



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

NMAWHC ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2017

6:30pm @Casalae Farms, LLC

Present: Officers: Sandra Stevens- President, Hope Ann Smeltzer- VP, Jodi Zenner- Treasurer, Colleen Forton- Temporary Secretary. Board Members: Karen Duell, Cindy Gerou, Kelli DeWitt, Laura Boynton, Tallie Cook, Stephanie Carsten, Cathy Browe, Kelly Leonhard

Absent: Sarah Stalmack

Guests: Jane Cook, Shirley Hutchinson

Meeting called to order: @6:46pm by Kelli DeWitt and 2nd by Hope Ann Smeltzer.

President's Report: No President's Report

Vice President's Report: Some memberships needed to be verified before points can be audited. Valerie Pike included her niece on her membership as family, but she cannot be allowed as family. Stephanie Wolf became a member on July 15th. Heiges membership was paid for on an open check and the points for July 15th will count.

Hope Ann noted that in the future, the contract with the Points Secretary needs to be in writing.

Sportsmanship Awards needed to be clarified to the board that there was one youth and one adult winner- not one from every age/division.

A suggestion was made that the club get a gift card for the banquet. Colleen made a motion for the club to get a \$20 gift certificate for the banquet and it was

seconded by Laura. Hope Ann or Karen will ask Square Deal if they would donate half.

Treasurer's Report: Jodi Zenner reported that as of December 5, 2017 there is just over \$15,000 in the checking account and over \$1,000 in savings. Jodi stated that she needs information from previous years.

Secretary's Report: Colleen Forton (Temporary)- November minutes submitted and Agenda sheet copied to the board.

Minutes Approved: for November 4th, 2017, motion by Jodi Zenner, second by Cindy Gerou.

New Business: Kelly Leonhard attended the meeting and asked to clarify her standing as to whether or not she is still a board member. She stated that she took a leave of absence and she was told she was unwelcome to come back. She also wanted to know if she was a board member, if she was wanted back as the treasurer. Kelly has since submitted her resignation.

Election of Officers was discussed and Colleen motioned that we vote on January 8th, 2018 for officers and Jodi seconded. 7 agreed and 3 disagreed. Hope Ann noted that she disagreed and thought that officers should be elected before December 31st.

Jane Cook brought up the topic of merging the NMAWHC and the WMHA. Laura expressed concern that merging the clubs would result in having to donate their funds with a name change. NMAWHC would have to change their by-laws to allow funds to be appropriated. Sandra said that applying for a new 501c3 would cost approximately \$275. Sandra expressed concern of the Anna Bays series name being discontinued. Jane and Tallie reassured the board that it wouldn't be the case. WMHA currently has approximately \$10,000 in their bank account per Jane Cook. Both clubs use the newest version of quick books. Jodi made a motion to form a committee to look into the possibility of a merger and by-law changes and Tallie seconded it. Kelli DeWitt and Sandra Stevens will be on the

committee along with Jodi and Tallie. Jane will be at the banquet to answer questions.

Banquet:

Karen's report: Tax ID # is necessary to not have to pay sales tax. Jodi found the tax ID#, but no certificate.

Dessert would cost \$3 per person from Streeters. They will allow us to bring desserts. Sandra suggested she purchase cakes and cheese cakes from CostCo. and the club will pay for it. Colleen motioned, Kelli DeWitt seconded.

Grand Traverse Saddlery will donate half of a \$50 door prize for people who have bought tickets before January 1st. Karen will pick it up. A gift card to Square Deal was also suggested.

Hope Ann made a motion to reimburse Laura for printing tickets. Colleen seconded it.

Karen made and printed a flyer to be distributed to advertise and invite people to the banquet.

Sandra has offered to donate a \$50 gift certificate for membership to GT Saddlery.

Karen suggested getting an iPad for a raffle item. Colleen made a motion that the club buys an iPad and Kelli DeWitt seconded it. Sandra is going to obtain the raffle license. Sandra motioned for up to \$400 be spent for an iPad and Colleen seconded it. Jodi is going to purchase it.

Centerpieces were discussed and the possibility of balloons.

Hope Ann talked to Wendy about a slide show/plaques for the banquet. Hope Ann will post names and placings on Facebook and website so members can verify spelling and points.

Kelli DeWitt motioned for the club to reimburse Hope Ann for printing costs and purchasing a memory stick. The cost is \$31.65. Hope Ann seconded.

Old Business: Hope Ann said for board members to check with Karen to tell her who they are approaching for raffle items so that the same people are not approached multiple times.

Computer for Year-End awards: tabled to next meeting.

Banquet Date: January 13, 2018

**Place: Streeters
Traverse City, MI
Open doors 4 pm
Dinner @ 5 pm
6 pm Silent Auction and live Auction
7 pm Awards**

Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned at 9:41PM

Motion by Karen Duell **Second by** Hope Ann Smeltzer

Next meeting: January 8th, 2017 @6:30pm at Casalae Farms

Minutes submitted by: Colleen Forton