



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN HORSE CLUBS

**NMAWHC ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

**2pm @Casalae Farms, LLC**

**Present:** Officer's: Hope Ann Smeltzer- VP, Jodi Zenner- Treasurer, Board Members: Karen Duell, Cindy Gerou, Kelli DeWitt, Laura Boynton

**Absent:** Officers: Sandra Stevens- President, Colleen Forton- Temporary Secretary, Board Members: Megan Mageli, Cathy Browe

**Guests:** Steve Duell and Jeanna Michalek

**Meeting called to order:** @2:06pm by Cindy Gerou and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hope Ann Smeltzer.

**President's Report:** Ballots given to Hope Ann Smeltzer for the Board Meeting. 2017 Membership forms will be given to Hope Ann Smeltzer from Jodi Zenner. Both Sandra and Hope Ann will update membership computer file to make sure correct spelling is done before Banquet awards.

**Vice President's Report:** Hope Ann Smeltzer- Group discussion about Megan Mageli. Board would like her resignation of her officer position as Secretary to be done in writing. Hope Ann will follow up with this and call her.

Another issue- Ask Kelly Leonhard to down load her treasurer reports on a memory stick so Jodi Zenner can put the information on the club's computer. Find out what company did the banquet tickets and 2015 and 2016 silent auction items. Hope Ann will follow up on this request.

Hope Ann will call new board members and invite them to the December meeting.

**Treasurer's Report: No Report.** Jodi Zenner- Discussion on paper work that should be scanned for computer files on the club computer. Board members are willing to help Jodi when she wants to schedule a work bee on this project. Checks were written out for the scholarship nominees and given to Hope Ann Smeltzer to address and mail out to the colleges.

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

**Minutes Approved:** for October 16th, 2017 motion by Jodi Zenner, second by Cindy Gerou. Pending name and date correction given to Colleen by Hope Ann. Hope Ann will get them on Facebook and website when corrections are made and they are put into PDF.

**General Membership Comments:** Steve Duell expressed concern of the future of the club and other clubs in the area. Possibility of NMAWHC and WMHA merging. 1. Renaming the club with new by-laws. 2. Jeanna Michalek suggested having both clubs donate funds to the Horse and Pony club under the 4-H system may be another avenue to look into as a merging idea.

Jeanna Michalek- Ask if the board will send her the membership emails and she will develop a Survey Monkey for the NMAWHC, WMHA, and the 4-H Horse and Pony Council and gather information about what the area horse community would like to see from the area clubs. She will present that data to the new boards. Motion made and Board approved idea. Jeanna Michalek- will be having an Open House in January, 2018 open to anyone who would like to be involved in this project.

**Old Business:** Jeanna Michalek has sent Jodi Zenner and Sandra Stevens email of the updated year end awards and Jodi will send them to Hope Ann and Colleen, who are on the committee of Banquet Awards. Checks were given to Hope Ann for the 2 students to be mailed to the colleges for scholarships. Hope Ann will check with Sandra and make sure no more ballots came post marked Nov 5<sup>th</sup> in her mailbox.

**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**

Cost \$25 for Adults and Children 12 years and undercost\_\_\_\_, before January 1, 2018. Casalae Farms will have tickets for sale. Cost for meals are \$21.95 with 6% tax and 17% tip for a total of \$27.23. Also, \$500 room fee, which is being waived. The club will pay for \$2.23 per meal. Sound person @\$15 per hour which will be needed Approx. 3 hours. Cost of \$45.

Meal- Buffet style.

Drawing for gift certificate from GT Saddlery. Hope Ann will call to see if they will do a 50/50 card.

Noted last year banquet had 97 adults and 5 kids

Steve Duell will be the MC for the event.

Committee for Banquet will be Karen, Cindy, and Laura. The committee will look into items and cost factor and send out email to be voted on for approval from board before December meeting. Steve and Karen will make up invitation letter to be sent out to members and others. Members can drop off items to Casalae Farms. Steve and Karen will make Silent Auction sheet for the banquet. Steve will make a horse shoe cactus for live auction. Stevens Propane will include fishing trip. Karen will ask Todd Rabb and Patrick Smith for donations. Board members are asked to give donations to Karen.

Computer for Year-End awards: tabled to next meeting when new board members will be invited

November 6, 2017 meeting has been cancelled and Hope Ann will post on Facebook.

Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned at 4:35PM

**Motion by** Kelli DeWitt **Second by** Hope Ann Smeltzer

**Next meeting: December 5, 2017**

After meeting Board Members open ballots and information noted: All new By-law changes passed. Sandra Stevens didn't get any more ballots in the mail postmarked by November 5, 2017.

New board members Stephanie Carsten, Sarah Stalmack, Tallie Cook, along with renewal for another 2 years: Laura Boynton, Karen Duell, Cindy Gerou, and Cathy Browe.

**Minutes submitted by: Colleen Forton and Hope Ann Smeltzer**