**MN POAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Agenda February 11, 2023 – 2:00 PM Signatures Restaurant, Winona, Minnesota**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Sara Schaefer presented the minutes from the last annual meeting on 2/12/22. Moved by Sara Gronksi and seconded by Beth Osborne to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Beth Osborne shared the Profit/Loss statements for each show in 2022 along with the 2022 account ledgers. Starting balance in checking was $60,385.45; ending balance was $70.488.64. Savings account balance as of 12/31/22 was $3,932.09. Profit for the year was $9,981.31. The report will be placed on file.

Moved by Rhea Hogden and seconded by Ali Henning to approve a sponsorship at National Congress for $300. Motion carried. Moved by Ali Henning and seconded by Sara Gronski to approve a sponsorship for the MidWest Regional for $250 Silver Sponsorship. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2023 MN POAC Shows Overview

Karen Meyer shared that we have three shows planned: May 20-21 at Simon’s in Cannon Falls (Triple B&P, show chairs Beth Osborne and Sara Gronski), September 2-3 at the MEC (Double B&P and Promo, show chair Heather Kessler, futurity chair Melissa Andring), and October 21-22 at the MEC (Triple B&P, show chairs Ali Henning and Erin Johnson. Shows will be a true split/combined format, which did increase costs for judges.

2023 MN POAC Futurity Overview

Melissa Andring will be chairing the futurity. Silent auction being held concurrent with today’s meeting and banquet to raise money. Another silent auction to be held at the Early Bird Show. Melissa is looking for input on prizes (big checks, more funds on the actual check, neck ribbons, etc). Please share ideas and suggestions with Melissa. The futurity showbill was just finalized at the BOD meeting and will be posted on the website and Facebook page along with the sponsorship and entry form.

2023 Show Rules

Heather Kessler shared updated show rules that were BOD approved earlier today. Moved by Sara Gronski and seconded by Sara Sternberg to approve the show rules. Rules will be posted on the website and Facebook page. Motion carried.

2022 Year End Awards

Rhea Hogden shared information on 2022 year end awards. With a more successful season, the BOD approved a higher budget for awards. 35 youth and 23 adults received participation in 2023.

Rhea Hogden shared updates to the 2023 year end award rules. Moved by Ali Henning and seconded by Wendi Schmid to approve the year end awards rules. Motion carried.

Royalty Update

Erin Johnson worked with the royalty group, bringing it back for 2022. There was $534 in the royalty fund at the end of 2022 via fundraisers. There were five families and businesses that donated $200 each to start up royalty funds in 2022. Interviews were conducted today for 2023 royalty and will be announced at the banquet.

Inspectors

Karen Meyer shared that we have a strong need for inspectors at state shows. Sara Gronski has been handling the majority of inspections each year and is looking for more assistance. Other volunteers could help with scribing information as each pony is measured.

MN POAC Website

Karen Meyer shared that Erin Johnson will be taking over the website for 2023. There is always a need for more photos of exhibitors and ponies that aren’t copyright protected for the website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BOD ELECTION**

Positions up for election; 23 eligible voting members at the general membership meeting:

1. Karen Meyer (President)
   1. Erin Johnson was nominated and accepted. Ali Henning was nominated and accepted. The membership voted and Ali Henning was voted in as the next president.
2. Ali Henning (Vice President)
   1. There is one year term to fill Ali’s now vacant position. Erin Johnson was nominated and accepted. Heather Kessler was nominated and accepted. The membership voted Erin Johnson and was voted in as the next vice president.
3. Heather Kessler (At Large)
   1. Heather Kessler was nominated and accepted. Kya Pulsipher was nominated and accepted. Melissa Andring was nominated and declined. The membership voted and Heather Kessler was voted in as the next at large representative.
4. Rhea Hogden (At Large)
   1. Rhea Hogden was nominated and accepted. Melissa Andring was nominated and declined. Wendi Schmid was nominated and declined. Kya Pulsipher was nominated and accepted. The membership voted and Kya Pulsipher was voted in as the next at large representative.
5. Current BOD members: Beth Osborne (Treasurer), Darcy Bormann (At Large) Sara Schaefer (Secretary)

Bylaws:

The bylaws are at a point where they need some updating. It typically takes about a year to complete the process. The plan is to form a bylaw committee to review bylaws and hold bylaw committee meetings in 2023 and present suggested changes at the Spooktacular show in the fall. The membership will have time to review between the Spooktacular and annual 2024 meeting. Bylaws to be approved with changes in 2024 and filed as appropriate.

Karen Meyer adjourned the meeting at 2:56pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sara Schaefer

Secretary