

Membership Meeting Minutes – March 20th

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:12 pm

In attendance in person: Emma G., Cathy D., Vicky H., David C., Ramona C., Bill J., Debbie J.

Zoom attendance: Robin G., Valarie P., Christina M., Peg D.

Treasurer's Report: Ramona C reported that she checked into the CD rates, Interest rate was better at the Credit Union 4.1% so she rolled it over there vs Passumpsic Bank. Bank activity there was \$ in dues paid and \$ in interest with \$ in bank fees and \$ in Professional/ legal fees from the 2021 Taxes being electronically filed. Leaving the General Checking at \$1, Horse Show Account at \$, Savings account at \$1 and at Service Credit Union renewed CD \$2 & Savings account \$ Sharon signed the minutes from February meeting to change signers at both banks To Ramona Chessman- Treasurer and Emma Gooden – President. Cathy to close the horse show account to transfer balance to General Checking at Passumpsic Bank. Motion to accept was Vicky & 2nd Bill.

Vicky Motioned to accept the February minutes as read, Bill 2nd.

Vicky asked to Amend the February minutes to include that Vicky was voted in as Interim Vice President until the club voted by ballot. Motion to amend Dave and 2nd Bill. All in favor.

Show Meeting Report: Cathy Reported: Meeting 3/12 Emma, Kim, Cathy, Trisha and Ramona attended at Kim's office in Littleton. We discussed some rule book additions regarding disabilities and letting the show management know prior to the show. Trish was sending Cathy the 4-H rules. Emma submitted the 3 games classes and we discussed the ring footing, safety and weather permitting. Since banquet was cancelled, we will do the awards presentation around lunch break at the June show. Cathy to invite those who won awards in 2022. 2023 only doing Day End Point Awards. No Year End Points All agreed to closed the Show Account and move money to General account, easier for Ramona, less for Cathy. Judges contracts for June – Lindsey Keyser and September Jennifer Sullivan are back. July is proving to be difficult. Trish had offered to Judge if needed. Sponsorships for 2023 are Supreme Sealcoating \$300, Edge of Time Stables \$300, Energized Touch PEMF \$200, Riverside Boarding & Grooming- Printing Sponsor and Savage Bargain Barn & Tack Shop is the Fair Show Sponsor and has donated \$10 off Certificates to every winner! Motion to accept Debbie & 2nd by Ramona

Motion to add the 4-H disability rule to the 2023 Horse Show Rule Book was from Ramona 2nd Christina.

Old Business: Emma, Charitable Trust Unit is still an issue. Cyndy had been in contact with them but has not been present for input so Emma is going to reach out the them for Clarity. Some questions included, Threshold for donations? Why do we need to be a Charitable Trust? Everyone agreed to just have Emma call for Clarity instead of passing around questions without answers.

Ballots: Cathy to mail out ballots asap as stated in our by-laws. Ballots will be mailed to Emma as Cathy is on the Ballot. Counted Vote will be on April 17 meeting. Ballots will state the nominations of Vice President Vicky Herzog and Webmaster Cathy Dorr, Both will have a write in option. Robin showed interest in being an assistant webmaster but didn't want to take on the entire position. Bill motioned to have Ballots only mailed out to the Paid members as of March 20, 2023. Dave 2nd all in favor.

Emma picked up all the show ribbons, club property from Cyndy. Currently has it at the clinic and Cathy has agreed to store it.

Secretary position has been absent since last summer, Cathy reached out to Summer and she feels she can resume attending meetings in May and wants to continue her position.

Cathy brought up some ideas about fundraising and/or membership drive for this summer. Block party again? Emma was thinking about "touch a horse" or other hands-on public teaching event. Need to check with insurance in regard to public touching members horses, etc. Robin mentioned other clubs have been doing zoom Educational Presentations also. Ideas also included a Tack Sale at the fairgrounds late may early June, proceeds possibly going to the fairgrounds to go towards the Horse Barn Rebuild. Ramona did mention that the Fair Board is aware of the Shed Row issues but the money to rebuild is just huge. They are going to try to make them safer and hope that money keeps coming in. Currently doing another Gun Raffle and in July is a Pony Plop bingo. Proceeds go the barn rebuild. Ramona also said that the club can definitely do a money drive of some kind to donate toward the barn rebuild. We left it open for further discussion and ideas.

Ramona Motioned to Adjourn Meeting Bill 2nd Meeting Ended at 8:21pm Next meeting 4/17 @ 7 pm

Minutes taken by Cathy D