MN POAC Board of Directors Meeting

6/4/24

Members Present: Ali Henning, Beth Osborne, Melissa Andring, Heather Kessler, Erin Johnson, Kya Pulsipher

President Ali Henning called the meeting to order at 7:56 pm

**Old Business:**

**Show Committee:**

**June Show:** 66 stalls, finished completely around 4:00, all extra activities went well and had a good response.  19 blankets made to donate - Erin and Hazel Johnson will drop off this Friday to Ronald McDonald House.  $241 - on the silent auction. Pleasantly surprised with Simon’s and the new management - clean and better staffed. He is leasing the facility. Judges were easy to work with and had no complaints. Need to message about Jodie about the timed 10-13 high point to confirm that someone did DQ and would change the high point results.

**August Futurity Show:**Judges are ready, working on patterns, and will put the entries out next week.  Heather reports all looks good. Would like to see an online form for the futurity. Kallie Munson had donated fanny packs for participation award. Show bill is approved.

**Spooktacular:**No updates. Showbill is approved.

**Royalty Committee:**No updates

**Awards/Banquet:**Rhea and Kya did it last year. Kya is willing to do it again.  Ali will help.

**Audit Committee:**Erin has a friend who is willing to do it when we get closer.

**Wells Fargo-CDs & Executor:**Erin has been added as an executor and signature.

**New Business:**

**2025 Shows:**

Ali visited with Blake about improving our numbers at shows.  He wants to roll our deposit over to next year and secure our dates for next year. If we want to stick with the date we had this year - it is available (it will not be Memorial Day). The biggest issue we have with Simon’s is the long drive for some of our members.  He said that the MN state fair grounds will not be hosting horse shows next year so they are booking up.  He suggested sponsoring a couple of saddles if we did all of our shows at Simons next year.  It is hard for us to pick dates so that we don’t overlap with WI and IA. Future updates will be matting the stalls, adding wash racks, and a massive outdoor arena on the same level as the main arena.  He is not planning on doing any major changes in rates and there will not be a stall minimum. Erin moved to secure the May date, Kya seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Did not have the $10 overcharge this year on the stall or camping so need to be prepared for that.

        Erin and Beth mentioned the distance for some members if we do the entire series at Simon’s.  Erin brings up dual pointing a show at Simon’s with WI. Heather mentioned an open division saddle and a POA division saddle. Ali suggested doing a survey of the membership and Ali will message him for dates just to see what it is available.  Erin was checking on IA and WI dates.  Melissa mentioned an April date and discussion was that might be an idea for a 4th date and keep our Spook at the MEC with it not being part of the saddle series.

        Some talk of the Midwest Regional and where we would host that in 2026. Possibly having it at Simon’s.

**New member gift**: a gift bag, with forms and newsletter. Melissa volunteers to create.  Show bills, membership form, by laws, a printed copy of the newsletter and some small gifts.

**By-laws finalization:** did not happen at the show. We will need to do at the August

show.

**Website:**Wendi Schmid has offered to help make the website look pretty and will be helping Erin design, jazz it up and get it all up to date.

**Next Meeting:**Tuesday, August 6th at 7:30pm, skipping July due to Congress.

Motion to adjourn by Kya. Seconded by Erin. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Andring for Sara Schaefer

Secretary