

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOICATION

March 17, 2024

Board Members Present: Tiffany Markstrom, Shelbey Smith (via phone), Carie Decker, Teresa Pollard, Amanda Gil

Members: Angela McConnell, Stephanie McConnell

Absent: Ben Sherlund, Starr Brown

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am by Tiffany Markstrom.

Meeting Minutes

Correction:

Teresa Pollard couldn't remember the name of the second potential speed clinics – Will and Brian Bannerman

Angela McConnell **motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2024.** Seconded by Carie Decker. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Management Report

As of February 29, 2024, the checkbook balance is \$2,198.70. No other changes.

Teresa Pollard **motioned to approve the Management Report for February 4, 2024.** Seconded by Amanda Gil. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Tack Sale

The club sold 15 tables which in turn was a \$75.00 profit. Carie Decker hasn't received the deposit check back from the hall but it will be coming back to the club. At the sale, Amanda was able to sell 15 raffle tickets. Unfortunately, there were no shoppers other than the people who bought tables. Hopefully this isn't a forecast of the future for local associations. The club will discuss at a later date for future sales. A few people thought it was an auction not a used tack sale.

Clinicians

Tiffany Markstrom hasn't gotten a response from Will/Brian Bannerman. Discussion ensued for other options, Kathy Russell, Brian Smith/Darryl Scales. Teresa Pollard offered to reach out to Christy Beishlag about speed clinicians. *During the discussion, Will/Brian Bannerman responded. They are available the day we are looking at, \$1250.00. We would still need a judge for Sunday's show. Tiffany is going to see if they will hold the spot so we can make sure this clinic will be profitable. The club would need to sell 15 spots to cover their fee, the grounds rental fee, and Sunday's judging fee. \$150 without stall, \$175 with stall. It was asked about charging for auditors. We are going to create a donation bucket. Carie Decker found a wireless microphone for \$142.00, she just needs to order it. We are going to figure out interest and if Will and Brian will wait by April 10 or just cancel the weekend.

Judges

June – Morgan Lantz

June – Jennifer Sawyer/Elaine Page

July – Need

August – Need

Tiffany Markstrom has spoken to Afton Ruhle, she is booked for the July weekend. Tiffany needs to follow up with Kim Rutledge. Teresa Pollard got on the 4H Judges list and the club discussed other options to contact.

Trail Equipment

Whiskey River – 12 foot 4x4's are \$15 each

Pickford Builders – 12 foot 4x4's are \$14/\$15 each.

Carie Decker is going to give Tiffany Markstrom a check to get 10 pole through Pickford Builders since her husband, Andy is going to cut them.

Money Added

Shelbey Smith has the document created to get approved then posted. The club already has someone that wants to sponsor W/T Youth Trail.

Sponsors

Teresa Pollard updated the Sponsorship forms. She would like to remove the "Class Sponsor" tier because we are doing the money added classes. Carie Decker **motioned to remove the Class Sponsor tier**. Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Tracey Laitinen had messaged the Facebook group with another clubs sponsorship options. Teresa created a form for "Exhibitor Sponsorship" opportunities for purchasing stalls. It's in very rough format and will need to be discussed and worked on prices and numbers and benefits. It was decided to Table until September or October.

With a vast success of the pizza parties and free snacks, Carie is going to talk to Julie Fox about the pizza's and Sidock will cover the cake, etc.

Raffle

Margo sent a check for raffle tickets and Carie has mailed the tickets back to her. It was mentioned since the winner doesn't have to be present at the drawing, what if we aren't able to get ahold of the winner at that time even with the drawing time/date posted, we won't know what their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices are. We are going to start having them write their choices on the stub that the club keeps.

Funds Request

Carie Decker emailed out a drafted letter to Ben Bourque in regards to pledging money for the arena lighting project. Amanda Gil **motioned to approve and send the letter**. Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Apparel

Alana Wojnarski got quotes from Oaklawn. For 50 or more t-shirts/sweatshirts; \$13/tshirt and \$30/sweatshirt. There is a 25 minimum but the prices will be higher.

Teresa Pollard has been looking for other companies. Custom Ink is quite expensive. She has found a couple other companies but hasn't had a ton of time to get good quotes. She will work on it over the next month.

New Business

Rulebook

Carie Decker went through and highlighted things in the rulebook that were changed due to sanctioning with UPHA.

Section 1. General Rules; Paragraph B which pertains to the haul-in and stall deposit fee. Carie Decker **motioned to remove Paragraph B from the Rulebook.** Seconded by Shelbey Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Paragraph G which pertains to judge selection. **Amanda Gil motioned to change Paragraph G to state “Preferences will be made to select all judges from the current Michigan Approved 4-H Judges List or holds a card in an association....”.** Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Paragraph R which pertains to any aged horses being ridden two handed in a snaffle bit. **Shelbey Smith motioned to remove Paragraph R from the Rulebook.** Seconded by Amanda Gil. 2 For; 3 Opposed.

Carie Decker motioned to change the two handed rule to only allow Senior horses to be ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit in Youth and Adult Walk-Trot classes. Seconded by Teresa Pollard. 4 For; 1 Opposed.

Walk-Trot divisions will remain open to Senior horses ridden two handed in snaffle bits only. No other division or open class with permit Senior horses to be ridden two handed.

After this vote, discussion about adding a “Step Up Class” or “Green Pleasure” class which would be open to either Western or English; any age; any bridle, before Western Pleasure starts.

Angela McConnell motioned to add a Green Pleasure class to the showbill. Seconded by Carie Decker. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Section 2. Timed Events (Speed Classes) General Rules;

Paragraph D which pertains to multiple horses running in any event. **Amanda Gil motioned to modify Paragraph D (SC) “No horse/rider combination may run more than once.....with the exception of Relay Race.”** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Paragraph I which pertains to neat attire. **Teresa Pollard motioned to update the definition for “neat attire,” to include long sleeve button up or sweatshirt or EUPHA attire.** Seconded by Carie Decker. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Section 3. EUPHA Membership Awards;

Paragraph C; section ii pertains to Speed Division Year End Awards. **Amanda Gil motioned to add the Youth 13 and Under Pony Division.** Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Volunteers

Volunteering opportunities need to be clarified by time because not all positions will equate to 4 hours of work. The idea of giving out Haul in/Stall Certificates to use. Will add to agenda for more discussion.

Showbill

While typing the February meeting minutes, Teresa Pollard noted that a few motions were still needed for the 2024 showbill;

Angela McConnell motioned to approve all revisions to the pleasure riding classes. Seconded by Amanda Gil. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Teresa Pollard motioned to approve the 2024 amended showbill in its entirety as well as the amended Rulebook. Seconded by Shelbey Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Kinross Township

Carie Decker was approached to be on a sub-committee. She went to the meeting. The meetings are 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Mark Rice is our contact person. Carie Decker and Tiffany Markstrom will plan on attending meetings and Shelby Smith will be the back up person if either one can't attend. They are still interested in discussing an In-Kind lease. Shelby Smith will reach out to Tracey Laitinen about possible grants.

4 Front Bank/CD

The interest payment is being applied back to CD and isn't being placed in savings like it used to be. Carie would like to be able to go in and change it back to being placed into savings. **Angela McConnell motioned to add Carie Decker to the 4 Front account to get the funds sent to savings vs CD.** Seconded by Amanda Gil. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Show Program

Angela McConnell asked Carie Decker if she has found a new show program. Carie stated that we would just stay the course with what we have. She tried a demo for 8 hours and couldn't get it to work for her.

Work bee

The work bee needed to be moved to May 12, 2024 at 11:00am.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 11:00am at Sidock in Sault Ste. Marie.

Adjournment: 1:18 pm Carie Decker **motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Seconded by Amanda Gil. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary