



## **WPOAC Minutes**

General Membership Meeting

November 9, 2013

The Vintage House, Marshfield, WI

Submitted by Lindsey Kreier

- I. Call to order at 1:14 pm
- II. Secretary's Report February
  - a. Minutes from February 2013 were read and a motion to approve was made by Allison Marx and seconded by Sarah Gronski. Motion passed.
  - b. Minutes from June 2013 were read and a motion to approve was made by Allison Marx and seconded by Elizabeth Kamm. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. \$5,000 in savings, \$9,841.23 in checking. Discussion about receiving an additional \$300 from a deposit to hold show grounds; Jared will be looking into that. Motion to approve was made by Elizabeth Kamm and seconded by Debra Medick. Motion passed
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Youth Club Council
    - i. Jackie would like to run royalty again and Leah Brix will stay in the same position
    - ii. Kudos to the youth for making a youth news article to make it into all but one of the national magazines
  - b. Membership & Newsletter
    - i. Losing a lot of money - lost more than we took in from membership this year
    - ii. Becky proposes to cut down to a semi-annual newsletter; one to go to the Midwest Horse Fair and one to go to the futurity in October. Also would like to change sale of newsletter covers back to a live auction.
      1. Jackie Guthrie made a motion to make it semi-annual and Dawn Walther seconded. Discussion – Liz Herzberg would like to see a mid-season newsletter; possibly do away with the show packet in the newsletter, but keep the rider forms – maybe print show packets for Midwest Horse Fair, but not for membership. Motion passed to make the newsletter semi-annual.
  - c. Promo Committee
    - i. State promo page in national magazine - Amber Dreyer will continue to do unless someone would like to take it over. She will contact members individually to see who wants to be on it. No fee for online magazine for now (due to new launch). Liz Herzberg makes a motion to run six ads in the paper magazine next year at \$120 an ad, \$65 per family to advertise. Motion seconded by Sarah Gronski. Motion passed.



- ii. Website is being taken over by Jon Haldemann with assistance from Jared Katzenberger.
  - 1. Homestead will be discontinued around the end of December, will be working on getting it transitioned over to a .org website - we would own both domains and still be able to be directed to .org website
    - a. Elizabeth Kamm made a motion to approve payment up to \$5 and give responsibility to Jon for the website changing to a .org and contracting with a new domain and was seconded by Allison Marx. Motion passed.
- d. MWHF-Horse Tales
  - i. Annie Zimmerman is taking over the Midwest Horse Fair duties and already has a few riders signed up. Plan is to have the usual 8 stalls. Motion to approve paying for the 8 stalls at Midwest Horse Fair was made by Chris Magnus and seconded by Colleen Urban. Motion passed.
- e. Wisconsin Horse Council
  - i. Renewal for level 3 membership is \$100. Discussion. Jackie Guthrie made a motion to renew for 2014, Amber Dreyer seconded, and motion passed.
  - ii. Put reminder in newsletter for the scholarship from the Horse Council
  - iii. April 11-13<sup>th</sup> 2014 are the dates for the Midwest Horse Fair
  - iv. Equine fashion show at MWHF this year - looking for people & horses
  - v. March 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 will be a judges seminar at Heartland Stables in Custer
  - vi. Championship Challenge will be in Oregon, Taking the Reins will be on hold for next year
  - vii. Alternate director for Wisconsin horse council - Kim Turner volunteered to be the alternate again for the year
- f. Show Committee
  - i. 2013 Show Recap – profit-loss list was handed out, question about shavings profit for futurity show-there were 2 included in each stall, very few additional sold. Discussion about \$1500 loss at Cedarburg show – due to grounds cost and small number of ponies.
  - ii. Tentative dates for 2014
    - 1. May 3-4 double ibc in Black River Falls
    - 2. June 14-15 ponyrama/bp in West Salem
    - 3. Proposed show with Northern Chapter over Labor Day; Futurities would be over that weekend as well, bp/ponyrama/promo over 3 days
      - a. Patty Jacobsen and Liz Herzberg will be chairing the show. Trying to avoid overlapping futurities with other states.
    - 4. Sept 20-21 double bp in Elkhorn, dual run with Illinois club (both IL and WI pointed)



- a. Illinois was profitable working a dual run show with Missouri club; show will use the WI showbill and be chaired by Dawn Walther. Clubs will split profits 50/50.
- b. \$27 /night camping ; \$50 stalls
5. Shared pointing with Minnesota still up in the air for 2014
  - a. Jackie Guthrie makes a motion to point a Minnesota show in 2014, to be determined. Lisa Hirschman seconded it. Discussion – members are not in favor because increasing the number of shows may decrease our profitability; if futurity show is to be split, pointing a MN show may not be a good idea. Motion failed.
  - b. Elizabeth Kamm makes a motion to point a MN show if we do not have to split our labor day show (if held in conjunction over labor day weekend). Motion was seconded by Debra Medick, motion passed.
  - c. Jared Katzenberger makes a motion to point Minnesota’s May 31-June 1 Winona show, if they reciprocate our June 14-15 show. Liz Herzberg seconds the motion. Motion retracted.
  - d. Liz Herzberg moves to point the Minnesota show May 31-June 1 contingent upon them pointing the June 14-15 show only if our futurity show is held in conjunction with the Northern Chapter show over Labor Day weekend. Seconded by Lisa Hirschman. Motion passed.
- g. Computer & State Points
  - i. Judy still wanted as show secretary or just doing points?
    1. Discussion - If we aren’t making a profit at show, we shouldn’t be paying for a show secretary if we don’t need to. Judy will still be doing points even if she isn’t show secretary. Looking for someone to take over her position (current fee is \$350 per show). Kim Turner volunteered to do show approvals and cards at her own expense. If Judy does the points for free she will not be doing any checkouts or profit-loss sheets. Judy volunteered her time to do points and cards, as long as show chairs are in charge of checkouts.
      - a. Liz Herzberg moves that we accept Judy’s offer to do the points, numbers, and judges cards for the 2014 season, with reimbursement for any expenses, and that the show chairs be responsible for checkout and profit-loss. Seconded by Debra Medick and motion passed.
- h. Certificate Program



- i. Brenda wanted any trophies that could be refurbished-a lot were donated for future use
  - 1. Show committee recommended to do away with certificates with chairs being in charge of some kind of award/reward for exhibitors- recommendation to discontinue for 2014 with reinstatement possible. Dawn Walther made a motion for 2014 to not have certificates, Kay Jar seconded. Amended that show chairs come up with an equivalent award/reward for their shows – Kay Jar accepts the amendment. Motion passed.
  - 2. Big kudos to Brenda for making it to all the shows to take care of the certificates in 2013! Thank you!
- i. Halter Futurity & Stallion Services
  - i. Nothing new for futurities, will continue as usual
  - ii. Stallion auction ends 12/31/13, as long as stallion is purchased mares in foal to stallions on list of purchased can be nominated and subsequent foals eligible
  - iii. There is a weanling, yearling and 2 year old halter futurity for mares, geldings, and stallions for the state - yearling and 2 year olds don't need to do stallion/mare nominations to be eligible.
- j. Pleasure & Cart Futurities
  - i. Graduated payment or entries at the show?
    - 1. Discussion - Currently a 30-40-50 graduated payment. Last year it was \$30 entry for everyone since there were no early entries. Last year there were only a total of 24 entries in the futurity classes. No entries in 18 & under 2-3 year old classes. In hand classes were the biggest draws. If it's not a graduated, pay ahead class it's just a jackpot class. If we take entries at the gate what should the price be? What is too expensive to keep people from entering? May-June-July increases currently. July-August-morning of suggested instead
      - a. Liz Herzberg motioned to pay \$30 up to July 1<sup>st</sup>, \$40 up to August 1<sup>st</sup>, and \$50 anytime after. Sarah Gronski seconded and motion passed.
  - ii. Please email Patty Jacobsen with any ideas for how to get added money for the futurity
    - 1. Try to talk Brent Anderson into doing 50/50 raffle at every show since we already have a license
    - 2. Add another "fun" class to raise money
  - iii. Add maturity classes to the futurities (5+ ponies, open)



1. Elizabeth Kamm makes a motion to add a maturity class for english, western and trail, open age rider and 6 & older pony - on a one year trial basis. Jackie Guthrie seconds it and motion passes.
- k. Futurity Auctions
- i. Ginger will not be doing futurity fundraising
  - ii. Brent will possibly take over?
- l. Year-End Awards
- i. Budget of \$4500 or less for this year, \$50,40,30,20,15,10 award levels per class/per rider
  - ii. Rough total for awards running at \$3869, but should probably still be less than that
- m. POAC Board of Directors – be sure to watch upcoming National Magazines for a full list of changes and minutes from the October meeting!
- i. SSF minimum bid raised to \$200 in effect next year
  - ii. Nomination schedule fees also changing next year
  - iii. 18 & under Congress futurity classes will now be Congress stakes classes 2/3 year old and 4/5 year old
  - iv. Western Classic next year will be the West Worlds – Congress type points – on a trial basis
  - v. JPFC ROM program – points reduced to 250 points per class with 50 at Regional or above type show
  - vi. Hunter in Hand divisions at Regional and above type shows will be youth and adult
  - vii. JPFC restriction on youth riders has been removed
  - viii. Age group changes will not happen for next year - not possible with the current point program
  - ix. New leadline classes are mandatory at Congress, optional in others - included in leadline highpoints
  - x. 19 & over accepted permanently
    1. Added showmanship, horsemanship, and huntseat equitation
  - xi. Youth Novice rider program accepted at a trial basis for 3 years; required at Classics and Congress, optional at all others; will include hunter under saddle, hunter under saddle walk-trot, huntseat equitation, huntseat equitation walk-trot, horsemanship, horsemanship walk-trot, western pleasure, and western pleasure walk-trot
  - xii. Membership changes - can purchase membership only for \$50, magazine only for \$40 or both for \$70
  - xiii. Test kit fee for DNA lowered to \$40



- xiv. If you pass inspection at Congress, no longer need to be inspected at the fall futurities
  - xv. July 9-19<sup>th</sup> 2014 is the National Congress show in Tulsa, OK – schedule to be determined
- V. Old Business
- a. Illinois request to leave Midwest Region
    - i. General membership has not yet voted upon this action and will not vote until the end of January. We won't be taking action until they have voted.
  - b. None other
- VI. New business
- a. Show Committee recommendations:
    - i. Novice youth classes – add all additional to the show schedule
    - ii. Expanded adult classes – add all additional to show schedule
    - iii. Leadline – add all additional to show schedule
    - iv. Sarah Gronski made motion to accept show committee recommendations in accordance with national rules and add the split for hunter in hand as well. Amber Dreyer seconded and the motion passed.
  - b. 2015 Midwest Regional
    - i. Dates available bid from Alliant Energy Center in Madison
      1. June 4-7, 11-14, 25-28
      2. August 6-9, 27-30
      3. Show committee recommends the 6-9<sup>th</sup> of August at this time
      4. Dawn Walther makes a motion to proceed using the August 6-9<sup>th</sup> 2015 dates tentatively as the Midwest Regional and Colleen Urban seconds, motion passes.
  - c. Proposal to discuss at the February meeting raising the adult class fee to \$4-5, both during the show committee meeting and general membership meeting.
  - d. Show committee to discuss in February raising the class fee for the promo show only to \$5 per class or a flat fee of \$70 per pony/rider combination
    - i. Sarah Gronski moves to accept that proposal, Debra Medick seconds and motion passes.
  - e. Come up with a show committee and sponsorship committee in February for the regional in 2015
  - f. Central Classic June 18-21 2014
- VII. Election of Officers
- a. Sarah Gronski moves to open nomination for all positions, Debra Medick seconds, motion passes.
    - i. President
      1. Sarah Gronski nominates Allison Marx, Allison declines



2. Elizabeth Kamm nominates Jared Katzenberger, Jared accepts
  3. Judy moves to close nominations for President and cast a unanimous ballot for Jared. Dawn Walther seconds, motion passes.
- ii. Vice President
    1. Allison Marx volunteers for re-election
    2. Judy moves to close nominations for Vice President and cast a unanimous ballot for Allison. Dawn Walther seconds, motion passes.
  - iii. Treasurer
    1. Allison Marx nominates Sarah Gronski, Sarah accepts
    2. Liz Herzberg nominates Judy Katzenberger, Judy accepts
    3. Dawn Walther makes a motion to close nominations, Kay Jar seconded, motion passed. By ballot Sarah Gronski is the new Treasurer.
  - iv. Secretary
    1. Sarah Gronski nominates Kim Turner, Kim accepts
    2. Dawn Walther nominates Liz Herzberg, Liz accepts
    3. Dawn Walther makes a motion to close nominations, Lisa Hirschman seconded, motion passed. By ballot Kim Turner is the new Secretary.
  - v. Directors at Large (two)
  - vi. Judy makes a motion to keep both Jon Haldemann and Elizabeth Kamm as Director at Large, Sarah Gronski seconded, motion passed.
- VIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations
- a. Osthoff Resort in February
- IX. Motion to adjourn at 4:34 pm was made by Patty Jacobsen and seconded by Allison Marx. Motion passed.