

# Nebraska Paint Horse Club

Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, January 23, 2011, 11:32 am  
Seward County Extension Office  
Seward, Nebraska

- Call Meeting to Order:** President Colleen Dubsy called the meeting to order at 11:32 am. Attendees: President Colleen Dubsy, Vice President Courtney Lutjelusche, Secretary Renee Stouffer, Directors Bruce Heidbrink, and Beth Junker. Arriving after the meeting had started were Treasurer Michelle O'Dey and Director Andy Croghan. Not present was Director Lindsey Pinkham-Heiden. Jan Berry was a guest.
- Reading of Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting on November 13, 2010 had been previously reviewed through email. No discussion or changes were brought up at this meeting.
- Treasurer's Report:** Michelle O'Dey presented the treasurer's report. As of December 31, 2010, the Pinnacle Bank account has a balance of \$26,297.46. The balance is made up of \$4,141.90 to the youth club and \$22,155.56 to the main club; \$15,022.61 is currently set up in a money market account with the remaining balance of \$11,274.85 in a regular checking account.
- Michelle reported that she has received payment from one of the unpaid April 2010 show entries. The other individual sent an unsigned check. This unsigned check has been returned to the individual, requesting a new check with a signature. If we do not receive a new check with a signature in a timely fashion, the individual's unpaid bill will be turned over to APHA.
- Directory:** The directories are at the printers. They should be ready to be picked up by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The ads purchased for the directory came to \$3,450.00. The cost of printing the directories is \$2,372.00. The club made a profit of \$1,078.00. Fewer directories were printed this year than in the past. By printing fewer directories the club was able to keep the cost down and improve the paper stock used for the front and back cover. The directories will be mailed out to the club members.
- Newsletter:** Any information regarding the club should be sent to Mindy Kerwin to add to the newsletter. Our next newsletter will be out shortly.
- Website:** Lindsey Pinkham-Heiden has updated our website. A suggestion was made to see if Lindsey can add a page to showcase our April horse show (somewhat like Kansas is doing for their Congress horse show.) Another suggestion was to give extra exposure to companies who paid for ads in our directory by including those same business ads on our website. Any other suggestions or ideas can be given to Lindsey.
- Awards:** Courtney Lutjelusche reported that all of the year-end awards were taken care of.
- Youth Report:** Colleen Dubsy reported that Mindy Kerwin was not going to be able to be the youth advisor due to time and she will contact Angie Eberspacher to see if she would be interested in being this year's advisor.
- April 2011 Show:** The pre entry for this show has been moved up from Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Any entries received by the show secretary after April 15<sup>th</sup>, will be charged the \$10 computer fee. The computer fee is waived if pre entries are made by the deadline.
- Anyone arriving prior to 8:00 am Friday morning will need to make arrangements. All day fees include a stall for Friday night and Saturday night.
- The Amy Countryman riding arena will not be available to exhibitors arriving on Thursday or early Friday until after 4:00 pm on Friday. The exhibitors will be able to ride in the multi-purpose arena or in the warm up arena in Amy Countryman.
- There was a discussion on increasing stall fees for the year. These fees would mainly involve the tack rooms and extra tag-a-long horses. After discussion it was decided to leave the fees the same as before.

There was a discussion on providing Jan Berry, our show secretary, with APHA Plus for the year. The cost is approximately \$99 for the entire year. She would have access to exhibitors' points and id information. Courtney Lutjelusche made a motion to approve purchasing APHA Plus for Jan for the year. Beth Junker seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. Michelle O'Dey will get in contact with APHA to find out if she can allow access of her Plus account to Jan, or if the club is allowed free access, or if we need to purchase a separate APHA Plus.

This show will be co-managed by the board members. Show committees were set up.

Stalls/Sawdust Chairperson – Colleen Dubsky and Bruce Heidbrink  
Trail/Games Chairperson – Renee Stouffer  
Gate Chairperson – Andy Croghan  
High Point and Class Awards Chairperson – Beth Junker and Michelle O'Dey  
Class Points Tabulation Chairperson – Courtney Lutjelusche  
Exhibitor Party Chairperson – Bruce Heidbrink  
Cowboy Church Chairperson – Bruce Heidbrink and Beth Junker

Mike Engelbrecht has been hired to be the ring steward for both days. He is charging \$200 per day, plus motel and gas charges.

Glenda Mastellar has mentioned that she would be interested in announcing at our horse shows this season. Her fee is \$125 per day for the Lincoln shows and \$100 per day for the Fremont shows. She is unable to announce at the Labor Day weekend shows.

Courtney Lutjelusche made a motion to approve Mike Engelbrecht and Glenda Mastellar as our ring steward and announcer for our April show. Renee Stouffer seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

The UNL equestrian team has expressed an interest in working our shows. Beth Junker will contact the equestrian team to see if we could get the same person to work all of our shows, following the April show. A possible donation to the equestrian team may be needed to get some help.

A discussion on awards for this show was introduced. We talked about having High Point and reserve High Point awards along with third place awards. The third place awards will go to the Nebraska member who has the next highest points for the show. Class awards were brought up along with ideas of items to hand out to exhibitors at time of entering for classes. Beth Junker brought up the idea of handing out cold beverage koozies to all of the exhibitors. An idea of having a choice of items to pick from for the class winners was mentioned. Andy Croghan made a motion to allow \$1200 as the budget for purchasing awards for the April show. Courtney Lutjelusche seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Bruce Heidbrink has volunteered to manage the exhibitors' party. For approximately \$1.31 per plate, Bruce can serve a hamburger, bun, chips, and brownie. He and his family will bring in a grill, roasters, coolers, etc. They will set up for the party and then take it down afterwards. Bruce would like the club to pay for the food, condiments, and paper products. Beth Junker made a motion to approve Bruce Heidbrink managing the exhibitors' party and the club paying for the supplies. Courtney Lutjelusche seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

The board discussed the idea of having a photographer at this show. A couple of choices were Four Winds Photography (Ron Petersen) and Wright Focus Photography (Edye Wright). Both photographers are comparable in prices. We will need to locate an area for a back drop and provide a couple bags of shavings. After some discussion on the types of photos each photographer takes, Beth Junker made a motion to go with Wright Focus Photography. Andy Croghan seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Beth Junker gave a brief review of Pastor Tim Rust from Grand Island as a possible candidate for our cowboy church. He would do some readings and lead some songs. He requires a fee of \$200. In lieu of the Pastor, Bruce Heidbrink will check into finding someone who would be interested in singing some religious songs. Also, Bruce will see if he can locate a musician to play along with the singing. The services would last approximately 20 minutes and we would use the available PA system for sound.

The board discussed setting up on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the trail patterns for Saturday and Sunday. For a fee of \$10, an exhibitor can ride through the patterns. We will have the trail patterns set

up for at least three hours. We are in need of volunteers to help. Both Bruce Heidbrink and Colleen Dubsy will contact club members to see who would be interested in helping. This could also be a good idea for the youth club to be in charge of.

**Other 2011 Shows:**

Jan Berry has agreed to continue being the show secretary for our club. She receives \$200 plus one night at a motel per show. Since there is a lot more work involved with the first show of the year, and being that the April show has three judges per show, instead of two, Jan has asked if we would increase her fees for the April show. Also, Jan has asked if it would be possible to hire an additional person to help with the April show. A bid of \$10 per hour has been received. The hours for the extra person will be determined by Jan as to when her busiest times are. Bruce Heidbrink made a motion to increase Jan's fees to \$300 plus one night stay at a motel per show for April and hire an additional office person at \$10 per hour. Courtney Lutjelusche seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

The pre entries for the rest of the shows have been changed from the Wednesday night before the show, to the Tuesday night before the show. This will help give Jan a little extra time to make sure everything is ready for our shows.

A few people have volunteered to manage our shows this year. The board will co-manage the April shows. Colleen Dubsy will manage the May shows. Andy Croghan will manage the July show. Renee Stouffer will manage the August shows. We need volunteers to manage the State Fair show in Grand Island and the September shows in Lincoln.

Colleen Dubsy discussed ideas brought up by the Kansas youth advisor, Michelle Morgan, for a show in Lincoln. No decision was made.

**Show Bill:**

For the April show only, we will split up the Amateur Showmanship and Amateur Western Pleasure classes into classic and master divisions.

There was continued discussion on moving the judging of showmanship from after the color classes to between gelding halter and mares halter. At this time, the showmanship classes will not be moved.

Four green classes have been added to the show bill: Green Hunter Under Saddle, Green Western Pleasure, Green Trail, and Green Western Riding.

Six Amateur walk/trot classes have been added to the show bill: Amateur Walk/Trot Showmanship, Amateur Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Amateur Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, Amateur Walk/Trot Equitation, Amateur Walk/Trot Horsemanship, and Amateur Walk/Trot Trail.

**Other Business:**

Colleen Dubsy has expressed an interest to be a nominee for National Director.

We will tentatively set up our next meeting for either February 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> at the Seward Extension office. Bruce Heidbrink will find out if either date is available. Once a date is selected for the board meeting, the Spring membership meeting will also be held following the board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Bruce Heidbrink moved to adjourn the meeting. Courtney Lutjelusche seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:

Renee Stouffer, Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_