

**NMAWHC BOARD MEETING**

**April 7, 2021**

**Inland Township Hall, Interlochen, MI**

**Present:** Elaine Bossingham, Colleen Forton (via Zoom), Mandy DePuy, Cindy Gerou, Laura Boynton (via Zoom), Tracie Hardy, Erika Halvorsen, Jessica Bills, Tina Coffin, Wendy Wheelock

**Absent:** Cassie Liljeroos, Rieley Koby

**Guest:** HopeAnn Smeltzer

**Meeting called to order:** 7:12 pm by Elaine

Tracie Hardy appointed secretary pro-tem

**President Report, Elaine Bossingham:**

* Received PO Box key back from Past President Browe through board member Cindy Gerou, and gave to Points Secretary Hardy as she is in Traverse City 5-6 days per week whereas President Bossingham is not.
* President Bossingham had lunch with members of the 4SEAS and interested in co-sponsoring a high-end clinic in 2022. Combining efforts between the clubs would give more fund available. Jessica knows a trainer named Austin who is interested and will check on availability/cost.
* President Bossingham received club insurance paperwork from Treasurer Halvorsen which came in the mail for renewal. She will review and get coverage for the upcoming tack sale 4/24/21
* Co-approving shows to open for more point opportunities tabled at this time. There are many pieces to this that need to be reviewed

**Vice President Report, Colleen Forton:**

* Making the sponsorship board to be displayed at shows
* Will have an appointment at the Secretary of State soon to update the club trailer plate-Trailer is stored at Past President Browe’s home
* Still has awards for Angela Schultz from the 2019 show season-Elaine is heading her way this month and will coordinate with Colleen
* Still has the club President book from Past President Browe and will get to Elaine this month
* Continuing to work on trail judges for 2021 show season
* Discussion on Facebook message from Shelly Murphy stating she was paying for the domain for the website and no longer will be. Laura and Erika have been working on it to have the club take over payment. Erika will ask for records from Shelly. There is nothing in the treasurer records showing that the club was paying for this piece of the website which is the ownership of the link to NMAWHC website. Shelly was a former secretary of the club who originally set up the Facebook page and the website. Erika to reach out to obtain all information so the club can take over. HopeAnn will also check her records. Laura was added as a user to Facebook and website, however, does not know any history about the fees. Erika pays for Weebly yearly which houses the website and is different from paying for the domain name which is Go Daddy.

**Treasurer Report, Erika Halvorsen:**

* Huntington account balance as of 3/31/21 checking $13,871.58 Savings $998.14 Received 0.5 cents in interest
* Paid out in March
  + $60.00 Inland township hall for meeting use-credit has been used
  + $15.89 Zoom for those that are unable to attend meetings in person
  + $919.27 Molly’s Custom Silver for award and sponsorship buckles
* Deposit in March:
  + $335.00 new memberships and stall deposits
* Clarification for 2020 memberships being carried over to 2021. This is for “paid” memberships and there may have been a misunderstanding by a member. There will be a blurb in the newsletter and on Facebook emphasizing this. If the member picks up on it and pays in good faith then fine; if not, the membership fee will be waived for this person this year since it is an unusual circumstance.
* Motion: Tracie moves to accept the treasurer report and pay any outstanding bills. Second by Mandy. Approved.

**Secretary Report, Rieley Koby (absent):**

* Motion by Erika to approve March 2021 meeting minutes second by Wendy. Approved

**Points Secretary Report, Tracie Hardy:**

* Erika has updated her computer
* Tracie will update hers-then will work together with Erika to begin to build the shows
* Will continue to pay for ShoPro per day, per show
* Will continue to use horseshowing.com which interfaces with ShoPro for online registration, drops, adds
* Erika will make a bullet point instruction sheet to go along with the how-to video to use horseshowing.com
* Will still have audits done per show and at end of year
* Colleen to continue to audit trail prior to points being given to point secretary at each show

**Media Report, Laura Boynton:**

* Has been posting the Anna Bays Showbill on different MI Open Show Facebook pages and on the Traverse City Equestrian resale page
* Survey results for awards are posted on the board Facebook page-low turn out for participation in the survey
* Receiving many Facebook messages in regard to lack of communication from the current stall manager. When Laura receives, she posts on the board Facebook page so Rieley can reach out
* Asked Elaine to do a President Letter for the Website and a photo also
* Asked Tina for a picture for the website
* Jessica stated on the club Facebook page there is a pinned post from 2020 that needs to be updated and Laura will do so

**Youth Report, Mandy DePuy:**

* Has a blurb for the newsletter to Rieley and also to Laura to post on the website about the youth group
* Leaving it up to the youth as to what direction they wish to go in
* Has a form created for interested youth to complete

**Old Business:**

1. Fundraiser Show August 2021
2. Beneficiary Decision-leaning towards barn improvements at the Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds in draft bar, open barn, wash rack and call it “updates to fairgrounds horse area”. Can repurpose wood, fill in dirt, fix stall door latches, put rubber mats over dirt. Erika to discuss with fair board for pricing. Jessica to check on rubber mats for free from Charlevoix Cement Plant.
3. Donation amount-50% after the bills are paid for the show
4. Ribbons-Mandy will pick up club ribbons from trailer at Past President Browe’s house for Anna Bays. For Fundraiser show perhaps can convert old Barn Raiser ribbons that Mandy has stored from 4-H. Centers can be replaced less expensive than the purchase of a full new ribbon
5. Ring Steward for all shows-Mandy to reach out to Rose who has done it in the past
6. Tack Sale
7. $350.00 check for rental is needed to Justin Webb (Barn Owner). Erika to mail in check and ask how many booths total can fit.
8. 9 booths currently reserved\
9. Glen Lake Equestrian Team will do food

**New Business:**

1. Stall Cleaners
2. June-still needed
3. July-still needed
4. August-Jeanna Michalek Equestrian team
5. Discussed giving those who rent stalls the option of receiving $10.00 back if they clean their own, however, someone will need to be checking prior to them leaving the show grounds.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Awards, Mandy Depuy:
2. Committee working on remaining award ideas for shows and end of year
3. Worked with Erika and Molly’s Custom Silver for Grand Anna Bays for all divisions
4. Sponsorship, Erika Halvorsen:
5. Form completed by committee and ready to distribute to potential sponsors, to be posted on Facebook and Website
6. Buckles have been ordered from Molly’s Custom Silver for all buckle sponsors for each division. Buckles are similar for sponsors as to the Grand Champion for each division

**Round Table:**

**Elaine** nothing further

**Erika** nothing further

**Collen** nothing further

**Mandy** nothing further

**Jessica** nothing further

**Cindy** She will be in charge of stall cleaning. Laura to start posting about it to be paid up to $10.00/stall and up to $5.00 for a tack stall-bring all of your own supplies

**Wendy** nothing further

**Tracie** Reminder to save proof of purchase from feed bags-received some from Cindy-for fundraising. Stressed open communication if someone needs assistance and so all board members are on the same page. Received empty feed bags from Cindy that she is having a seamstress turn into tote bags to be sold by club for $10 each as a fundraiser. Tracie is paying seamstress $5.00 each to have made and donating to club.

**Rieley** absent

**Cassie** absent

**Laura** nothing further

**Tina** nothing further

Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM. Motion by Erika, Second by Tina, motion carried.

**Next meeting:** 7 pm Wednesday May 5th, 2021 Inland Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracie Hardy, Secretary Pro-Tem