



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

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May 5th, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Inland Township Hall, Interlochen MI

4 **Present:** Colleen Forton, Cindy Gerou, Erika Halvorsen, Wendy Wheelock, Tracie Hardy,
5 Mandy DePuy, Elaine Bossingham, Jessica Bills, Rieley Koby, Laura Boynton, Tina Coffin,
6 Cassie Lijeroos

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8 **Absent:**

9 **Guest(s):** Stephanie Koby, Emma DePuy

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11 **Meeting Called to order 7:12 PM. Motion by: Elaine**

12 **President Report–** Elaine Bossingham

- 13 1. Ran Meeting
14 2. Reviewed Tack Sale- Thank you to everyone helping put together and special thanks
15 for Erika for getting tables arranged.
16 3. Brought to attention changing Insurance agent-follow up in new business later in the
17 meeting.

18 **Vice President Report –** Colleen Forton

- 19 1. Brought to attention auditing of points. Colleen sits with trail judge to audit points from
20 all trail runs before they are given to Point Secretary at end of show. It is not helpful if
21 these points are only audited in the final audit (October/November) and there happens
22 to be an error so she will continue to audit at shows.
23 2. Brought to attention that Colleen has Angela Schultz's awards from previous year in
24 her car. Will hand off to Jessica to give to Angela.
25 3. Joan Williams has trophies she would like to donate to the club. Will hand off to
26 Mandy.
27 4. Hillside market has agreed to be a sponsor for the 2021 year.

28 **Treasurer Report –**Erika Halvorsen:

- 29 1. Huntington Account Balances as of 04-30-2021: Checking \$ 12,586.42, Savings \$998.14
30 2. Charges 04/07/2021 – 05/05/2021
31 • Check # 3049-Justin Webb (Tack sale barn rental fee)
32 • Check #3059- Justin Webb (Tack sale barn rental fee)
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34 3. Erika received a letter from Amazon explaining that someone would like to select us as
35 an Amazon Smile Charity, which we are eligible for since NMAWHC is a Non Profit. 5%
36 of eligible orders comes back to the club when someone makes a purchase.
37 • Motion made to set up NMAWHC as an Amazon Smile Charity by Rieley,
38 Second by Mandy, motion to approve by all.

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40 **Secretary Report-** Rieley Koby

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42 1. April Minutes Review
43 ○ Motion to approve April Minutes by Erika, Second by: Cassie, motion approved
44 by all.
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48 **Points-** Tracie Hardy, Points Secretary

- 49 1. Computer will be updated next week and will be getting with Erika to set up 2021
50 shows.

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52 **Media-**Laura Boynton

- 53 1. Laura will be working on updating Forms, Bylaws and Show rulebook on website. Has
54 been having computer problems but getting fixed.

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56 **Youth-**Mandy Depuy

- 57 1. Mandy thanked Laura for the youth blurb on Facebook. Has had a few youth reach
58 out and will be getting a meeting set up. Will see if zoom might work better for the
59 kids.

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62 **OLD BUSINESS**

63 1. Tack Sale Recap

- 64 ○ Booths rented: 12, Tables rented: 4

65 Total Income: \$400

66 Barn Rental: -\$350

67 Table Rental: -\$50 with a \$30 donation coming back to club

68 Total Expenses: -\$370

69 Overall Income: \$30

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- 71 ○ Not impressed with owners communication with one another and the cleanliness
72 of the barn.

- 73 ○ Look into the option of changing the date to early spring or late fall.

74 2. Fundraiser Show August 2021

- 75 ○ Show Bill- Erika brought prototype show bill; everyone will look at other show bills
76 and bring ideas of other classes or classes we would like to change to next
77 meeting.

- 78 ○ Materials Cost- Erika will get with Ben Forton to get an idea of cost that it will
79 take to update the existing horse barns that need improvements.

- 80 ○ Fair board Requests- Erika will get with the Northwestern Michigan Fair board to
81 see if they would be willing to match whatever donation NMAWHC makes.

82 3. Anna Bays job duties list

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- 84 1. Discussion on ways to get more volunteers to help at the shows. Possibility of
85 offering free stuff (classes/stalls) in return for help.

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87 2. We need an announcer for this show season.

- 88 ○ Rieley suggested getting with the High schools in the area to see if there is a
89 theater/radio student who would like to get experience talking.

- 90 ○ Megan Ayyu (formerly Megan Ryan-Kessel) messaged the NMAWHC
91 Facebook page looking to volunteer as a gatekeeper or ring steward for the
92 2021 show season.

- 93 ○ Will be putting post on Facebook to see if there is any interest for someone to
94 announce.

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96 **NEW BUSINESS**

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- 98 1. Show Booth Needs
- 99 ○ It was cleared up that the show booth belongs to the Horse and Pony Council
- 100 not the fairgrounds. Horse and Pony Council decided that the locks will be
- 101 rekeyed.
- 102 ○ Erika explained that the windows currently on the show booth are single pane
- 103 glass and are not safe if one should fall. Looking for donations of 4, 3ftx5ft,
- 104 double pane windows to replace the current ones.
- 105 2. Insurance
- 106 ○ Elaine suggested that we switch our Farm Bureau insurance agent from the
- 107 Iona office to the Traverse City office. Jeff Needham is the Traverse City agent
- 108 and has sponsored the club in the past.
- 109 ○ Tracie will write letter of intent to transfer offices to send to Jeff.
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111 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 112 1. Awards- Mandy DePuy
- 113 • Ribbons have been counted and we will need to order rosettes from Action
- 114 Awards (previously ordered from) before June show. Neck ribbons will also
- 115 need to be ordered
- 116 • Motion made by Wendy for Mandy to spend up to \$2500 to order ribbons for
- 117 the 2021 show season.
- 118 2. Sponsorship- Erika Halvorsen
- 119 • The only sponsors we have are 5 buckle sponsors.
- 120 • Laura would like a list of them to start recognizing them on Facebook.
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122 **ROUND TABLE**

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- 124 ★ Elaine- nothing further
- 125 ★ Erika-nothing further
- 126 ★ Colleen- nothing further
- 127 ★ Mandy-nothing further
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- 129 ★ Jessica- Austin Gooding is interested do a clinic in 2022. He is not sure of show
- 130 dates yet but is interested in doing a clinic for us.
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- 132 ★ Cindy- nothing further
- 133 ★ Wendy-nothing further
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- 135 ★ Tracie- Thank you to Colleen for auditing trail points and final points.
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- 137 ★ Rieley-nothing further
- 138 ★ Cassie-nothing further
- 139 ★ Laura-nothing further
- 140 ★ Tina- nothing further

141 **Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm. Motion to adjourn by: Colleen, Seconded by: Wendy.**

142 **Motion approved by all.**

143 **Next meeting June 2nd, 2021 @ 7pm**

144 **Respectfully submitted, Rieley Koby**