

October 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

7:03 pm Called to order by Cathy Dorr

- **In attendance:** Ramona Chessman, David Chessman, Bill Joyce, Debbie Joyce & Cathy Dorr
- Minutes were read by attending members and Ramona made a motion to accept minutes, Debbie 2nd.
- **Treasurer Report,** Tammy was not in attendance to give a report. Bill motioned that Cindy, Cathy and Tammy go to the bank and fix accounts. Nobody should be locked out of accounts that are officers and signers on any accounts. 2nd Ramona. Some further discussion on if Tammy was going to run for reelection, question was raised if a fill in Treasurer was necessary till elections. Cathy & Brian to reach out to Tammy as discussed at BOD meeting in Aug.
- **Horse Show report,** Cathy stated that as the summer went on, the shows were better attended. The show committee did not have any negative comments from exhibitors or volunteers. Everyone who attended seemed happy with the shows as well as the classes offered. The computer program which Kim Doolan acted as show secretary, worked excellent. Day end points for the fair show as well as all show bills, adds/ scratches, came thru perfectly. The committee plans to continue using the program next summer. Year end and Day end (fair) are posted on the website.

We ended up with 23 horse show sponsors with a total of \$4100 in cash and \$900 in products or services. Cathy is working on Thank You letters, tax deduction letters to mail to 2022 sponsors with an invite to sponsor in 2023. This years sponsor money has been used to purchase the sponsor materials, a replacement WMRC banner, as well as cover financial losses from horse shows with low entries and high expenses. (Judges, sound, fairground rental, port a potties, prize money payouts, ribbons and insurance.) \$1500 -\$1700 is the approx. cost to run a one-day horse show in 2022.

The horse show checking account is located at Passumpsic Bank and Cathy has been locked out of this for what ever reason. If needed Cathy & Cyndy will need to go to bank to get this fixed. Going off August balance, there is approx. \$3400 in that account. These are dedicated funds for use for the horse show and horse show expenses. Tammy never went to the bank to be added as a signor and this is why Cathy still is holding this checking account.

Show committee is going to be called to a November meeting to start planning 2022 banquet as well as 2023 shows. We are an open committee for those WMRC members who wish to come and be involved with planning and volunteering. To be involved you must attend the show committee meetings, this was decided this last spring. Please contact Cathy if you are interested.

Ramona mentioned that the ribbons must be ordered by Mid-February to get the discount from Hodges.

- **OLD BUSINESS:** We quickly chatted about the revision of the by-laws that the club needs to form a committee for. Ramona had discussed another set of by-laws she had brought from another organization, WMRC needs to add in a procedure for removal of an officer failing to follow through with said duties. As well as Section 7 election of officers, Annual voting and

ballots counted/ turned in should be in person. IF you want your vote to count you must bring your own ballot in to the meeting. There needs to be a way of keeping the votes and officers appointed should be active and actively involved members. Not those who are members but never attend a meeting. Not saying that any one member has to attend every meeting but should participate/ attend some meetings. Bill & Debbie agreed but also not sure how that should be worded or handled.

Cathy touched on the email send by Carrie that Ramona had asked about. There has been no activity in the general accounts other than assumed interest. There has not been a treasurers report since March/ April? And the show money/ sponsor money was put into a "show account" because the treasurer was not available, not answering messages, etc. There have been memberships and the Lancaster Street Fair raffle money (\$56- \$58?) that have been deposited into the general fund over the summer via electronic deposits. Cathy only had the \$25 in membership funds paperwork with her. Not sure who is keeping the updated membership list.

- **New Business:** Cathy discussed to have meeting minutes available to post on the website and email list the same week after a meeting. That way those attending have time to process what has been discussed. Those attending, all agreed that would be helpful. David stated that he doesn't check his email during the day so when he got home, so 1 hour before the meeting he was reading the last months minutes.

Cathy brought up the idea of having every other month meetings, Dave thought it would work during the winter or when there was not a lot of business to cover. We left this topic open for further discussion.

Bill made a motion to run meetings 7:15 to 8:15 pm ONLY, also we need to limit a person talking to a maximum of 5 mins per topic. No need to discuss certain things for a long period of time. If needed at the 5 min time, it can be voted on to continue the discussion to a maximum of 15 mins for the topic. 2nd by David.

We have officers up for election with nominations coming in November. (next meeting)

Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary all 2 year terms And we have 4 board seats (3 are 2 year seats and 1 is a 1 year.)

- **Announcements:** Cathy looking for fall photos of members trail riding or fall shows? Would like to keep the website and Facebook updated with photos.

NEXT MEETING IS November 21ST. 7:15 PM AT LANCASTER LIBRARY, NOMINATIONS WILL BE A TOPIC

- **Meeting was motioned adjourned by David at 8:08 pm Ramona 2nd.**

Minutes recorded by Cathy