**MN POAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Agenda**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**Signatures Restaurant, Winona, Minnesota**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ali Henning called the meeting to order at 2:11pm.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Motion to approve Melissa Andring. Seconded by Ben Kessler. Motion carried 18-0.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Report and P/L statements were passed out to membership. 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. 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. Beth shared changes approved by BOD at earlier meeting.

Proposal to combine all but futurity and have royalty responsible for all three was approved by BOD. The club incurred a number of NSF fees ($25). It was approved by BOD that NSF charge of $25 will be incurred for each occurrence. The Square payment option has also been set up for payments. It was approved by BOD to include the three percent convenience fee for each person utilizing the Square. Congress and Midwest Regional sponsorships were approved for 2024. Beth will send in forms and fees; Heather will ask Melissa to create a half page ad.

Moved by Wendi Schmid and seconded by Lori Schmid to approve. Motion carried 18-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports:**

**Show:**

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.

The BOD approved that the June and October shows will be triple B&Ps and the futurity will be a Promo & double B&Ps.

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:**

Beth Osborne and Erin Johnson work with the youth. 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:**

Bake sale taking place at the banquet today. Sponsorship forms available for classes. Game themed silent auction planned for June show. 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. BOD approved recommendations to leave the 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. Two and three year old age divisions will be combined for under saddle classes.

**Bylaws:**

Suggestions from Bylaw Committee were read and presented. They will be posted online and members have until the first June show to suggest changes to the committee. Please visit the website to review. Final bylaws to be voted on at that show, Saturday at the show, possibly by google form.

**Audit:**

Our 2023 audit was completed by Karen Meyer and Darcy Bormann. The BOD approved 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.

**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 approved by the BOD to leave fees the same as the 2023 season. More discussion on stall fees based on contracts at March BOD meeting.

**Show Bills:**

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 gymkhana.

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.

The BOD approved the suggestion 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BOD ELECTION**

Positions up for election; 18 eligible voting members at the general membership meeting:

1. Erin Johnson (Vice President). This term will run 2024-2026. Erin Johnson was nominated and accepted. Moved to cast unanimous ballot for Erin Johnson by Sara Schaefer, seconded by Kya Pulsipher. Motion carried 18-0.
2. Sara Schaefer (Secretary) This term will run 2024-2026. Sara Schaefer was nominated and accepted. Moved to cast unanimous ballot for Sara Schaefer by Ali Henning, seconded by Ben Kessler. Motion carried 18-0.
3. Darcy Bormann (At Large) This term will run 2024-2026. Lori Krome was nominated and accepted. Melissa Andring was nominated and accepted. A tallied vote announced Melissa Andring as the winner.
4. Current BOD members:
   1. Ali Henning (President, last year 2025)
   2. Beth Osborne (Treasurer, last year 2024)
   3. Heather Kessler (Member at Large, last year 2025)
   4. Kya Pulsipher (Member at Large, last year 2025)

Ali Henning adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Schaefer

Secretary