

MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

Members Present: Erin Johnson, Melissa Andring, Tanya Dadisman, Kya Pulsipher, Liberty Ruen, Shannon Thompson

President Erin Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:11pm

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$15,344.45

Savings: \$13,940.97

CD: \$27,047.44

One check from 2025 futurity is still waiting to be cashed. Two banquet awards to be reimbursed as well.

Old Business:

2026 Shows

Volunteer incentives (Kya): Discussion to incentivize people to help (other than BOD) at the shows. The same people always seem to help out at the shows - encourage our new members and families to contribute.

Show Fees (MEC):

\$75 stall (\$95 stall last year)

\$40 night/camping

\$7.50 bag shavings (have to be bought at the facility)

Discussion to increase fees for 2026 because MEC is a harder facility to make money at. Melissa Andring makes a motion to charge \$95/stall, \$90/weekend for camping and \$8/bag of shavings for the May and July two day weekend shows in 2026. Shannon Thompson seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.

Fees will need to be increased for the three day show (Regional). Melissa Andring makes a motion to charge \$145/stall, \$135/weekend for camping and \$8/bag of shavings for the October Regional show in 2026. Kya Pulsipher seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.

July Futurity Show:

8 sponsorships have been received so far, but Melissa has not pushed it too hard yet.

October/Regional:

We still need someone for a program but Melissa Andring reached out to Melanie Meyer to get some help on that. Still looking for equipment - Shannon Thompson is going to do some digging into POA rules to come up with some equipment.

Melissa has shared the document with the rest of the committee to keep the entire committee and BOD informed about what everyone is working on.

Sara Gronski let Erin know that we have \$3,150 received in Regional sponsorship - the three big arena sponsors have not been received yet.

Sami Bruns let Melissa know that she is in the process of ordering things and got can koozies in different colors for placings

Melissa gave the revised showbill to Linzy Zahm at the National Convention in February.

Website/Newsletter:

The website has been getting a lot of traffic because National POAC is looking at the same company that did our site and was using MN POAC as an example at the National Convention.

Libby is going to update the website with some new pictures of newer members.

Melissa Andring: Newsletter is coming soon - looking to put for sale ads, farm directory, training directory, etc in the next newsletter and maybe even the MN POAC website. Maybe charge a small fee for the entire year.

Awards/Banquet Committee:

MN POAC paid \$300 for the space at Signatures for the 2025 banquet. Tanya discussed how impossible it is to collect money for the meal. Need to confirm how payment is being made and how we are charged for food - have Sophie present to the Board the bill from the 2025 banquet to further assess.

Royalty Committee:

Sara Gronski is going to be posting on the Facebook page the 2026 royalty (one post completed as of March BOD meeting). She is also putting together activities for the show season.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 7:30pm, virtual.

Meeting adjourned by Erin Johnson at 8:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Liberty Ruen

Secretary