

**Minnesota POAC
Spring Meeting
March 5, 2011
Holiday Inn, Owantonna MN**

In Attendance: Autumn Carns, Kallie Munson, Jackie Hall, Alissa Henning, Kimberly Eisenberger, Kim Olson, Dwight Olson, Judy Katzenberger, Jackie Devine-Pertborn, Brent Andersen, Heather Hassebroek, Mary Jo McMann, Jared Katzenberger, Nancy Meyer, Larry Gibson, Bonnie Gibson, Karen Meyer, Lisa Mullenbach, Angie Shuck, Keith Flack, Mark Shuck, Jane Shuck, Sarah Skinner, Danelle Kimery, Kyle Kimery, Beverly Krueger, Joan Lewis, Eva Dahl, Eric Blomquist, Rich Neimeyer, Deb Neimeyer, Sandra Cleary, Liz Herzberg

Also in Attendance: Jackie Guthrie. In a letter filed with the MN POAC secretary (*also sent to Joyse Bannister, Jeff Jacob and Directors Beverly Tabor & Dianne Peaton*), she stated that she is attending this meeting in an advisory capacity as a Midwest Director only. She has stepped aside as the POAC Inc President for the day of March 5th, 2011 to facilitate this.

Secretary's Report: Summarized by Sarah Skinner. Motion made to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2010 meeting as posted on the website by Dwight Olson. Seconded by Eva Dahl.

Treasurer's Report: Moved to later in the meeting as the Audit Committee is not finished. Karen Meyer noted that we had received a letter from the District Attorney of Stevens County regarding the Amy Searle case. The club as received all of the funds back that were taken by Mrs. Searle.

Karen Meyer presented a President's Review of 2010. She noted the geographical location of the club members, participation at shows, and obstacles we encountered. These obstacles include the economy, the breach of our bank account, and the discovery that we were without valid bylaws to govern the club. We now have a new treasurer, and all the funds taken have been paid back. The Midwest Directors have been providing us guidance in regards to how best to move forward until we have new bylaws in place. They have advised us to follow the 1961 Articles of Incorporation until we can restate them, and the new bylaws have been developed and approved. They also advised that the 2010 BOD remain in place until the process is completed; and that we take a step back and re-evaluate the decisions made at the December 4th meeting. The BOD has evaluated the Articles & Bylaws and will be presenting them to the membership later in the meeting for their input.

In December, Karen Meyer received an email from Irene Zimmerman stating her resignation from the Board of Directors. As advised by the Midwest Directors, we are leaving the vacant position open until the Articles of Incorporation & Revised Bylaws are approved.

Our 2011 show schedule is set. The dates are all follows:

May 21-22	Windom
June 18-19	West Salem
August 13-14	Cannon Falls <i>Futurity Show</i>
August 20-21	West Salem <i>Wisconsin Sponsored, Minnesota Pointed</i>
September 10-11	Windom
October 22-23	Winona <i>Spooktacular</i>

In order to meet the 50% participation requirement, members must attend 9 shows. This can be accomplished by showing at least 3 weekends at the shows of your choice.

At this point Eva Dahl & Joan Lewis counted the member present who are eligible to vote. Per the 1961 Bylaws we must have 51% or a 2/3rds majority. The 1961 Bylaws state that in order to vote, members must be National Club members before they are allowed to join the MN POAC. Also that dues are due within 90 days of January 1st, and must be paid before members are allowed to vote. The status of all memberships, both National and Minnesota were verified by Jackie Guthrie, Sarah Skinner & Joan Lewis as members arrived at the meeting. We have 36 paid members, 28 present that are eligible to vote.

In conforming to the 1961 Bylaws, all those who wish to participate in the Minnesota Futurity this year must also join the MN POAC by March 31st. We will notify the current membership, and also email those who were members in 2010 so that no one is caught off guard.

Judy Katzenberger moved that we keep the 2010 BOD in place until the Articles of Incorporation and the restated Bylaws are put into place. Dwight Olson seconded that motion. Discussion followed. Jackie Guthrie recommended that we as a club make this motion as this will re-affirm the decisions that the 2010 BOD have been making. Autumn Carns called for the question. 26 voted to approve. None opposed. Motion passed.

At this point, the Audit Committee joined the meeting. The committee is comprised of Sandra Cleary, Deb Niemeyer, Liz Herzberg and Jane Shuck. They will write a report with their recommendations and will give them to the BOD to oversee the recommendations.

The recommendations included

- closing the account in Donnelly Minnesota
- keeping a balance of \$8000 in checking
- remaining funds to be put in savings / CDs
- having more documentation to support the payments
- depositing checks within 1 week of receiving

- having several people approved to view the accounts online

Angie Shuck moved that Karen Meyer & Sandra Cleary be approved to view the bank account online. Jared Katzenberger amended that motion to state that the club president and secretary be the approved persons. Angie agreed to amend her motion. Discussion. 27 voted to approve. None opposed. Motion Passed.

Joan Lewis presented the Treasurer's Report. We started the year with a balance of \$32,420 and ended the year with \$27,000. We had a show profit of \$6800, and paid out \$10,000. The awards for the 2009 season were paid for in 2010, as well as the 2010 awards so the numbers are a bit skewed. Angie Shuck questioned if the bank Joan is using is one that would be easily accessible in regards to depositing funds after a show in case Joan is not present. Joan gave us a little background on the bank. Autumn Carns moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Judy Katzenberger seconded. Discussion. Majority approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Show Chairs were given a chance to comment on their respective shows. Mark Shuck commented on the lack of cart classes on the Windom showbill. It was an oversight that will be corrected. Eva Dahl noted that the shower facilities in West Salem are being improved and that the fairgrounds are happy to have us back. Danelle noted that we may be able to access a new outdoor arena at Simon's and would then be able to offer a full slate of jumping classes. We should know by June 1st. Trail is also planned for both days. Angie is also pursuing adding jumping at Windom. Mark Shuck brought up the point that sometimes judges are also MN POA members and this does not seem ethical. Beverly Krueger moved that any judges hired should not be MN POA members. Rick Neimeyer seconded. Discussion. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Danelle Kimery commented on the awards, and the embroidery. She is hoping to have a store set up on our website so that members could purchase & have items embroidered with our MN POA logo.

It was proposed that we look at the motion that was approved at the December 4 meeting. That motion eliminated the 50% participation requirement for high point awards. Eva Dahl moved that we re-instate the requirement of 50% participation criteria for high point awards. Sandra Cleary seconded. Discussion. Judy Katzenberger called for the question. Majority approved, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

The reinstated Articles of Incorporation were then discussed. Autumn Carns moved that we accept the proposed reinstated Articles of Incorporation. Brent Andersen seconded. Discussion. Write vote taken. Votes were counted by Jackie Guthrie, Brent Andersen, Liz Herzberg, and Dwight & Kim Olson. 28 voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

The proposed Bylaws were discussed. Some changes were made, such as allowing the use of electronic communications as a way to conduct business, and setting the annual meeting to take place in the 1st quarter of the year. Ideally the meeting would be held in

January, but this would give us leeway in case of scheduling conflicts, weather, etc... A question was also brought up about the timing of memberships with the annual meeting being held so early in the year. Jackie Hall moved that we use the previous year's membership as those who would be eligible to vote. Mark Shuck seconded. Discussion. Jackie Hall withdrew her motion. Mark Shuck withdrew his second. Jackie Hall moved that memberships be due March 1st in keeping inline with the national club. Autumn Carns seconded. Discussion. Majority approved. None Opposed. Motion passed.

Regarding changes made to the proposed Bylaws, Larry Gibson moved that we accept the Bylaws as presented with the changes made. Liz Herzberg seconded. Written vote. Counted by Dwight Olson, Jackie Guthrie, Joan Lewis and Brent Andersen. 27 voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

A second vote will be required to approve the Bylaws. Votes can be done by mail and only need a simple majority. Liz Herzberg moved that the proposed Bylaws be mailed to members by April 1st 2011 and that votes be due back by May 1, 2011. Eva Dahl seconded. Discussion. Majority approved. None opposed. Motion passed.

Rick Neimeyer brought up camping at the West Salem facility. We are charged for camping yet those who come in to watch the races pay nothing. Judy Katzenberger had spoken with the management at the fairgrounds about issue and they had assured her that changes would be made. Rick said that as of March 3, the fairgrounds website had not been changed.

Jared Katzenberger moved that we adjourn the meeting.
Autumn Carns seconded.

Respectfully Submitted
Sarah Skinner