two saddles, a Western and an English, are generously being donated by Jobson Performance Horses for a club fundraiser. Saddles will be raffled off throughout the season with tickets sold at shows, events and awarded at the 2016 Show Season Banquet in January 2017. The price of the tickets is anticipated to be \$5/ticket or 5 for \$20. Further details are being worked out and will be forthcoming.
- Anna Bays Ribbons – cost and ordering of ribbons discussed.
- Volunteers – reviewed volunteers available at June’s show. Volunteer Benefits Program, implemented last year, to be added to May’s meeting agenda. Stalls and clean-up discussed.
- Photographer – a photographer expressed interest last year, Friend will contact them to see if still interested and bring that information to May’s meeting.
- Speed Show – possibility of adding a speed component on Saturday night discussed, topic will be added to May’s meeting agenda.

**Insurance:**

Street discussed various options available to the club for insurance. Motion by Friend, Second by Smeltzer to approve \$570 for an annual insurance agreement for NMAWHC, motion carried.

**Youth Advisory Board:**

Two NMAWHC youth members, Molly Friend and Paige Rosema, presented an idea for a youth board for the club. Friend and Rosema reviewed the idea and the benefits for the club and its youth members. Motion by Leonhard, Second by Smeltzer to establish a Youth Advisory Board, motion carried. Friend and Rosema will get the word out through social media to recruit active members and return to the board with their progress.

**Items for upcoming board meetings:**

- Clinics:
  - Review of Perfect Pattern Clinic
  - Update on Fuzzy Feedback Plans
- Anna Bays
  - Possibility of adding a speed show component
  - Volunteer Benefit Program

Hearing no objections, meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.