MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

1/2/24

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

President Ali Henning called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Reports are on file online and have been shared with members. Move to approve by Erin Johnson, seconded by Kya Pulsipher. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Total income for year was $63,213.19; total expense $71,395.07, with a loss of $8,181.88. Current checking account is $65,615.57, savings is $3,938.00 for a total of $69,553.57. Total assets, including buckles, hay nets, totes, etc is $3,405.78; total assets including checking and savings is $72,959.35. Within checking account, EOY allotments: futurity has $1,744.92, youth has $1,208.92, leadline has $35.57, royalty has $715.87.

Proposal to combine all but futurity and have royalty responsible for all three was moved by Ali Henning, seconded by Sara Schaefer. Motion carried 5-0.

Early Bird Show had a loss of $2,251.38. Futurity Show had a loss of $1,835.05. Spooktacular was a profit of $1,912.94.

The club incurred a number of NSF fees ($25). It was moved that NSF charge of $25 will be incurred for each occurrence. Seconded by Kya Pulsipher. Motion carried 5-0.

The Square payment option has also been set up for payments. It was moved by Ali to include the three percent convenience fee for each person utilizing the Square. Seconded by Beth Osborne. Motion carried 5-0.

Congress and Midwest Regional sponsorships are available. In 2023, we did $300 for Congress (two classes) and we did $250 for the Midwest Regional (high point and reserve high point). Heather Kessler moved to support the same sponsorships for 2024. Seconded by Kya Pulsipher. Motion carried 5-0. Beth will send in forms and fees; Heather will ask Melissa to create a half page ad.

Our 2023 audit was completed by Karen Meyer and Darcy Bormann. All balances were confirmed. Recommendations from the committee included removing the number fee/membership and state fees be taken out of individual profit/loss for each show and put into the year end P/L. Additionally it was recommended that some funds be placed in a CD to earn interest that is now around five percent. Ali Henning moved to put $10,000 into a twelve month CD, $15,000 into a thirty six month CD, and $10,000 into the savings account at Wells Fargo Bank. Seconded by Kya Pulsipher. Motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business:**

**Show Committee:**

June 1-2, Simons Arena: Contract and deposit have been sent. Confirmed judges.

August 24-25, MEC: Waiting on Jessi for contract. Confirmed judges.

October 19-20, MEC: Waiting on Jessi for contract. Waiting on judge responses.

Inspectors for 2024 need to be listed on show approvals. Lori Krome, Becky Solberg, Sara Gronski have been tagged. Ali Henning has one more apprenticeship and will be on the list. Tim Andring is in the process. Possibility to have inspector clinic along with PHC at first show.

Sara Schaefer moved that the June and October shows will be triple B&Ps and the futurity will be a Promo & double B&Ps. Seconded by Heather Kessler. Motion carried 5-0.

High Points: Beth has some designs from Sheridan’s Buckles, approximately $89 each. Cannot use cross ponies logo (per National POAC). Design will not include year so they can be used next year. There are 24 buckles awarded at each show. For reserve, we can utilize Hay Chix nets for one show and the leads for another as we have enough. We can combine large and small totes to see if we have enough for the third. Beth will report at next meeting.

**Royalty Committee:**

There are six applicants for 2024 which will fill all positions, regardless of age groups. Sweatshirts have been made up and winners will receive buckles, no crowns or sashes. Seeking stall sponsors for Spooktacular. Royalty is collecting donations for future activities for the 2024 season, cost of buckles, etc.

**Futurity Committee:**

Bake sale taking place at the banquet today. For 2025, Melissa proposed doing a weanling, yearling, two year old, and three year old and older non-gender specific halter courses, adding an open two year old and under lunge line, adding an open five and under HUS and WP, and keeping the rest of the classes the same. Additionally it was proposed to add jackpot walk trot HUS and WP, open two and under in hand trail and keeping trail the same. Concerns were brought up about not splitting genders for the younger halters as exhibitors often bring multiple genders. There would be eight additional classes but many could be combined with open classes. Ali Henning moved that two and under halter divisions as they currently are, add a three and older halter futurity, and combine the in hand two and under futurities with the open classes, and combine the jackpot WT/WJ with the open WT/WJ and add the open five and under WTC/WTJ futurities. Seconded by Erin Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Bylaws:**

The bylaw committee worked throughout to 2023 to update the bylaws. Suggested changes include membership rules, remove junior membership, voting rights after one year, NSF checks will have a 30 day time window before membership in good standing is lost, correspondence being via email/social media/website, adding a second membership meeting during the year, rotation for BOD beginning in 2012, update to definition of quorum, BOD members will give introduction upon nomination, liability regarding BOD statements, secretary will send new member packets to new members, updates to committee descriptions, BOD not being able to serve two consecutive terms in an executive position, vacancies on BOD shall be filled by BOD and will count as first full term. These changes will be presented to the full membership later today.

**Awards/Banquet:**

Beth will inquire about the Signature’s location again for 2025, February 8th, 2025.

Bravo Award nominations were submitted. Votes were completed via paper and the winner will be announced at the banquet. The trophy is a traveling trophy is missing names and it was decided we will start fresh with 2020 names and beyond.

No nominations were received for member of the year. Sportsmanship is equivalent to Bravo and will be deleted for 2025. Reminder to membership that nominations can be submitted any time of year to the BOD.

**Show Fees:**

Show fees are listed in the show rules. Reminder of Square and NSF fees as noted above in Treasurer report. It was moved by Heather Kessler and seconded by Kya Pulsipher to leave fees the same as the 2023 season. Motion carried 5-0. More discussion on stall fees based on contracts at March BOD meeting.

**Showbill:**

It was discussed that 75% of classes listed for the each of the high points must be participated in to be eligible. The concern has been evident in the open divisions; this will be monitored in 2024. Additionally, open 19&over three gait, 45 and over, and novice class entries will be monitored in 2024 to determine if they will be offered in 2025. Reminder to participants of all ages that helmets are required in 19&over.

Concerns were brought up regarding the timing of bareback after hunt seat and before ranch. Suggestion was made to move bareback to Sunday before trail starts and start trail with adults. Suggestion was made to close half of the warm up pen and set some trail obstacles so in hand and leadliners have a warm up and move the open in hand trail first before the rest.

Sara Schaefer moved to hold bareback on Sunday before trail starts in the holding pen in main arena; move open two and under lunge line to the start of the lunge line classes and on start Saturday trail with the open two and under in hand trail and in games, it was suggested to do figure 8, then cloverleaf, then flags, then rollback, then scurry, then single pole, then go go, then pole bending, then keyhole. Seconded by Erin Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:**

BOD elections to take place at full membership meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 5th, 7:30pm, online.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Schaefer

Secretary