

WPOAC Club Minutes
November 12, 2016

Location: Osthoff Resort

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Haldemann at 1:00 p.m.

Secretary's report was read by Jon Haldemann. Motion was made to approve the Secretary's report by Brenda Haldemann and was seconded by Kris Magnus.

Treasurer's report was read by Sara Gronski. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Alison Marx. Leah Brix seconded the motion.

Committee reports were read by Jon Haldemann.

Royalty Committee:

Jackie Pertzborn reported that the 2016 royalty did an exceptional job representing POA!! King Warren Haldemann and Queen Torie Opelt did a great job presenting the year end awards at the POAC National Convention in February. Several members of the Royalty attended Midwest HorseFair and represented the POA breed and WPOAC. A flag presentation was done at the Plymouth state show by the Royalty. The Lady Royals did a flag presentation at the Working Western Horse Celebration in August. Royalty participated in a Royalty Ride at the Central Classic show in June. Queen Torie had a Radio interview and all the Royalty members attended the Wild West grounds and had a great time! They also talked with the radio host of WVRQ radio station in Viroqua and visited with the residents at an Assisted Living Center. The

Residents thoroughly enjoyed their company and conversation. The annual Royalty egg and spoon class at West Salem was a hit again this year. Queen Torie also handed out awards at the Breeders Challenge Futurity in Des Moines, IA in October.

Membership Committee:

Becky Stapleton has decided to step down and the Membership directory. Thank you Becky for your many years of service. Dawn Durham will be taking over the Membership duties. Becky reported that we had 50 paid memberships in 2016 with 11 first time members and 6 youth members. As part of the transition to a new membership director, the Membership Bank Account will be merged into the General Account. The treasurer will keep a separate spreadsheets for each accounts.

Newsletter:

Last year the Horse Fair Booklets cost the club \$730. It was decided to change from a newsletter/booklet format to more of a show packet. The packet will contain WPOAC show bills, entry forms, stall and camping reservations forms, and a directory. Colleen Urban volunteered to put these together so they are available to hand out at Midwest Horse Fair in April. Alison Marx volunteered to help Colleen assemble the packets. Sara Gronski and Dawn Durham also volunteered to help assemble the packets. The show packets will be mailed to 2017 WPOAC paid members and given out at Midwest Horse Fair.

Website:

Jon Haldemann. Jon will work on updating the existing

forms on the website for 2017.

Midwest Horse Fair:

Lori Helmer. Membership voted to pay 2017 dues to join the Midwest Horse Council. Cost is \$100 and is due the end of January 2017. Membership in the Midwest Horse Council allow Lori voting rights, our youth members are eligible for scholarships, and various grants/Sponsorships are available. The 2017 theme is Wonder Horse. Dates are April 21 – April 23. Lori noted that last year lots of older people were looking for POA trail horses or kids ponies. The group discussed having a binder with ponies members have for sale at Horse Fair. Those wishing to list ponies/horses for sale in the Binder should provide a one page sheet and several copies. These will then be put in plastic sheet folders and people can take out a sheet if they are interested in that particular ad. Lori is happy to continue to chair this committee. She said that November 15th is the deadline for our club to commit to bringing ponies for the 2017 Horse Fair. Brenda Haldemann made a motion to approve the Midwest Horse Council Membership. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the membership.

Patty Jacobson made a motion that the WPOAC club participate in the 2017 Midwest Horse Fair. Motion was seconded by Deb Gertschen. Motion was approved by the Membership.

Midwest Horse Fair Participants needed. Royalty members are encouraged to attend. Participate is open to any members. If interested in bringing your pony to Midwest Horse Fair, contact Lori Helmer.

Bonnie Shepard (Horse Council Member from District 3) reported that the Districts 3 and 5 of the Wisconsin Horse Council e and 5 are putting on an Equine Education day to be held in Columbus, WI in October of 2017 at the Fireman's Park. There will be clinicians and booths available. Lori Helmer volunteered to run a booth for the club. This is likely that same weekend as the Minnesota Club's Spooktacular show.

Show Committee:

Show Profits: May show: \$1700
Marshfield Show: \$3825 total profit
\$1900 – WPOAC half
West Salem: \$1800
Black River Falls: No data available

Northern chapter has a new president: Carrie Regenke

2017 Show Dates:

Double IBC – 4 shows

Marshfield show:

2 IBC over 2 days

2 Judges (same over both days)

1 showbill split over 2 days.

Futurity Show: 2 B&P + Promo

Black River Falls:

Patty Jacobson asked if there was a better weekend to host this show. Numbers have been down the last couple of years. Not sure why.

Working Western Horse Celebration(WWHC):

Discussion regarding last year's show positives and

negatives ensued. Should WPOAC point this show in the future? After discussion, it was decided that we would not point this show as counting toward WPOAC year end points due to the high cost to members.

Patty Jacobson made a motion to not WPOAC point the WWHC show in 2017. Motion was seconded by Brenda Haldemann. Motion passed with no discussion.

Computer/State Points

Judy entered in all the shows into the computer system this year. Thank you Judy.

Jon Haldemann and Becky Eckes have agreed to learn the computer system. Judy has agreed to mentor them during the transition.

Comments from Judy on what works best for entering in points:

1. Be sure to get the announcer notes/forms for updated numbers/notes etc.
2. Standardize the show bills
3. Split out the judge's cards

The show committee will look at feasibility of having an online entry process for the shows. This would make entering of points a lot easier and less time consuming for those entering in points.

Ribbons/Trophies: Brenda Haldemann. We need some new ribbons to replenish our stock. Jude Katzenberger made a motion to Allow Brenda to spend \$400 to

replenish awards. Motion was seconded by Jenny Chadwick. Motion passed.

Futurity Committee:

Becky Eckes/Sara Gronski
2016 Banquet Silent Auction: \$1,086
Raffle: \$230
Futurity Silent Auction: \$1720
Futurity Payout: \$2,498

POAC Board of Directors:

Judy Katzenberger

Flag race has been removed from Leadline. It has been deemed too dangerous for leadliners. Several members expressed disappointment with this ruling.

Showmanship 6 & under will now have a walk only option. New patterns will be needed. Several members expressed disappointment with this ruling too. The understanding for this class was that if your child was not ready to trot the pony, they would just walk the pattern.

NonPro Ballets: These will not be sent out. The National Club does not have the money available to do this. The two proposals submitted were different so the board decided not to pursue either of them as they weren't sure which one to follow.

National Questions can be directed to Judy Katzenberger, Dawn Walther, or Kim Eigenberger.

Old Business:

State Chapter Realignment – It has been proposed that we consolidate the Wisconsin POA club from the 3 existing chapters into 2 separate chapters. Discussion ensued on why we would want to do this. Patty Jacobson commented that this recommendation did not follow the proper procedure as stated in the bylaws. Sara Gronski move to make a motion to postpone the bylaw change of the chapters to the June meeting. Motion was seconded by Leah Brix.

Brenda Haldemann made a motion to have the May show represent the June meeting show as directed by the bylaws since we do not have a show in June for 2017. Kati Chadwick seconded the motion.

New Business:

Jon would like to start working on the 2018 show dates.

Club Dues: Jon Haldemann brought up that after some research, WPOC membership fees are significantly lower than many of the surrounding clubs. Current fees are \$15 for a family and \$5 for youth. Proposed changes are \$20 for a family, \$10 for youth, and \$15 for a single membership.

Sara Gronski moved to update the membership fees effective January 1, 2017. After April 1, 2017, fees will be increased to \$25 for a family and \$20 for a single membership. Motion was seconded by Leah Brix. Membership approved the motion.

Credit Card Payments: Several requests were made in 2016 for WPOAC to accept credit card payments for membership and show feeds (stall reservations, camping, entry fees). Jon

has researched Square and Paypal. Square is cheaper for us. The Chip Card pad costs approximately \$50. The club will charge a 3% convenience fee to offset the credit card fees. The Show Chair would log into our Square account. This allows for an email receipt to be sent to the paying party. Jon has volunteered to set up the square account and add it to the website. Leah Brix made a motion to go with Square and set up an account to use Credit Card payments and apply a 3% Service/Convenience charge. Motion was seconded by Autumn Carns. Motion approved by Membership.

February Meeting:

Vintage House in Marshfield, WI. Same location as last year. Meeting will be on February 11, 2017.

Agenda:

Show Chair Handbook – Patty Jacobson
Mission Statement

Election of Officer Open Positions

Alison Marx made a motion to open nominations for all open positions. Leah Brix seconded the motion.

President:

Leah Brix nominated Jon Haldemann.

Autumn Carns made a motion to close nominations for President and cast a unanimous vote for Jon. Deb Gertschen seconded the motion. Motion approved by the Membership.

Secretary:

Alison Marx nominated Kris Magnus. Kris declined the nomination.

Dawn Durham nominated Kati Chadwick. Judy Katzenberger made a motion to close nominations for

Secretary and cast a unanimous vote for Kati. Becky Eckes seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion.

Director at Large:

Sara **Gronski** made a motion to nominate Trisha Neirhoff.

Dawn Durham made a motion to nominate Becky Eckes – Becky declined the nomination

Kati Chadwick made a motion to close nominations for Director at Large and cast a unanimous vote for Trisha. Deb Gertschen seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion.

Banquet: Alison Marx has agreed to coordinate the 2017 banquet.

Sara Gronski moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was Seconded by Patty Jacobson. Meeting Adjourned.