MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

11/7/23

Members Present: Ali Henning, Sara Schaefer, Heather Kessler, Beth Osborne, Kya Pulsipher, Erin Johnson.

President Ali Henning called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

**Old Business:**

**Spooktacular 2023:** Beth shared the P&L from the show. Total income was $23,935.50; total expenses were $21,954.89; profit was $1,980.61. New show bill was well received, many enjoyed the extra activities. Judge contracts were all different and need to be uniform to avoid paying overtime (to be added to new business for December BOD meeting).

**Survey to Members:** Main themes included no shows on holiday weekends, would like to see a June show, mixed comments on Early Bird show dates, split comments on location (WS vs Simon’s). Reasons for not attending include location, conflicts on dates, MEC is expensive. Most important for members to attend would be location and date. 65% of the responses are happy with the new showbill; 90% are happy with the high point awards. Some comments regarding office hours and limited availability. To be added to December meeting. Results to be shared with members.

**Show Locations/Dates 2024:** Still waiting on confirmation from Jessie at MEC to confirm August and October date. Simon’s has May 4th or May 11th open at this time. Possibly add a no bling/no silver theme to Early Bird show. Erin moved to host the Early Bird show May 4th-5th at Simon’s Arena, as no bling/no silver, with possible PHC offering, seconded by Beth. Motion carried 5-0. Beth will reach out to Simon’s Arena.

**PHC Offering:** Ali will reach out to national inspectors for the show. We will need to apply for this offering at least 30 days prior to the show. Possibility of offering an inspector’s clinic as well. To be discussed in December.

**Banquet Location/Date:** Beth noted that Signatures has two rooms available for February 10th. Both rooms would be $400 for use from 2pm-6pm. A taco bar is $16/person; pizza buffet is $19/person. Moved by Sara, seconded by Erin to approve February 10th with Signatures for $400. Fee for meal would be $25/person with taxes and gratuity included. Motion carried 5-0.

**Awards Committee:** Kya will reach out to Rhea now that a date is set. Heather is about 90% complete with participation awards/year end awards. Back number fees and state fees collected were approximately $3,010. Participation numbers were down a bit this year; 32 total youth and adult tentatively. In the past, there’s been a baseline of $3,500 for all awards. In 2023, $5,300 was spent. Erin moved that we allot a $3,500 budget to the awards committee and ask the committee to bring forward a proposal if more funds are needed. Seconded by Kya. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:**

**Futurity 2024:** $703 raised at the Spooktacular from the Silent Auction. Melissa is planning a bake sale at the annual meeting and a silent auction at the Early Bird show. She would like to purchase flowered neck ribbons for an award in addition to the winning check.

**Royalty Update:** Erin and Beth met and have suggested changes for the process/timeline. They would like to post the application by mid-November. Application would be due beginning of January. Interviews would either be phone or virtual prior to banquet and new royalty would be announced at February banquet. Application changes would include adding a question regarding show attendance and not limiting to gender (just two positions per age division). Royalty will plan fun events at each show and MN POAC Giving Back events.

**High Points/Reserve High Points:** Only four buckles remain from Molly’s; credit has been used up. High Points will still be buckles, but from a different vendor. Reserves would be Hay Chix bags (some are left over) and other Black Friday deals. Reach out to BOD and Beth can purchase with the card.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 5th, 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Schaefer

Secretary