

MN POAC  
Annual Meeting  
January 25, 2014  
Holiday Inn, Owatonna, Minnesota

**In attendance:** Jane Schuck, Mark Schuck, Jackie Hall, Darcy Bormann, Melissa Onsager, Angela Schuck, Keith Flack, Ali Henning, Karen Meyer, Eva Dahl, Danelle Kimery, Kyle Kimery, Kari Wendt, Paul Wendt, Steve Skinner, Sarah Skinner, Joan Lewis, Bonnie Gibson, Larry Gibson, Ron Meyer, Nancy Meyer, Elizabeth Kamm, Lisa Mullenbach, Alli Mullenbach, Bev Krueger, Judy Katzenberger, Jared Katzenberger, Missy Katzenberger, Kim Olson, Dwight Olson, Kim Vroman, Susan Huff, Joan Schulz, Shelly Feick, Donna Berg, Janelle Louwagie, Kallie Munson.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report from the 1/26/13 annual meeting has been made available on the club's website for review. No changes were noted.

**Treasurer's Report.** Ali Henning the Club Treasurer distributed a report on the club's finances. The Club currently has a balance of \$19,818.41 in the checking account and \$3,920.22 in the savings account. The expenses for the 2013 awards are still outstanding and will be paid in the 2014 fiscal year. Ali Henning noted that the Audit Committee had suggested that the Club close out the savings account and keep the funds in checking account. In investigating that further with the banking institution, she determined that it benefits the club to maintain the savings account.

**Audit Committee:** Following is the Audit Committee Report as completed by Jane Schuck.

**AUDIT for the 2013 Year (FY Jan. 01, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013)**

1. The beginning balances according to the minutes and the current treasurer's report are as follows:

a. January 2010	\$32,420.00
b. January 2011	\$13,315.00
c. January 2012	\$16,724.00
d. January 2013	\$12,804.78
e. January 2014	\$19,818.41
2. The club currently has \$3,920.22 in the savings account.
3. Most of the expenses for the 2013 Awards Banquet will be paid in 2014.
4. The treasurer has broken the accounts down by shows and specific accounts: Awards, Breeders and Promoters, Newsletters, Futurity, Office Supplies, WSCA dues, and the website.

5. The accounts that show a negative balance are: Awards and Awards Banquet: \$271.20, Website Renewal \$458.49, Futurity 214.30, Office Supplies.
6. Last year's recommendations included
  - a. That the checking account and savings accounts be combined into the checking account. This is not the best decision because the bank gives the club a better rate if there is a savings account.
  - b. That the checking account and savings account are under the control of the treasurer and the club president. Currently board member Karen Meyer and Treasurer, Ali Henning can sign the account. This needs to be up-dated yearly.
  - c. The bank should be physically close to the treasure for convenience and efficiency. This has been taken care of as the treasurer uses the Wells Fargo Bank in her area.
  - d. The treasurer should be responsible for the accounting on the newsletter. This has been accomplished.
  - e. The jackpot awards are easier to pay out right at the gate at the end of the class. This has been accomplished.
  - f. The cash flow for food, room rental and miscellaneous for the annual meeting needs to be a positive cash flow. This has happened this year.
  - g. Keep the same audit committee from year to year. Recommend that this needs to be part of the Annual Meeting Agenda and appointed at the Annual Meeting. There should be at least one member on the audit committee that stays on from year to year.
7. This year's recommendations:
  - a. Jackpot entry fees need to be paid in cash so that the payout can be made at the gate.
  - b. Futurities need to be paid one check per pony.
  - c. Members need to pay separate checks for each cost: example - membership, back numbers, sponsorships, futurity payments, etc.
  - d. Continue using Quick Books for accounting.
  - e. The club needs \$15,000.00 in the checking account to cover checks written as show expenses. After the bills for the awards are paid, the club will be below \$15,000.00 in the checking account.
  - f. The treasurer has agreed to do the accounting for back numbers, entries, pre-registration, shaving orders, check out. This work needs to have compensation that would be similar to the show secretaries' compensation. This should be compensated at \$350.00 per show. There needs to be a motion from the board or the members at the annual meeting. Currently the by-laws would not support this. See board meeting minutes. The motion passed to pay the treasurer this amount.
  - g. Profit and loss statement for each show should be reviewed by the individual show chair and corrected as agreed upon as soon as possible.

- h. We should have motion to accept the audit report. At this year's meeting a motion to accept the report passed.



Jane Schuck – Audit Committee

Karen Meyer moved to approve the Audit Report; Callie Munson seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

#### Committee Reports:

**Awards:** Barry Blomquist donated several wonderful trophies to the club that were re-purposed for traveling year end awards. Karen Meyer did a quick overview of the 2013 awards. The participation awards are individualized web halters with MN POA on the side and the pony's barn name over the nose. The points awards would be gift cards from Cowpokes Western Shop that could be used in either their Winona or Plainview locations. The gift certificates are good through the Spooktacular 2014 show.

**Futurity Show:** Ali Henning gave a quick overview of the 2013 Futurity Show held in Cannon Falls in 2013. She noted that maturity classes were added to the show bill as well as the regular futurity classes. Fund raising for the futurity had been held during the 2013 show season and \$2300 was added to the futurity.

**Central Classic:** Eva Dahl and Karen Meyer did a quick overview of the 2013 Central Classic. It was a resounding success both for the National Club (their most profitable show of the year - including the Congress) and for the Minnesota State Club - through money earned from the program book.

**Newsletter:** Eva has been preparing and promoting the MN POA newsletter. She distributed copies of the Fall Newsletter at the 2013 Futurities and Sale and received a very favorable response from people interested in securing covers and ads for the 2014 issue. Eva will continue to produce the newsletter in 2014 and hopes to be able to have it distributed electronically as well as in hard copy.

**Minnesota Horse Expo:** Darcy Borman and Jackie Hall and their families represented the POA breed at the Minnesota Horse Expo in 2013. They noted while it was a lot of work and time - it was worth it in the number of families who stopped for information on the POA breed. Discussion was held whether or not to attend the Expo in 2014. Karen noted that the National Club would financially support an "informational" booth to be located in the commercial vendors area that would be staffed by club members with information and pamphlets supplied by the National Office to promote the POA breed. Discussion was held on the

pros and cons of having ponies at the Expo vs. just having the informational booth - or having both displays.

Eva Dahl made a motion that the Minnesota POA support the Horse Expo by purchasing 2 horse stalls and one tack stall to be paid for by the Club. Darcy Borman and Jackie Hall would attend the Expo with ponies to support the breed. Ali Henning Seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

An information booth may be done as well since that would be funded by the National Club. In that event, a signup sheet will be passed around to members to volunteer to work in the booth.

**Youth Royalty:** Angie Schuck volunteered to head the Youth Royalty in 2014, Elizabeth Kamm volunteered to help.

**2014 Midwest Regional:** The 2014 Midwest Regional will be held in Winona at the Minnesota Equestrian Center on June 20-22. There will be a Promo show on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Karen Meyer has posted show bills for the Promo and Regional on the Minnesota POAC website and all judges have been hired. Eva indicated that the Mathy family had very generously donated the use of generators to accommodate additional camping at this show. Without the use of these generators, our club would be severely limited in providing power for all the campers anticipated. Karen indicated that sponsorships for classes and high points would be solicited in the near future. A program book would also be produced which would provide members an opportunity to highlight their ponies, stallions, and farms. Eva indicated that she and Karen had assembled a promotional packet that they could provide to anyone interested in asking for corporate or business sponsors. These packets provide information about the POA breed and the MN POA club. Members who are interested in obtaining these packets should contact Eva or Karen. Karen also indicated she was busy writing grants to corporate sponsors as well. Eva indicated that an auction for the front and back covers and inside covers would be held. The auction began, but was suspended with a \$175 bid from Dwight Olson for the front cover.

**2014 POA Sale at Simon Arena:** Karen and Jim Simon have been busy developing an opportunity for POAs to be included in the Simon Color Breed sale. Simon will provide a percentage of the POA sales to the MNPOA club to be used for the high point awards for the Simon Series. Karen commented how enjoyable Jim Simon is to work with.

**Show Secretary:** Judy Katzenberger has resigned as show chair for the 2014 season. She noted her desire to watch her grandkids in all of their classes. The Club thanked Judy for her years of service and dedication.

Eva informed the club that she had been in touch with Joyse from the National Office as Judy's retirement creates a unique void in the club. Eva believes the

current point system is so antiquated that there are only a select few people in the club who know how to use it. She informed Joyse that this was a problem created through the National office and the National office should help the Minnesota club for the 2014 year to do their points. Joyse agreed to have the judges' cards Fed Ex'd to the home office and she would input the points into the system - as long as Minnesota does not host a High Point Show. Judy Katzenberger has agreed to pointing the Midwest Regional. The Simon Series will be a high point show, but the high points won't be announced and distributed until well after the show. It is anticipated that for the Spooktacular Show, Joyse will be in Minnesota as her daughter is planning on showing in the Spooktacular.

Ali Henning - per the decision of the Board during their earlier meeting - will assume the responsibilities for: Check out, issuing numbers, stall reservations, shaving reservations. She will be compensated \$350/weekend. Ali Henning asked that it be noted that she abstained from this vote as she felt it would be a conflict of interest.

**Stall Reservations:** In 2014 the stalling forms will be changed to reflect that if the stalling reservation and fee is not received by Ali Henning by the Monday of the week of the show, the stalls will increase by \$10/stall. Exhibitors are still able to cancel their stall reservations as in the past with a call to the show chair and checks will not be cashed until after the show.

**Breeders and Promoters Page:** Danelle indicated she would again create the Breeders/Promoter's Page for the National Magazine and State Newsletter. At least 8 ads are needed to create a page. The price will be \$60 each. Contact Danelle if you are interested in advertising through this page.

### **2014 Show Schedule:**

May 31 & June 1 – Minnesota Equestrian Center – Winona  
June 19-22 – Midwest Promo & Regional – MEC - Winona  
July 4 & 5 – Cannon Falls - Simon Series  
August 9 & 10 – Simon Series & Futurity Show – Cannon Falls, MN  
October 25 & 26 – Spooktacular – MEC – Winona

Show Chairs are needed for the shows.

Kyle Kimery suggested "comping the show chairs a stall" for chairing a show. Discussion ensued.

Jackie Hall made a motion that the chair and/or co-chair would receive one free stall for compensation for chairing a show.

Discussion followed whereby it was noted that it should be by paid membership - so a husband/wife combination would only receive one free stall unless they held individual Minnesota memberships.

Ali Henning moved - Dwight Olson seconded - the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Show Chairs:**

May 31 & June 1 - Lisa Mullenbach; Alexandra Mullenbach  
Midwest Regional & Promo: Eva Dahl; Karen Meyer  
July 4 & 5: Kari Wendt; \_\_\_\_\_ Co- chair needed  
August 9 & 10: Susan Huft; \_\_\_\_\_ Co- chair needed  
Spooktacular: Kim Eigenberger; Eva Dahl

Karen Meyer indicated she would co-chair one of the shows - but had not decided which one. One additional co-chair will be needed.

**WSCA Membership:** 2014 membership was paid in 2013. This membership allows State members to show at open shows and be eligible to participate at the Champ show if placing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at an open show. Also the membership clubs are eligible to submit a free monthly article to the Spotlight to promote our breed. Lisa Mullenbach noted that the new secretary would need to supply club membership to WSCA by May 31<sup>st</sup> and that anyone interested in using the MN POA for their WSCA saddle club should include dates of birth for all family members on their 2014 MN POA membership forms. Ali Henning will supply the new secretary with membership information by May 15.

### **Election of Officers:**

President - 2 year term - Dwight Olson and Karen Meyer were nominated. Judy Katzenberger moved and Kim Olson seconded that nominations cease. Vote by paper ballot. Dwight Olson won.

Vice-President. - 1 year term - Eva Dahl nominated - she declined. Danelle Kimery nominated. Judy Katzenberger moved and Kim Olson seconded that nominations end. Danelle Kimery - Vice President.

Secretary - 2 year term - Ali Henning nominated Kim Eigenberger for Secretary. Kim was not present; however, Ali had a letter from Kim that she would accept the office. Lisa Mullenbach moved and Eva Dahl seconded the motion that nominations cease. Kim Eigenberger - Secretary.

Director at Large – 1 one year position. Angie Schuck nominated and Eva Dahl nominated. Ali Henning moved and Alli Mullenbach seconded that nominations cease. Vote by paper ballot. Angie Schuck won.

Director at Large - 1 one year position. Eva Dahl and Elizabeth Kamm were nominated. Jane Schuck moved to cease nominations - Judy Katzenberger seconded. Vote by Paper ballot - Elizabeth Kamm won.

President - Dwight Olson - 2 year term

Vice-President - Danelle Kimery - 1 year term

Treasurer - Ali Henning

Secretary - Kimberly Eigenberger - 2 year term

Director at Large - 1 year term - Angie Schuck

Director at Large - 1 year term - Elizabeth Kamm

Director at Large - 3 year term - Melissa Onsager (2014 is 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3 year term)

Lisa Mullenbach moved and Alexandra Mullenbach seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Mullenbach