

WMRC Meeting – January 17, 2024

Called to Order at 7:06 pm By Emma

In attendance: Ramona & Dave Chessman, Emma Gooden, Vicki Herzog, On Zoom: Cathy Dorr, Bonnie Hamel & Sharon Ellingwood-White

Secretaries Report: Emma asked and all had reviewed prior to meeting. Cathy Motioned to Accept and Ramona 2nd. All in Favor Sharon mentioned that she did not receive it but Cathy would email to her for review.

Treasurer Report: Ramona reported on interest amounts and insurance premium payment. Vicki motioned to accept and Dave 2nd. All in favor

Show Report: Cathy Reported the show committee met on January 6th at the Gilman Senior Center. Attending was Emma Gooden, Trisha Switser, Kim Doolan, Cathy Dorr, Tracy Perry, Morgan Estrella in person and Robin Gregg & Bonnie Hamel on Zoom

We covered a lot of information including show and or clinic dates, Judges, clinicians, affiliating with Caledonia Fair Horse show, day end vs year end points, class costs and fees, and the class list.

The show committee would like to present these dates for shows and clinics for approval.

June 29th & 30th 2 day clinic at the fairgrounds. Centered Riding with Dorothy Crosby. Cost will be \$100 per day per rider. She would like 6-8 riders to attend with horses. Dorothy also does an unmounted portion of the clinic and invites others without horses to join for \$45. We could charge additional money for auditors at our discretion. She has family in the area so she would not need lodging.

July 13th & 14th 2 day Open Show at the fairgrounds. Trisha has set up 2 separate judges. Saturday is Natalie McGowen & Sunday is Ray Hackett The reason for having 2 separate judges with 2 separate days of showing, this allows for those who wish to ride one day or the other or both days under different judges with different feedback. Both of these judges are great with feedback.

Sunday August 4th Single Day Open Show at the fairgrounds. Trisha is working on finalizing details with Cindy Marshall. This would be just a simple 1 day show.

Friday Aug 30th Lancaster Fair show. Bethany White is our judge. We discussed the overwhelming cash payout from the Mackenna Memorial Class, Adrian had collected money for the prizes and then it kept growing as ppl heard about it and it got out of control. The office was having a hard time splitting the money up with the change we had plus end of day check outs, it was too much! We all seemed to like limiting it to a winner's prize plus ribbons to keep it easier on the office volunteers!

Sept. 28th & 29th Clinic with Lucky Star Horsemanship 6-8 obstacles, minimum of 4 participants at \$325 per person/ horse combo for the 2 days. This clinician pretty much runs the entire clinic other than us hosting and advertising. If we have 5 participants they will pay the grounds fees. Auditor fees would need to be discussed with Lucky Star but I believe they would be kept by the club.

Any questions about this before I move on?

Class list: we decided to keep the same type of classes but take out the \$\$ winnings for the Showmanship and Halter Championship. Only money pay out would be to the "cash class", 2 of the barrel classes would be replaced with a cross rail class and both would be moved to be done directly after lunch. Only Trail would not be done during the fair!

Costs: Class fees change from \$9 to \$10 for regular classes and \$12 to \$15 for Championship classes. \$10 late fee/ post entry but increase the office fee from \$5 to \$10. (this decreases the post entry fee from \$15 to \$10 and increases the office fee from \$5 to \$10)

Ramona confirmed the fairgrounds fee is \$100 per day, stalls should be \$20 per night or \$10 for the day and be cleaned when leaving. Overnight camping is available at \$40 per hook up. No sewer. Grounds are available during all of those dates.

Larry Wahl was \$150 per day the last 2 years and the fair at no charge. I will reach out in regard to dates once approved and find out clinician needs.

Sponsors are going to be needed and that is available on the website as well as downloads.

Further discussions are ongoing in the email and Facebook group chat with those who want to be included.

Cathy to finalize class list asap to get ribbon order ready for Ramona.

Ramona motioned to accept and Bonnie 2nd. All in Favor.

Shows and Clinics dates voted on and Bonnie motioned to accept as presented, Cathy 2nd and all in favor.

Sharon brought up an idea to brainstorm stall fee for Friday fair show to get our attendees to stay for the weekend. How could WMRC and LFHS work together.

Old Business: Emma touched base on Bylaw changes in that committee meeting. They are working on elections, officers and have another meeting Jan. 27th @2 pm All paid members can attend. At the Gilman Senior Center.

Food Pantry Items will be taken to Bethlehem.

The Show Committee is continuing to discuss shows and clinics via group chat and emails. Any member can attend in-person meetings as well as email or chats. Just ask to be added. Sharon wanted to be added. And is looking for Vintage Fair Horse Show items & photos.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm. Motion made by Vicki and Ramona 2nd.

Next meeting is Wed. February 21st, 7pm @ Lancaster Library.

Reported by Cathy Dorr