

WISCONSIN PONY OF THE AMERICAS CLUB AGENDA

Osthoff Resort IN Elkhart Lake, WI

February 8, 2014

Show Committee Meeting: 9:00 A.M.

Board of Directors Meeting: 11:00 A.M.

General Membership Meeting: 1:00 P.M.

I. Meeting was called to Order at 1:00 by Jared Katzenberger

II. Minutes from November 9, 2013 were read. Motion to approve minutes by Deb Medick, seconded by Elizabeth Kamm, motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report was read. Elizabeth Kamm made a motion to approve treasurer's report, seconded by Deb Gertschen, motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports:

a. Show Committee – Kim Turner

Show committee had discussed the request from the Midwest Club to host the 2014 Midwest Club Futurities. Leah Brix made a motion to host Midwest Futurity, Sara Gronski seconded motion, motion passed. Discussion was held over cost of stalls at West Salem and the other grounds. Liz Herzberg made a motion to accept the show committee's recommendation of fees, seconded by Sara Gronski, motion passed.

b. Halter Futurity & Stallion Service – Jackie Guthrie

They are currently accepting stallions and updating the lists for bidding. Bidding will be open March 1st through April 1st.

c. Pleasure & Cart Futurities – Patti Jacobson

Discussion on splitting Hunter in Hand into separate youth and adult futurity. Discussion was also had on if a youth and adult could ride the same pony in their respective class, which was decided that because of the changes to the National JPFC rules a youth and adult could show the same pony in the futurities. Patty Jacobson made a motion that we have Open Hunter in Hand and Open reining futurities, seconded by Lisa Hirschman. Motion failed. Dawn Durham made a motion that we have a youth and adult Hunter in Hand futurity, an adult and youth can show the same pony in both classes. Seconded by Deb Medick. Sara Donnerbauer made a motion to amend to include reining, amendment seconded by Deb Medick. Hand vote was taken, motion passed.

d. Promo Committee:

1. Promo Page National Magazine – Amber Dreyer

Amber would like any changes to the National Promo page, and if you haven't paid please do so. The ad has been in the online and print national magazine.

2. Web Page – Jon Haldemann

Jon reports our website is now hosted by justhost.com and is \$141.60 for 4yrs of hosting. He also moved from the .com which costs \$14.99. The website is up and working. He has been working on improving the website and is open to ideas/suggestions. Motion was made by Elizabeth Kamm to pay \$141.60 and \$14.99 for web, seconded by Leah Brix, motion passed.

3. Show Promo –

This is being done by show chairs via website, local advertising and social media. If you have ideas please get them to show chairs.

4. New Member Welcome

e. WPOAC Newsletter & Memberships – Becky Stapleton

Becky reports that memberships are coming in. She reminds us that we are going to a biannual newsletter publication. She wants one to go to Midwest Horse Fair and the Midwest Regional and the other printed for

the Futurities. The cover auction will be tonight, front covers will start at \$150 and the back and inside covers will start at \$130. There is \$2500 in the newsletter/membership account.

f. Wisconsin Horse Council – Lori Helmer

Amber Dreyer reports on Lori's behalf, she reminds of the WHC scholarships available and applications can be found on the website. There is conversation being held about a show facility being built on the east side of Baraboo, plans are still very new and in the discussion stage, but are being worked out. Information can be found at the horse council website.

g. Midwest Horse Fair – Annie Zimmerman

Annie reports that stalls are reserved and 6 ponies are lined up. She is working on the planning stages yet. Sara Donnerbauer added that the National POAC is having a booth in the non-profit section and will be asking for help in the booth.

h. Show Awards (Certificates, ribbons, trophies) – Brenda Haldemann

We want to thank Brenda for keeping the awards and having everything so well organized. She has the certificates in storage for 2014 in case we want to return to using them. She has about 60 trophies for the shows and has ribbons. She does not have enough halter grand and reserve ribbons. She will do what the show chairs want to do as they're in charge of the awards. Liz Herzberg said it might be cheaper to get ribbons done than trophies.

i. Year End Awards – Liz Herzberg, Allison Marx, Leah Brix

Everything is set and ready and awards are here. Final points were not posted on the website due to wanting it to be bigger/more exciting for the kids.

j. Futurity Auction – Brent Anderson

Brent has nothing to report at this time. He has some very good gifts for the silent futurity auction tonight.

k. Youth Council (Royalty & Youth Report National Magazine) – Leah Brix & Jackie Pertzborn

The youth met earlier today. The new youth board is: President: McKenzie Hansen, Vice President: Mikayla Gertschen, and Secretary/Treasurer: Emma Bougie. They would like to try to sell unique WPOAC items as a fundraiser and would like to design a new logo. They want to help pay for royalty expenses and add to the youth fund with the monies that would be raised. Their suggestions for the show activities are to do kickball and pot luck at the May 3-4th show, they would also like to do dog-races and a guess the number of treats with dog treats. At the June 14-15th show they'd like to do a water ride for the fun class and a water balloon toss and serve popsicles. At the Labor Day show they'd like to discipline rail. The youth raised \$165 last year with egg and spoon and would like to do discipline rail in this format. They asked to have a movie night at this show. For Elkhorn they'd like to do the egg toss and pot luck and thought it would be fun to do a tug of war.

l. Computer & Points – Judy Katzenberger

Leah Brix will be taking over the computer points and Lisa Hirschman has also agreed to learn the system for a backup and assistance.

m. POAC Board of Directors Report – Jackie Guthrie &/or Judy Katzenberger

Judy reported that there has not been an agenda put out for the February meeting. She did ask for any questions or thoughts. Holly Deschenes explained that the Novice youth program is based on points. Eligible youth will have not earned 1000 National points in POAC, this excludes in hand, halter, and 8&under classes. There are 8 classes, kids can earn 500 points per class, but once they earn 500 points in a class they will not be eligible for that specific class the following year, you will also be ineligibility if you win a Novice Congress championship. It was asked if there is a deadline for turning in Show results and points because of how far behind the online points are. Judy said that it is 30 days and that clubs are to get fined after 30 days.

V. Old Business:

a. Report from Bylaws Committee

Lisa Hirschman handed out copies of the proposed bylaw changes and went over the highlights of the suggested changes. She pointed out things like changing election of officers to 2 year terms, alternating year elections and 2 term limits. There was an article added on committees and their duties. Information was

added on the youth committee. Information was added on how the bylaws are to be revised. Lisa would like additions/corrections sent to her by the end of March so she can have a final copy for the June 14-15th show for approval so changes can take effect in November 2014. There are a few things that need clarification as to how the new election process would start/go into effect. Lisa will send a copy to Jon for the website for everyone to review. She did put in that a 25% membership would be needed to approve the bylaws. A question was asked if auditing the books was in the bylaws, and Lisa noted that it does not have a process noted, but that there is to be an audit done annually. She does intend on getting a final copy for approval done to get in the newsletter that is going to Midwest Horse Fair. It was noted that an annual audit should be sure to be included in the bylaws. It was noted that meeting agenda's would need to be put on the website and emailed out because of the newsletter being a biannual publication.

b. 2014 Show Schedule

Questions or concerns about the 2014 show schedule as presented earlier should be brought to the show committee, show chairs, or board.

d. 2013 Show Recap

The fun events were really well received and the youth liked them, they also enjoyed as writing the youth articles for the national magazine. Royalty was EXTREMELY well done and was "exciting" for the kids again, a huge thanks to Jackie Pertzborn for her hard work on our royalty.

e. Any Other

VI. New Business:

a. 2015 Midwest Show Committee

Kim Turner and Holly Deschenes have agreed to co-chair the 2015 Regional Show Committee. They are looking for volunteers to head up subcommittees to work on this show. The tentative plan is for the show to be held in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center August 6-9, 2015, more details will be known for the next meeting.

b. Year End Awards page in National Magazine

This has been done in past years to recognize our youth. Alison would put an ad together. This has been done as a 2 page spread. Brenda Haldemann made a motion to go ahead with a 2 page ad for the national magazine, seconded by Randy Radig, motion passed. Jared agreed to get it lined up with the magazine and Alison will work on getting the ad together.

c. Sponsorships for 2014:

1. Midwest Regional Show in Winona, MN 6/19-22/2014

Sara Donnerbauer made a motion to sponsor a class at the Midwest Regional, seconded by Leah Brix. Sara withdrew her motion. Elizabeth Kamm made a motion to sponsor a high point at the Midwest Regional, seconded by Dawn Durham. Motion passed.

2. National Congress in Tulsa, OK 7/8-18/2014

National Congress is \$100/class. There is no motion at this time.

3. State 4-H Expo in Milwaukee, September 18-21, 2014

Tabled until June.

d. Any Other

Holly Deschenes made a motion to sponsor a class at the 2014 National POA Futurity, seconded by Deb Medick. Motion passed.

Jon Haldemann said that with Leah Brix taking over the points the club might need additional programs to run the points system on her MacBook. She said if she needs to she can run it on her kids PCs.

Patty Jacobsen wants to keep the breed/club focused on the kids. She proposes that the adults pay \$5/class for their classes. She feels that as an adult they are able to pay more and should pay more to keep the breed focused about the kids. Question was raised if a flat fee would keep costs more reasonable for youth families.

Question was raised what about halter and if a youth or adult showed. Suggested that an additional "office fee" be added for adults. Sara Donnerbauer made a motion to add a \$10/weekend office fee per adult exhibitor. Deb Gertschen seconded. Discussion was had on if this is this creating additional expenses to the club. Motion failed.

Ali Henning said she had the contact information for the show chairs for the LaCrosse 4H, and they should be contacted for planning purposes.

VII. Motion to adjourn was made by Patty Jacobson, Judy Katzenberger seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting dates: 6/14/2014 at West Salem show; Annual meeting 11/8/2014 location to be determined