



May Monthly Meeting

5/6/2009
6:30 pm
Stockmen's Hotel & Casino

Meeting called by:	Kim Steninger	Type of Meeting:	Monthly/Roundtable
Facilitator:	Kim Steninger	Note Taker:	Jenny Marlar Digital Voice Recorder used also
President:	Kim Steninger		
Vice President:	Julie Hughes		
Secretary:	Jenny Marlar		
Treasurer:	Amanda Johnson		

Attendees:

15 Members and children attended

Minutes

- I. Kim called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm
- II. Jenny Marlar read a summary of the April meeting minutes.
Minutes were approved as read.
The vote was unanimous.
- III. Treasurer's Report:
Beginning balance \$12333.23
Ending balance \$11572.03
Treasurer's Report approved as read: Carolyn 1st and Carla 2nd - unanimous

IV. Committee Reports

Board of Directors

Nothing at this time

Rules Committee

Presenter: Julie Hughes

- Rules and bylaws are complete and printed.
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Show Committee

Presenter: Tasha Lydon

- Vanessa Santos resigned as show manager for the year as she is pregnant with twins.
 - An ad will be placed in the newsletter in search of a new show manager.
 - Carolyn will send out a blanket e-mail to all members.
 - Lee will help out if needed.
 - If there is someone to make calls at the shows, we should be okay if we don't have one.
 - Lonnie felt that Lew Eklund might be a good choice for this position since he has been a big part of this organization in the past. He has the experience.
 - Debbie is trying to talk to someone as well.
 - Tasha has secured two rooms for judges for all of the shows at her discounted rate of \$39+tax/night at the Hilton. Thank you Tasha.
 - Bud Garrett will be stepping in as Trail Judge in August. Gayla had to cancel.
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SSA Committee

Presenter: Lonnie Scott

- Nothing at this time
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Awards Committee

Presenter: Bobby Davis

- We have all of the ribbons in.
 - 1 set of awards has come in. They are really nice photo albums that were on sale at the time.
 - Awards committee needs to set up a meeting. Off to a great start and now they need to come together and see what has been completed and what hasn't.
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Membership Committee

Presenter: Carla Wilson-Leff

- Carla Wilson-Leff won the April meeting attendance drawing for a free class entry.
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Public Relations Committee:

Presenter: Debbie Armuth

- Nothing at this time.
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Special Events Committee

Presenter: Carolyn Steninger

- The tack sale was minimally attended and participated in due to lack of publication or advertisement. However, it made \$175 so that can go to a buckle award. Carolyn gave the money to the treasurer.
 - Reining clinic has pretty good signups with at least one advanced rider. There is room for 4 more riders.
 - There is lots of room in the showmanship clinic.
 - Need someone to coordinate the food for the day. Dixie Simper has volunteered to cook. There will be tables and chairs already set up.
 - Bobby will buy the meat, buns, ketchup and mustard and keep the receipt for reimbursement.
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V.

New Committee Business

Rules Committee Action Items:

- Nothing at this time

Show Committee Action Items:

- Are the NENHA obstacles and props still good?
 - Possibly have a painting party to clean them up.
 - A motion was made by Carla and 2nd to let NQHA use the NENHA equipment for the July show. Vote was unanimous; motion passes.
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SSA Committee Actions Items:

- The board met last month to look at the numbers from our previous futurities and from horse shows around the country.
- Board decided that the futurity should not be run the same as the 2008 futurity.
- The auction is not wanted either.
- Possibly have September's Futurity on Sunday with only the Halter classes instead of on Saturday.
- A member strongly disagrees with shutting down the SSA because there is a huge outside contingency that we need to think about and not just us.
- We don't have the funds to support it.
- Hairy horse show was down 40% this year. Economy!!!
- A member sees that the September futurity could possibly be double what it was last year after speaking to several horse owners who are not local.
- The board has not shut down the SSA because it needs to be brought up to the membership.
- There was a meeting scheduled for local breeders, horse owners, and NENHA members, however, only a couple of breeders showed up.
- When the SSA was put together years ago, it was an entirely different market and organization. Things have changed over the years and breeders seem to be more interested in a place to sell their colts and not necessarily show them. There aren't enough mare owners that are interested in breeding and the breeders are not too interested in breeding to outside mares.
- Putting on a show like last years costs too much.
- Possibly do the show with the same classes with no awards, just pay back out of the entry fees.
- Hard to compete with NENHA when trying to get sponsors and donations.
- We don't necessarily have to remove the program for good, maybe wait a couple of years and see if the market is there to support it in the future.
- A motion was made by Carla and 2nd that we fulfill our obligation for the three halter classes this year and send back the money to the mare owners for the stallions purchased for the 2010 futurity and drop the stallion service auction.
- An amendment to the motion was made by Lee and 2nd that instead of cancelling the extra classes, give the SSA committee until June 1 to come up with 5 entries for each class. If there are a minimum of 5 entries for each class, then go ahead and have the futurity. However, we would still cancel the auction. For - 6; Against - 5; President votes to create a tie.

- More discussion:
 - We are not committed to paying for the fairgrounds for the second day as of this point.
 - Tasha can speak with the judge and try to renegotiate.
 - An amendment to the motion was made by Lee and 2nd to end the auction and then the SSA committee can decide how to disburse the money back for the breeding fees. Vote was unanimous - amended motion passes.
 - A motion was made by Lonnie and 2nd to table SSA discussion until the premium can be sent to the members to look at before the next meeting. A cover letter will be sent along with the premium explaining what is going on with the SSA. Vote was unanimous; motion passes
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Award Committee Action Items:

- Nothing at this time.
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Membership Committee Action Items:

- Nothing at this time.
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Public Relations Committee Action Items:

- Since the three committees will be combined, Membership, Public Relations and Special Events, the committees need to get together and decide how they want to continue with the chairmen.
 - The three groups will meet and make a decision on how to move forward.
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Special Events Committee Action Items:

- Nothing at this time
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OLD BUSINESS:

- Dave Armuth was going to build a shed - where are we with that? Corinna has the information on this. Debbie will call Corinna to find out where we stand on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A member talked with some trainers from around the area and they would like to see the premium list to see how the shows will be ran.
- Kim will send out the premium as is with a "To Be Determined" on the SSA portion.

VI.

A motion was made by Carla and 2nd t o adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Unanimous - motion passes.