

MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

Members Present: Erin Johnson, Melissa Andring, Tanya Dadisman, Kya Pulsipher, Sophie Andring, Libby Ruen (interim Secretary)

President Erin Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:18pm

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$17,759.90

Savings: \$13,940.75

CD: \$26,982.34

*Most updated statements will be available on 2/2/2026.

CD rolls over in April and we will reevaluate if we need to pull money out for the Regional at that point.

We will have two futurity checks that have not been cashed yet - people have been contacted multiple times.

Old Business:

2026 Shows

Contacts have not been received from the MEC - like normal.

Sophie created Facebook events for each show to start posting information for each show (sponsorship forms..).

Showbills are being finalized for the shows. Sophie brought up the fact that Native American Regalia being the first class right before jumping might be an issue at the Regional show. Will probably have to give people a break and possibly run the Native class in the smaller arena since the jumps will be set up in the main arena for practice.

Need to reach out to MEC to verify if they have poles before the May show. They did not have any poles as of the Spooktacular last fall.

Patterns - Erin would be willing to work on patterns for the shows, but Sophie said she would be willing to help with patterns for the Regional show (we are wanting slightly harder patterns). Erin is going to reach out to Sara Gronski to possibly do patterns for the May show.

May

Jessica Huinker to work the gate at the May show for sure.

Cyndy Thorn is going to announce the May and possibly the July shows if Eric cannot.

July

Ten-R agreed to photograph the futurity show.

Cyndy Thorn is going to announce the May and possibly the July shows if Eric cannot.

October/Regional

Elizabeth Smith to work the gate at Regional for sure so far.

Eric Treb is going to tentatively announce Regional.

Ring steward is needed for the Regional show.

Discussion to have stalls be prepaid before the show starts - unless a vet note is provided. Sophie Andring motioned to approve non-refundable prepaid stall deposits for the Regional show. Kya Pulsipher seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Regional Committee as of 1/31/2026:

Vanessa York - Youth Activities

Sophie Andring - Promotion

Nina Conn and Sara Gronski - Sponsorships

Sami Bruns - Awards

Dr. Jess Drish-Kata - Camping/Stalling

Lee Ruplinger - Hospitality

Erin Johnson - Show Chair

Sami shared amounts spent on the Iowa Regional. Preliminary calculations with \$75 for highpoints and \$50 for reserve highpoints (\$40 for highpoint and \$30 reserve high point for equitation/JRFC/non-timed...) comes out to about \$9,000 total for awards. Class awards being quarter zips for first place and then 2+ first place awards can be combined for a jacket/vest. Game classes to receive random awards from Schneiders instead of the normal quarter zip. Discussion was held for 2nd-8th place awards for the Regional judge (whether to use our stash of medals or do something different like cups or towels). Tanya Dadisman motioned to approve a preliminary \$10,000 award budget for the Regional show. Erin Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Sara has been made aware that we are hoping that sponsorships cover the awards at the minimum for the Regional show. Goal of \$20,000. Focus on trying to get sponsorships outside of the POA membership.

A photographer has not been acquired for the Regional show. Multiple people have been contacted but most are busy/cannot do the whole weekend. Erin is contacting Rachel Reilly. Kya has reached out to Riff & Halter photographer.

Equipment rental - Kristen Schaefer contacted Melissa that IL POAC has a trailer with jumps and trail equipment that MNPOAC can use for the Regional. Someone would need to go pick it up in IL. Erin reached out to Autumn Reilly to possibly use the WI POAC trail and jump equipment.

Website:

Erin is going to connect Sara Jarr and Melissa so that Melissa has the ability to edit and update the website with 2026 information.

Royalty Committee:

Six applicants for 2026 - including a handful of new kids. All did mock interviews with Sara Gronski.

Banquet/Awards:

Some parents purchased awards and are submitting the receipts to the club to reimburse the amount that we set for them. Kya verified that she stayed under the \$5,000 budget.

Melissa brought up the fact that we should try and save money by not having the awards banquet at Signatures for 2027. Tanya brought up the option to host with Iowa awards banquet to cut costs, but Iowa would have to hold theirs later due to the Minnesota show being later in the season than Iowa. Erin brought up that we could hold meetings separate from the banquet and focus on the food/awards at the banquet to encourage more participation. Melissa proposed hosting the banquet at the Eyota legion instead (catering from Bennett's Marketplace). Future discussions to be had with Iowa/moving the banquet from Signatures.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:30pm, virtual.

Meeting adjourned by Erin Johnson at 1:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Liberty Ruen

Secretary