

November 19, 2018
WMRC Monthly Meeting
Weeks Memorial Library 7pm

Attendance: (27) Val Pederson, Kim Hanf, Vicki Herzog, Casey McMann, Trevor Hinerth, Bill Joyce, Deb Joyce, Teresa Berry, Emma Gooden, Joyce Bean, Shirley Smith, Cynthia Hakansson, Peg Desautels, Ramona Chessman, Dave Chessman, Jo Ann Culver, Dan Savage, Jessie Savage, Dale Newland, Carrie Newland, Cathy Dorr, Kim Doolan, David Doolan, Robin Gregg, Rick Miller, Lori Sherburn, Matthew Roy.

The Secretary's report from the October 15th meeting was read by Casey. A motion to accept the report as being read was made by Shirley, the motion was 2nd by Vicki, zero opposed.

The Treasurer's report from Oct 15 – Nov 19 was read by Vicki. A motion to accept the report as being read was made Peg, the motion was 2nd by Shirley, zero opposed. Vicki reported that \$330 had been found and deposited from the July show.

Old business:

The room was opened up for discussion on horse shows, improvements needed, clinics, and club membership.

*Membership committee: Jo Ann, Joyce, Peggy and Ramona.

Jo Ann reported from the membership committee that they had a meeting on Nov 16, the discussed how to get past members back, new members in, why they left, what would encourage people to come back.

The committee's initial ideas:

Partnership/membership with equine related businesses, discount on feed, shavings, etc, The business would be able to write it off because of our 501C status. The club would again have membership cards that members would be able to show the businesses for discounts. They would like the club to offer more low cost or free seminars to include farriers, vets, feed, acupressure, massage, and more. They would like the club to offer more diversified clinics, Jo Ann has been in contact with a clinician that would offer trail, in hand, and balanced seat, she would be willing to work with the club on cost. Another idea was to have more equine activities such as trail rides and poker rides. Club insurance is in question regarding trail rides and the other seminars. The committee will continue to work on ideas and come up with a proposal. They also think that putting ads in the newspaper about the club would help.

A question was asked on "Have the clinics in the last few years been successful?" It was discussed that some clinics have lost money, some clinics have gotten sponsorships, and some clinics have broken even. Jo Ann spoke up and said that in the club's mission statement it says that the club will offer equine educational events. A discussion was made that clinics are not to make money for the club. A reply was that the club can make money and not have to pay taxes because of the 501C. Another reply was that a member didn't mind if the club didn't make money on the clinic but also didn't want the clinics to lose money.

A suggestion was made to hold 5 shows and have one show that would be a throw away show. The suggestion was not discussed.

Suggestions for the horse shows were that there should be a steward that can answer questions because it didn't seem like there was a person in the office that was assigned to answer questions about the rules. A reply was that a professional steward costs just as much as a judge and the shows could not afford to hire a steward, Amanda Bean Amadon has volunteered to be the 2019 show steward.

Another suggestion was to move the clinic to a different time of year, May weather could be affecting the clinic.

*Horse Show Committee: Casey, Vicki, Val, Joyce, Shirley, Carrie

Casey reported that the committee had a meeting and the committee talked a lot about walk trot rules, some ideas were:

Allowing riders to go back to walk trot after cantering, they would have to wait 1 yr after cantering to go back to walk trot. Another idea was to offer a "try out your canter class" allowing exhibitors to "test" out their canter without it affecting them in walk trot.

The BOD had made suggestions to spread out the show dates, the committee had come up with some show dates, June 23, July 21, Aug 30, Sept 22. Some concern was that there would only be 2 shows before the fair, and that kids would be in school for the Sept show, school and sports may affect the turnout. The committee also talked about ideas to lesson show expenses, they were to not have the May schooling show or the Sunday Funday, to not have day end prizes and only day end ribbons, to shorten the length of the day end ribbons, and to not use the show secretary program Show Pro. We also addressed some questions that were asked on the age of a driving horse and a riding horse, we thought the age should be 2 years old for driving, and 3 for riding. We talked about how sponsors needed more advertisement, on the website, fb and the show program/papers. Sponsors would need to be by at least April 1st to be added to the show papers. We would like to have any trophies ahead of time to put in next to the class in the class list. We talked about announcing some of the classes that we felt should be on probation because of lack of entries, we would like to see a minimum of 2 entries. Another idea was changing performance to discipline rail. Also adding an open in hand trail class. Having leadline only be equitation and pleasure back to back and no performance class, this would alleviate holds, tack changes and give the horse a break. We are looking for volunteers as always for secretary, announcer, gate person ? ringmaster?

It was discussed again that the show committee will make that class list and other show decisions after hearing suggestions from members and taking them into consideration. The club will not be voting on every decision at monthly meetings. If you would like to be a part of the process please come to a committee meeting.

A suggestion about the shows was to have the walk trot class not have to wear a full suit because it could affect the exhibitors status at bigger shows. MHA rules were read and discussion was made to possibly change the adult wt rules thinking it would allow more people to enter.

Discussion was made on if you have a complaint you would need to file an official protest form.

A suggestion was made to have more driving classes or a division, In hand, qualifier and championship.

Another suggestion was to have some of the "extra" classes during the fair show when we typically have more exhibitors if they would not be held at the regular shows.

Some concern was made regarding the show computer program, being that only 1 person knew how to run the program, the 2nd person in the office could not help out during busy times, also that it is very easy to make errors and there is no paper trail to fall back on.

Also it was discussed to not have exhibitors stay in the ring for pinning of day end ribbons because it takes too long.

Show dates were brought up again because judges need to be hired. The members were asked how many were concerned about the show dates being too close last year and if they were concerned about that for the next season, the majority said that they were fine if 2 of the shows had to be close together to be able to get 3 shows in before the fair and have the 4th show be the Friday show. The committee will get together again and look at more dates. Joyce made a motion to have 4 shows, the motion was 2nd by Danny, zero opposed.

It was suggested to stop changing the class list every year and stay with what we know has worked in the past.

Members brought in desserts to share and pet food donations. Vicki made a motion to donate all of the donations of pet food to Riverside Rescue, the motion was 2nd by Jo Ann, zero opposed.

Nominations for officers and board of directors were made as follows:

V. President: Val Pederson

Corresponding Sec: no nominations

Treasurer: Vicki

BOD: Joyce Bean

BOD: Peg Desautels

Kim Hanf announced that she will no longer be able to fulfill her obligations as President. Nominations for President were then made as follows:

President: Cynthia Hakansson

Cathy Dorr

The horse show committee had also discussed the banquet, we will find out if the town hall is available on Feb 2nd. The banquet this year will be pre pay, no cash at the door. Shirley made a motion to have Smokin T's cater the banquet, the motion was 2nd by Joyce, zero opposed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Joyce, 2nd by Dave Chessman, zero opposed.

The next meeting will be Dec 17th.

Minutes taken by: Casey McMann