

## MN POAC MEETING

**February 28, 2009**  
**Owatonna, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by the club president, Karen Meyer.

**The 2009 officers** were introduced: President—Karen Meyer, Vice President—Danelle Kimery, Secretary—Connie Heckenlaible, and Treasurer—Amy Searle. An attendance sheet was passed around the room for members to authorize approval for their family's information and photos to be used on the MN POAC website. The secretary's report was read by past secretary, Sheryl Quigley. Motion to accept: Joan Lewis. Seconded: Fred Netz. Treasurer's report was given by Amy Searle, showing a balance of over \$21,000. at this time. Motion to accept: Juluis Reed. Seconded: Sammy Searle. Reports approved by all.

**Committee reports** were given by various individuals. Scheduled shows were discussed. Judges were announced for each show. The **June 20-21 show** will be held in West Salem, WI and will be judged by Jay Daily, Amy Worther, and Dr. Pam Whitfield. Show chairperson is Danelle Kimery. The **July 4-5 show** will be held in Windom, MN and will be judged by Tim Crowley, Donna Schwartz, Joe Rowe, and Darrel Hersom. Show chairpersons are Joan Lewis and Lorrie Reed. The futurity auction will be held there. The **September 12-13 Futurity show** will be held at West Salem, WI and will be judged by Ann Glassrud, Mike Minor, and Terry Kendall. Show chairpersons are Bonnie Lewis and Connie Heckenlaible. Discussion occurred, lead by Eva Dahl, regarding the June 20-21 show, where families **traveling to the Regional** the following weekend will be allowed to stall their horses in West Salem for two extra nights (with additional charge) and allowed to move into the Winona Equestrian Facility early on Tuesday. All other Regional exhibitors will be allowed into the facility on Wednesday.

Additional discussion occurred, lead by Eva Dahl, regarding the **West Salem facility**. The MN and WI POAC clubs have previously invested in stalls for one of the barns. When a barn burned at that facility, the Fair Board made the decision to put those stalls in a new barn (the large red barn). After much discussion between Eva and the Fair Board, they have agreed to invest in 20 more stalls for the red barn. This provides for 120 available stalls at this time. There is space for an additional 40 stalls, but the Fair Board is not currently investing in those additional stalls. Eva has also been discussing the on-going concerns about the poor quality of bathrooms and showers at this facility.

The **procedure for stall reservations** was discussed. Motion made by Eva Dahl and seconded by Jan Netz that stall reservations and bags of shavings must be per-paid to show chairperson. A refund would only be given if the stall reservation was cancelled by Monday at 6:00pm. Medical or veterinary emergencies would qualify for refund after Monday, with proof of emergency. Motion passed.

**The newsletter overview** report was given by Lorrie Reed. There will be 4 issues this year, with due dates given. The Spring newsletter goes to the Horse Fair (due March 15). The summer issue goes to the Regional and International (due May 15). The fall newsletter goes to the sale (due Sept. 15). The

winter issue is the holiday edition (due Nov. 15). Covers and back covers for the newsletters will be sold at the banquet.

**Unfinished business** was discussed. **The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws** were researched and revised by Fred Netz. The title of the organization cannot be changed, but most other items can be changed by a membership vote. Three directors will be nominated later today to make a total of 7 directors (new directors and 4 officers). Copies of the articles and bylaws were distributed to membership. Motion to approve current drafts by Eugene Zimmerman, seconded by Sarah Skinner. Motion passed.

**MN POAC Website** was discussed by Karen Meyer. The website has much information on POAs, MN POAC activities, photos, classifieds, meeting minutes, etc. All photos and information would be appreciated. Any suggestions for improvements would be appreciated. Karen was complimented on doing a great job. The website address will be listed in every MN newsletter.

**MN Horse Expo** was reported on by Sarah Skinner. The expo is April 24-26 at the MN State Fairgrounds. MN POAC will have 2 stalls and a booth. Sarah is looking for volunteers to man the booth, videos of horse shows or activities, a list of ponies for sale, and 2 ponies to represent the breed and participate in the parade of breeds. Contact Sarah with any information or to volunteer your time or pony.

**WSCA membership** was discussed by Karen Meyer. The MN POAC club joined and the \$65. dues have been paid. Any member of the MN POAC club may participate in the Champ show in Sept. The birth year of all members (adults also) must be included in the membership list that our club's secretary will enter into the WSCA's membership list. Karen is writing a proposal for the pony height limit to be changed from WSCA's current standard of 54" to 56". The vote will take place in October, and the new rule would take effect in 2010. Karen also reported on the WSCA's monthly newsletter, where our club can have ¼ page to spotlight any info. that would be relevant.

**2010 show location** ideas were discussed. The facility in West Salem is approximately \$1000 per weekend, while MN facilities are often much more expensive or in locations that are not easily accessible for out of state exhibitors. MN POAC typically utilizes 70 stalls in Windom and utilizes 100 stalls in West Salem. Facilities often want a guarantee of 100 or more stalls per weekend. A committee was developed to look into various facilities throughout Minnesota: Eugene Zimmerman (chair), Kathryn Schley, Eva Dahl, Amy Stearle, Fred Netz, and Karen Meyer.

**Open, fun shows** were discussed by Fred Netz. There are several facilities with outdoor arenas and willing to contract for 1 day shows: Hutchinson, Albert Lea, Mankato, or St. Peter. Paul Filzen is willing to judge a show, at no charge. A motion was made to accept proposal by Fred to have a 1 day show and invite 4-H and WSCA members. Motion to accept the proposal was made by Connie Heckenlaible, seconded by Angie Schuk and passed by membership.

**New business** was discussed. **New MN POAC logo** was presented by Eva Dahl. The original 2008 Regional logo was done by Lorrie Reed and Joan Lewis and modified by Jared Katzenberger. The logo can be used on various articles of clothing. Karen Meyer has met with a vendor and will make available various articles of clothing on the MN website. It was noted that the national POAC has

approved of the MN POAC using the logo of crossed horses. A motion was made to pay the vendor for the set up fee for the logo: motion made by Connie Heckenlaible, seconded by Danelle Kimery. Motion passed.

**The 2009 Regional logo** was shared with membership by Eva Dahl. The saying on the logo is “Best of the West.” The clothing will be cardinal red in color. Class sponsorship sheets were distributed by Eva.

**The election of Board of Directors** occurred. The following board members will join the 4 officers to make up a board of 7: Irene Zimmerman, Joan Lewis, and Fred Netz.

**2009 Royalty** will be elected later this evening at the banquet.

**Thanksgiving show proposal** was discussed by Eva Dahl. The show could be held at the Equestrian Center in Winona. Membership displayed concerns about the cost of the facility (heat cost) and the proposal was dropped.

**Midwest Club news** was shared by Jared Katzenberger. Anyone can be a member by paying the \$10. membership fee. The fee can be paid to Corey Damman, treasurer of the Midwest Club. The futurities will be held the weekend prior to the sale in Des Moines. Members were encouraged to add their farm information to the breeder’s page, with a fee of \$65. per year.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 6:15 pm. Motion was made by Joan Lewis, seconded by Sam Searle. Motion passed. The next meeting will likely be at the June show. The meeting was followed by the 2008 year-end award banquet.

Respectfully submitted by,

Connie Heckenlaible  
Secretary