

The Minnesota POA Club (MN POAC)

Minutes from December 4, 2010 Meeting

Owatonna, Minnesota

In Attendance: Joan Lewis, Bonnie Lewis, Lisa Mullenbach, Diane Geller, Stephanie Geller, Jeff Hall, Mark Shuck, Jackie Hall, Jane Shuck, Angie Shuck, Keith Flack, Janet Wood, Fred Netz, Jan Netz, Jack Geller, Danelle Kimery, Sarah Skinner, Karen Meyer, Christina Blomquist, Eva Dahl

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 am. President Karen Meyer thanked everyone for braving the snowy weather and bad roads to attend.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the February 13, 2010 meeting were approved as posted on the MN POA website. Motion was made by Jack Geller, seconded by Fred Netz.

Treasurer's report: We have two bank accounts. At Merchant's Bank in Donnelly, MN, we have a balance of \$5330.87. This account has been left open until the situation in Stearns County has been concluded. At our account with Venture Bank in Minneapolis, the balance is \$27,088.33. Karen Meyer noted that our financial records are open for any member to review by contacting Joan Lewis. She also noted that there is a court date of December 15th, 2010 at which time Amy Searle will be charged. If any members are interested in being part of the internal audit, they should contact Karen Meyer. The BOD will select 3 members to perform the audit. Discussion then went off-topic regarding the best way to track show entries. Jack Geller made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Angie Shuck seconded.

Fred Netz brought up the fact that there have been changes to the way we file for non-profit status. Joan Lewis stated that she was aware of those changes and had already filed the necessary paperwork.

Show Report:

Profit from May Winona show: \$36.10

Profit from July Windom show: \$1157.76

Profit from August West Salem show \$2719.82

Profit from October Winona show \$3220.74

Eva Dahl noted that the Spooktacular show had 96 ponies. It was possibly the largest state show in the nation in 2010. It was the largest show that the Minnesota Equestrian facility had hosted all season.

Angie Shuck made a motion to approve the show reports. Jackie Hall seconded.

Newsletters: Jack Geller stated that the online auction for the 2010 newsletter covers went well. After expenses, our net profit was approximately \$800.00. Jack mentioned that he would like to see more content in the newsletter. He also stated that he no longer has time to collect all the materials for the newsletter but is willing to still handle the printing and distribution. Fred & Jan Netz volunteered to be the collection point and then pass the files on to Jack.

Angie Shuck brought up a point about making the website the official location for information. Mark Shuck made a motion that the website be the official location. Karen Meyer made an amended motion that both email communications and the website be the official location. Discussion. Mark amended his motion that we chose the website as the official location for information. Jack Geller seconded the motion. None opposed.

Awards Banquet: Will be held at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna Minnesota on Saturday March 5th. Details on website. Estimated cost of banquet meal & meeting room is \$2200.00.

Awards: We are lacking nominations for Member of the Year, BRAVO and the Sportsmanship awards. Karen has sent out an email with the nomination forms. There are also forms for the 4H and MHSEA awards on the website. Karen also stated that show chairs should nominated a member from each age group. Our awards budget last year was \$4000. We

have the opportunity this year to purchase down vests at a reduced cost and have them embroidered for participation awards. This would cost approximately \$1000. Jack Geller made a motion to increase the awards budget to \$5000.

Angie Shuck seconded. Adults or anyone else wishing to purchase a vest will have the opportunity to do so. Danelle will send out details in an email. Danelle gave a quick explanation of how the awards committee selects awards.

Website: Annual fees are due soon. Jack Geller made a motion to buy a 3 year subscription and get a better rate. Fred Netz seconded that motion. None opposed.

Expo: Fred Netz will coordinate. Angie Shuck made a motion that we rent 2 stalls total. Eva Dahl seconded. None opposed.

Royalty: Angie Shuck touched on a few of the activities that the Royalty sponsored, such as the Royalty ride at the Spooktacular. She would like to see more activities for the kids. Jackie Hall suggested that the Royalty competition be held at a MN show held at a MN facility. Angie would also like to see the Royalty receive polo shirt that they could wear at shows. Jackie Hall made a motion that the Royalty each receives a shirt. Jack Geller seconded. The incoming Royalty will be announced at the Awards banquet in March. Angie also stated that she will have the Royalty help her plan more activities.

National Convention: Eva Dahl requested that the MN POA club sponsor the convention this year as a bronze sponsor. The convention is being held in Wisconsin Dells. This is a great way to show that we support the local & national club. We will have a display table at the convention, and a full page ad in the program. The cost is \$1000. Mark Shuck made a motion that we support the national club by being a bronze sponsor. Jane Shuck seconded. None opposed.

Eva Dahl left meeting due to a prior commitment.

Show Dates: Jim Simon is willing to negotiate a better rate than he offered last year. Fred Netz made a motion that all our shows be held in Minnesota. Jackie Hall seconded that motion. Discussion. Jack Geller proposed that we set the dates first, and then see if we can keep them in state. Motion tabled.

Angie Shuck made motion for a June 18-19 show in Windom in place of our traditional 4th of July weekend show. (SD is hosting Mid-West Regional show in Sioux Falls that weekend so we are unable to hold our usual show in Windom) Jackie Hall seconded. None opposed.

Mark Shuck made a motion that we see if we can co-host a show with Wisconsin on June 25-26 at Winona. This would be an opportunity for people on their way to Sioux Falls the following weekend. Jackie Hall seconded. Discussion. Mark amended his motion to say that this should date is tentative, depending on Wisconsin's response. If Wisconsin cannot co-host with us, the show will not go on. Jackie Hall seconded. None opposed.

Mark Shuck made a motion that we host a show at Windom on September 10-11. Jackie Hall seconded. Heated discussion. Karen Meyer, Sarah Skinner and Danelle Kimery opposed. Motion passed.

Angie Shuck made a motion that we host the Spooktacular in Winona on October 29-30th. Jack Geller seconded. None opposed.

Danelle Kimery made a motion that we host our Futurity show at Cannon Falls on August 13-14th. Janet Wood seconded. Heated discussion. Jackie Hall, Fred Netz and Jan Netz opposed.

Show chairs:

June 18-19th (Windom) Mark & Jane Shuck. Diane Geller to be show secretary as Joan Lewis will be out of town.

June 25-26th (Winona) (tentative) Bonnie Lewis.

August 13-14th (Cannon Falls) Danelle Kimery, Sarah Skinner

September 10-11 (Windom) Jack Geller, Angie Shuck

October 29-30 (Winona) Karen Meyer

Joan Lewis announced that this will be her last season to be show secretary. There was discussion about training people in this season to help fill in Joan's absence. Danelle Kimery noted that we do have a show chair duties checklist.

Iowa wants us to point their June 4-5th show in Ellsworth IA. They will point our August Cannon Falls show. Danelle made a motion that we point Ellsworth if they will point Cannon Falls. Angie Shuck seconded. None opposed.

PHC: Jack Geller made a motion that we measure for PHC's at the tentative June 25-26th show in Winona. Danelle Kimery seconded. None opposed.

Karen Meyer presented Joan Lewis with a check for \$600 for her services in 2009 as show secretary.

Wisconsin is now splitting out the boys from the girls in the equitation classes in staying in line with the national club. This will affect showmanship, equitation and horsemanship only. Danelle made a motion that the MN club also split out the boys from the girls in the equitation classes. Jack Geller seconded. None opposed.

There was discussion about the requirement of 50% participation for year-end high point awards. Angie Shuck made a motion that we drop the 50% participation requirement for year-end high point awards beginning in the 2011 show season. Jack Geller seconded. None opposed.

WSCA membership: Sarah Skinner noted that the 2011 membership fees were due shortly. She wondered if the club wanted to continue its membership. Jane Shuck made a motion that we continue our membership with WSCA. Jack Geller seconded. Jackie Hall will write up the monthly column.

Nominations were made for the BOD. Jack Geller made a motion the nominate all of the current board of directors. Fred Netz and Jackie Hall were also nominated. Ballots were cast. The new BOD is: Karen Meyer, (President) Sarah Skinner, (Secretary) Danelle Kimery, (VP) Irene Zimmerman, (co-Treasurer) Joan Lewis (Treasurer), Angie Shuck, and Fred Netz.

Danelle Kimery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Skinner seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Skinner