

General Membership Meeting
Saturday, February 13, 2021
B's Tap House Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Members Present:

Sara Gronski	Jon Haldemann
Sara Sternberg	Brent Anderson
Suzie Trzebiatowski	Jared Benn
Sheri Fochs	Heather Kessler
Colleen Urban	Dawn Durham
Joan Stokdyk	Jacki Pertzborn

I. Call to Order--1:06

II. Secretary's Report – Sheri Fochs - Nov Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as read-Suzie Trzebiatowski
Second Heather Kessler
Motion Passed

III. Treasurer's Report – Joan Stokdyk

Went over report presented Nov 14 2020-Feb 12 2021
Current checkbook balance: \$35419.52
Share Savings (as of 12/31/2020)***Futurity Account
Smart Money Savings: (as of 12/31/2020) \$12307.78
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented-Colleen Urban
2nd-Suzie Trzebiatowski
Motion Passed

IV. Committee Reports

** Please consider joining a committee to get the most out of your WPOAC Membership!

A. Royalty – Jackie Pertzborn

No Horse fair and 2 sets of royalty so trying to keep them busy and have a fun experience given the unusual circumstances. Trying to get TV to West Salem to do possible interviews. Working with MN on doing a royalty ride at the regional. Royalty will do the flag presentation once again at our shows. Royalty will be asked to help organize a “dress up theme” for each of the Wisconsin shows to add some whole group fun for adults and kids alike. Royalty and Royalty parents are encouraged to promote on their own as well--put crowns and sashes on and get out there at events you may be doing. Hoping to get kids on at a Stevens Point radio station for Custer show. Share any ideas you may have with Jackie to help keep the 12 royalty kids busy.

B. Scholarship Committee – Heather Kessler

Heather:Going forward with plans. Calendar sales went well. We are doing an apparel sale this spring--more info to come. Saddle raffle still in works. We want to keep growing that account as we continue to have great applicants coming up. Jackie reminded you can consider the fund as a memorial given in the name of a loved one you may have lost.

Colleen reported there is \$2610.20 in account. Apparel order design is ready to go. Deciding what items to get it on and will be early this spring.

C. Membership – Dawn Durham

31 paid as of now. New family has joined--not new to POA but new to Wisconsin.

D. Newsletter – Autumn

Dawn: Looking at what we want to do with an online newsletter. Would like to include the Futurity results/pictures/sponsors. Also include Show bills and links to forms. Looking to send out the newsletter digitally in April. If you want something in it, put it in a PDF for Autumn. Discussion was had of if we were selling a cover. Decided not to given that it's not being handed out at Horse Fair this year. This year's cover will be a generic WPOAC page of some sort.

E. Promo Committee – Alison Marx/Heather Kessler

Heather. Found a photo of every youth member she had on the drive and made a new background for the web page

F. Midwest Horse Fair – Lori Helmer

No Report

G. Wisconsin Horse Council – Lori Helmer

Membership renewed.

H. Show/Futurity Committee – Suzie Trezbiatowski

Entry fees:

Recommended by show Committee “Lower all day fee to \$80 per judge for the weekend-from \$90-for one rider one pony combo”

Discussion: To make it worth doing you would be entered in 14 classes, which is less than the previous amount. It might have some new people use it as they are close to entering that many classes and perhaps try a new class or two.

Motion to approve: Suzie Trzebiatowski

Second Joan Stokydk

Motion passes

Stall Fee:

Recommended by show committee: \$55 per pony stall with 2 bales of shavings included and \$45 per tack stall with no shavings for all shows. This excludes multi-breed shows.

Motion: Colleen Urban

Second: Jackie Pertzborn

Motion Passes

Number Fees:

Recommended to word number fee as “\$5 in advance for pony/rider combo for annual number. Day of show cost is \$10”

Discussion: Some people were assuming that it was a one time thing and this clarifies it

Motion: Jackie Pertzborn

Second: Heather Kessler

Motion Passes

Secretary Position:

Proposal presented by Suzie Trzebiatowski as follows:

*\$50 pre-entries done ahead of time, and ability to have order of goes at the show

*\$100/day of show to staff the office (sat/sun shows = \$200)--point secretary has first dibs at this role if they want it. Otherwise the show chair can hire out. This role includes show checkouts.

*\$150-enter results and submit points to National office

*Remove the \$400 annual pay stipend that was passed 2/1/2020

*Points secretary shall have a 3 year term giving others the opportunity to hold the position

Discussion: Trying to keep up with other state clubs, keep and maintain someone qualified to do this.

Questioned what the amounts mean for sure--per day or show and it was clarified. Concern of the overall cost and it was brought up this is not set in stone and we can relook and change each year if needed to fit the needs and our current financial situation.

Motion to accept the proposal: Jackie Pertzborn

Second: Joan Stokydk

Motion Passes

Virtual Show Committee:

Suzie presented the proposal: The show committee would like the ability to meet virtually as needed (in addition to the in person meetings already held each year) to better plan and move forward with show preparation. Guidelines presented will follow Robert's Rules of Order and are listed below:

*The virtual platform used must enable all members to communicate with each other virtually and verbally simultaneously.

*If the meeting is held in person, members are allowed to join virtually and have the same discussion and voting rights. One person physically present from the committee will be designated to help facilitate the virtual communication between the in person and virtual members.

*The quorum for in person and virtual meetings is the majority of its membership.

*Notice of the meeting must be sent to all members electronically including a link of how to join the meeting virtually. If electronic notice is not possible, written notice shall be mailed.

Motion to accept the proposal: Heather Kessler

Second: Jacki Pertzborn

Motion Passes

A club sponsorship letter has been created that all show chairs can use to solicit donations for their shows. A spreadsheet will keep track of who has been asked, and what their response/donation is so there is no overlap of people being asked more than once each year.

We will be doing a survey at each show to get input from members on how the show went. We will replenish ribbons. Each show doing some unique activities. Looked into buying/getting bending poles to add to our equipment list.

Buying pole bending equipment was discussed
Recommendation is the club purchases set of 6 pole bending poles
Motion to approve: Jackie Pertzbon
Second: Joan Stokydk
Motion Passes

Pattern book will be released after approval by the show judges

i. 2021 Show Dates

- a. May 29/30 – La Crosse County Fairgrounds, West Salem, WI
 - i. Chairs: Heather & Rhea
- b. June 12/13 – Central WI Fairgrounds, Marshfield, WI
 - i. Chairs: Tina & Dawn
- c. August 7/8 (Futurity Show) – Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI
 - i. Chairs: Suzie & Sara P.
- d. August 21/22 – Heartland Stables, Custer, WI
 - i. Chairs: Joan & Sheri

ii. 2022 Show Dates

- a. May/June
- b. May/June
- c. Midwest Regional-Rhea has stepped up to be the main chair. Let show committee or Rhea know if you'd like to help.
- d. 4th Show Date

V. Computer/State Points – Heather

Heather: Going to continue with pre entries. Will monitor the club computer as the fan appears to be starting to fail and it may need to be replaced.

VI. Trophies & Ribbons – Brenda Haldemann

Heather: Gave an update from Brenda on what we have and what she recommends getting.

Brenda is working hard on covering trophies and plans to have them all ready to go.

Recommends purchasing 300 at a cost of about \$500.

Need: 65 1st place, 100 2nd place, 50 3rd place, 50 4th place, 35 5th place ribbons

Motion to approved recommendation: Jackie Pertzborn

Second: Suzie Trzebiatowski
Motion passes

VII. Bylaws Committee – Dawn/Colleen

Dawn is starting to retype out the proposals. Colleen has been working on them as well. Must be presented 3 times before voting on to change. They will pick top priorities each year to change instead of tackling all of them. Try to make them more general

i. Proposed Revisions

1 Reading of Secretary's Minutes at Membership meetings

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

Kim Matthews: Asked if WPOAC would sponsor 2 classes at Congress. \$200 dollar total

Motion to sponsor 2 classes at Congress: Suzie Trzebiatowski

Second: Jackie Pertzborn

Motion Passes

Minnesota will most likely send out sponsorship requests. Discussion on us doing so.

Motion to sponsor up to \$250 for high point at MidWest regional at MN in 2021--Heather Kessler

Second: Suzie Trzebiatowski

Motion Passes

BOD online virtual general membership meeting discussion. Consensus was there are too many unknowns about the set up with making the tech work and how voting would work. Can relook in the fall if COVID gets bad again.

X. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Suzie Trzebiatowski

Second

Meeting Adjourned 1:55