MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

9/5/23

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

President Ali Henning called the meeting to order at 7:29pm.

**New Business:**

**Recap of May and September Shows:**

May Early Bird Show-Simon’s Arena, Cannon Falls: Smaller show, 41 stalls, show was well received.

September Futurity Show-MEC, Winona: 90 stalls; many last minute cancellations (a week prior, at 113), futurities well received and ran smoothly, good sized open classes and walk/trot classes. Youth classes smaller, possible conflicts with IL, MI, and students being back to school.

**Survey to Members:**

BOD would like to gather thoughts, suggestions, and ideas from current and past members of the club, including location, show bill, banquet dates/ideas, etc. Ali and Erin are working on drafting questions and getting survey out to members early fall. BOD to review survey before it’s sent to members.

**Show Locations/Dates 2024:**

May: Still a need for youth prepping for Congress; Darcy to check on moving back to first weekend in May

June: date will not be an option at MEC due to proximity to East World in Indiana.

October: traditional weekend for Spooktacular

Possible interest in double state pointing and hosting with WI over Labor Day?

Tabled to next call.

**Futurity Recap:**

Great participation for first year being held in some time. Some funds used from account, plus Silent Auction items at Cannon Falls and Banquet and sponsorships for payouts, leaving a nest egg in account for next year. Will ask Melissa for recap at next meeting. Smallest entries were two per class; in hand were largest. Interest in adding open futurities, jackpot walk/trots, and put all genders together for halter. Tabled to next call.

**Banquet Location/Date and Awards Committee:**

Rhea Hogden is interested in ordering awards and assisting with banquet. Will use results from survey to help generate ideas for location and date. Kya is willing assist Rhea with awards. Participation awards won’t be tabulated until after Spooktacular. Tabled to next meeting.

**Spooktacular 2023:**

Erin and Ali are show chairs. Royalty are doing a pet costume contest; pictures will be submitted and voted on for best pet costume, with awards. Pancake breakfast Sunday morning, cooked by Kya, Dan, and Ian. Stall decorating and costume showmanship contest to be held as usual. The annual Dwight Olson Memorial Soup Contest will also be held. The royalty has selected the Ronald McDonald House as the charity for the show. Friday night will be a scavenger hunt.

**Tablets:**

WPOAC has been utilizing the tablets for scoring/placings. Heather Kessler is currently re-entering cards from a recent WI show, but there are still some kinks to be worked out. Her suggestion would be to wait until those are worked out before adding another state.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sara Schaefer

Secretary