

MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting
12/7/22, 7:30pm

Members Present: Karen Meyer, Sara Schaefer, Ali Henning, Rhea Hogden, Heather Kessler, Beth Osborne

President Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

2023 Show Dates/Locations:

2023 Possibilities:

May 20-21-Simon's Arena has an open date

June-Non-pointed, MEC; decision was made for Karen to ask about getting the date in 2024, but not hold the show in 2023 as it is not able to be pointed.

August 12-13-Simon's Arena has an open date

Sept 2-3-Bring back futurity, MEC

Oct 21-22-Spooktacular, MEC

Discussion around Simon's versus West Salem as neither facility has a stall minimum. Cost of stall at Simon's is \$60 (Friday-Sunday), no charge for drags until after four drags, electrical camping is \$50/weekend. Shavings are \$8/bag. Typically would charge \$10 more/stall and then include two bags of shavings. Total cost about \$85.

Discussion around number of total shows held; moved by Sara Schaefer, seconded by Heather Kessler, to hold three shows in 2023. Motion passed 4-1.

Discussion around location and date for third show. Both May and August have conflicts with kids in school. August would end up being four weekends in a row between MN/IA/WI. Could also already be conflicts with graduation, other show commitments, etc in May. Rhea Hogden moved to hold the Simon's Arena show on May 20-21, seconded by Heather Kessler. Motion passed 4-1.

Final Show Dates:

May 20-21-Spring Show, Simon's Arena

September 2-3-Minnesota Futurity Show, MEC

October 21-22-Spooktacular, MEC

Show Types:

May 20-21-Spring Show, Simon's Arena-Triple B&P

September 2-3-Minnesota Futurity Show, MEC-Promo & Double B&P

October 21-22-Spooktacular, MEC-Triple B&P

Moved by Ali Henning and seconded by Rhea Hogden to make May and September triple B&Ps and the October show as a Promo and Double B&P. In discussion, Rhea

suggested a fourth judge for the September show. Concern was brought up about participation for year end awards and needing over 50% participation with a four judge show, along with extra costs of a true split/combined show and judge fees. Motion 1-4.

Moved by Heather Kessler and seconded by Rhea Hogden to make May and October triple B&Ps and September Promo and Double B&P. Motion passed 4-1.

Show Formats:

Discussion around moving to a true split combined showbill due to late show times and participants being unhappy. The later the shows go, the more scratches the office also incurs. MN club will have more gamers compared to Iowa and in total more classes (approximately 40 more than Iowa). WPOAC has 183 classes and runs games on both Saturday and Sunday. WPOAC's biggest show in 2022 ended around 7pm on Saturday and 5pm on Sunday. Karen will send a list of just classes out to the BOD to try and plug into a split combined showbill followed by online discussion. Proposals would be submitted for the entire membership to vote on at the January meeting.

2023 Show Chairs:

May 20-21-still needed

September 2-3-Melissa Andring still willing to chair futurity, but not chair entire show; Heather will follow up

October 21-22-Ali Henning, Erin Johnson

Karen will make a post with dates pending approval, noting that we're looking for chairs and the showbill will be new and improved.

2023 High Points:

36 buckles on hand; credit for more at Molly's Silver (approximately \$1,100). Beth was able to order reserve awards of 24 Hay Chix Nets and 24 Gear Bags ordered. We would need 36 more buckles and 24 more reserve awards.

2023 Personnel and Pay Rates:

Show Chair: Free stall, not free shavings

Show Secretary, Show Announcer, Ring Steward, Gate Person

Need to set an amount, and if show chairs find it hard to secure a person, then the BOD needs to approve a higher amount. The amount set should be for a specific amount of hours, with an additional amount per hour once over those hours. Ali is coach of the UW-L Equestrian Team and could contact them and for one show, they would cover gate, announcing, setting trail, possibly scribe trail, and ring steward for a flat fee. Possibly \$500/weekend. Other discussion about having at least one position be separate from the group of college kids. WPOAC allows the show chairs to select and hire their staff at rates they agree on. To be discussed at next BOD meeting at banquet.

2023 Show Rules:

Karen has emailed them out. BOD members should review them and let BOD know via email of any rule change proposals. If none are presented, 2022 rules will be updated with 2023 dates and presented as the same.

2023 Judges:

Rhea to begin the process. Historical list has been shared via email from Karen. Sara will work with Rhea on negotiating and working on contracts. Rhea will check with Darcy if we have a club email to use to contact judges. Karen has contract templates for use.

2022 Year End Awards and Banquet:

Rhea checked on the January date at Signatures and it is unavailable; February 11th is still available. BOD was in favor of the taco bar to keep prices down. Erin is hoping to put together some royalty activities, possibly during the general membership meeting.

Tentative agenda as follows:

BOD: 1pm

General Membership: 2pm-4pm

Meal: 4:30pm

Awards to follow

Rhea has updated the budget from the original budget sent a few weeks ago. The most current list of participation totals just over \$2,000. The award total is just over \$3,000. We use the state fees from shows as an expense as it's earmarked for year end awards. There is \$150 set aside for senior gifts for three seniors. It was brought forward that the Covid year, Chrystal Mullenbach was missed in her senior year (2020). Banquet cost was increased to \$500. Total is around \$5,700. Proportionally, it is about the same than what is spent last year (35 participants, \$3,500). This year would be 59 participants and \$5,700. Participant cost for meal would be \$13/person. Moved by Sara Schaefer to approve and seconded by Beth Osborne. Motion passed 4-0-1; Rhea Hogden abstained.

Rhea presented some questions about year end awards.

1. For year end awards: Regarding the rule that "a pony or a member must show under 51% or more of the judges at MN pointed shows during the 2022 seasons to qualify to be eligible for year end, participation, high points, or graduating senior awards." Question proposed is that the rider has qualified because she has shown to 51% or more using two ponies. The rider would qualify for participation, but not year end awards. Rule could be clarified in 2023 that it is pony or member 51% of the judges to make participation, and pony and rider combination must show to 51% of the judges per the division to qualify for year end awards. For this year's year end awards, this happened in two different situations. In one, the youth was the only one in the division who qualified in

2022 and the other youth would bring an exhibitor up to a 3rd place overall high point. Karen will reach out to Darcy and former points secretary, Judy Katzenberger, to find out what past practice has been and will update the BOD.

2. One member who believed they submitted a membership check in March is not on the membership list. They have the duplicate for the check, but the actual check was never cashed. They attended enough shows to qualify for participation. Suggestion has been made to publish the membership list on the website to guarantee members are checking their status by family name. The person has been messaging Beth as treasurer to track down the check. BOD suggests that membership can be paid at this time and they need to show the duplicate of the check to Beth to be qualified for awards. Beth will follow up with the member.

2023 BOD Positions Up for Election:

President and two At Large Positions open. To be voted on at February meeting.

Website:

Karen has been managing the website and is ready to pass it on to someone else. Erin Johnson is interested in managing it and Karen will work with her to transition the information.

2022 Show P&Ls:

Tabled until February meeting. Beth has done a great job pulling together finances and Darcy would like to review with Beth and they will present at the next BOD meeting. Beth is reviewing our non-profit status and what we need to be filing to stay current.

Karen Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:52pm. Next meeting Saturday, February 11th at 1:00pm at the annual meeting. Please watch your email for further discussion and preparation for next BOD meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Sara Schaefer

Secretary