MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

8/6/24

Members Present: Kya Pulsipher, Melissa Andring, Erin Johnson, Heather Kessler, Ali Henning, Sara Schaefer

Vice President Erin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:47pm.

**Old Business:**

**Show Committee:**

**June Show:** Beth sent financials out for this show. There was a small loss of $1,300 for this show compared to a $2,500 loss for the June show in 2023. Loss was due to stall cost with shavings; would need to charge more for stalls in future.

**August Futurity Show:**Melissa and Heather are co-chairing. We are already at 58 stalls with over another week to entry due date. Melissa has secured additional sponsorships for futurity classes, including Schneider’s Saddlery, Bio Mane, etc. Berry Sweet Acres has donated items for additional prizes. A large sponsor sign will be displayed in the office. The show is fully staffed, including scribe for a judge with a broken hand. All awards have been received.

**Spooktacular:**Working on patterns shortly. The show is fully staffed. The Soup Contest and other fun activities will be planned.

**Royalty Committee:**

The group met to finalize plans for the August show. There will be an Egg and Spoon and Coloring Contest. The royalty has organized a school supply drive for Ready Set School over the weekend of the futurity show. Royalty members will help hand out futurity prizes. Libby Onsager will be at the show and make a highlight reel of the show, including royalty and youth exhibitors. There are still royalty members looking for stall sponsors.

**Awards/Banquet:**

No new changes since June meeting. Signatures facility is booked. Awards Committee to meet after show season wraps up.

**Audit Committee:**

Erin has confirmed an auditor for the 2024 financials-Jessica Waite. It will be completed before the February 2025 annual meeting. She will need financials by January 15th to complete the audit.

**2025 Shows:**

The June show (May 31-June 1) is booked at Simon’s Arena in Cannon Falls. The prior discussion was to hold a three-show series at Simon’s and then Spooktacular at MEC. There could be the possibility of award saddles if we hold three shows there. We need to determine possible dates/availability of Simon’s and reach out to membership with a survey regarding moving dates from MEC. Suggestion was to look at April/May, June, and August. Ali will contact Blake about possible dates and then Erin will work on survey.

**By-laws:**

The updated changes made via the Bylaws Committee need to be posted at the August show for membership to review again, to be voted on at the show by end of show on Saturday. The updated document will be posted to the website shortly by Erin and shared to the club Facebook page to notify members. Heather will create a ballot for the options of approval.

**New Business:**

None at this time.

**Next Meeting:**Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned by Ali Henning at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Schaefer

Secretary