MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

10/3/23

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

Others: Melissa Andring, for futurity report.

Vice President Erin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:29pm.

**Old Business:**

**Survey to Members:** Open until October 8th. As of meeting date, there are 36 responses. Two major responses include Labor Day Weekend being disliked and those who want an Early Bird Show are asking for an earlier May date. Belt buckles as high points are well received. Simons Arena was noted as being too far away and that early show is too early in the season for some. One more email blast will come out from MN POAC account. Results will be sent to BOD before the next meeting.

**Show Locations/Dates 2024:** At the MEC, the June date is conflicting with East World. The Spooktacular would be October 19th-20th. Labor Day weekend, or the weekend prior (August 24th-25th) is open. The May date open conflicts with IA Falls. Possibly look at other earlier May weekends at Simons Arena or Double F in Hinckley or Mason City. Possibly do a double point in West Salem on Memorial Day Weekend; stalls are limited to 112 at that location. Erin moved to book the MEC for Aug 24-25 and Oct 19-20, 2024. Seconded by Sara. Motion carried 6-0. May and June dates tabled until November BOD meeting pending locations and suggestions.

**Futurity Recap:** Positive feedback from participants. There were 30 exhibitors and 39 ponies for 95 entries in 2023. Every class was sponsored ($1,200 total at $50/class) and fundraisers raised just over $900 to add to the paybacks. Total office fees $195. Total collected over the year (entries, sponsorships, office fees, fundraisers) was $6,375 plus there were funds left in the account (just over $1,197). The futurity paid out $5,317. About $1,057 remains in the futurity account. Ten percent was held back to add to futurity account. Changes for some of the classes in 2024 may include all gender halter classes by age (weanling, yearling, two year old) and combining two and three year old riding classes. Melissa would like input on if participants would like more money or items for prizes. Possibility of allowing levels of sponsors to give more amounts and have more recognition.

**Banquet Location/Date:** Beth contacted an event center in La Crescent. Four hours for a non-profit is $400; waiting on catering prices. They do have January and February dates open. Possibly looking at February 10th. Beth will share more information at November BOD.

**Awards Committee:** Rhea and Kya will work together to plan awards and coordination after the Spooktacular show is complete and year end points are tabulated. More at November BOD meeting.

**Spooktacular 2023:** The Soup Contest is coming back; Wendi Schmid is coordinating for 2024. Stall decorating is sponsored; Sara will cover cash prizes and Joan Stodydk is covering the division awards. Participation awards will be fanny packs, under $5 each. Currently have 78 stalls reserved.

**New Business:**

**PHC Offering:** Offer at the first show to draw more entries to first show. Would need to get pre-approval from home office and three national inspectors to hold it. Tabled until November BOD meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 7th, 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Schaefer

Secretary