

## NPHC Jan Board Meeting

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attendees: Caren, Lindsey, Jaci, Becky, Renee, Kari

Absent: Colleen, Jean

Non-voting members: Courtney, Carrie Rasmussen, Donna Freeman

Meeting was called to order at 11:45am – Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Wahoo NE

Lindsey made a motion to skip the reading of the last board meeting minutes, due to Colleen's absence.

Becky seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$18,063.78

Youth Portion: \$5,767.29

Money Market: \$10,243.05

Went over the profit and loss for 2016. For the year, the club had a profit of \$1,549.30. The May and September shows both operated at a loss. It was noted that the September free show cost the club \$1400.

No additions or corrections were made to the treasurer's report.

Caren went over the judges hired, and let Lindsey know which ones needed to be added to the website yet. All judges are hired for 2017.

There will be 26 judges for 2017, once we add the 4 KPHA judges. This means that each exhibitor will have to show to a minimum of 14 judges.

The October show bill needs to be approved. Courtney told the board that Colleen had been going over it already. The board decided to wait and see what Colleen had already come up with.

Caren went over the show staff hired for 2017:

Show Secretary – Jackie Hodge

Ring Steward – Nicole

Announcer – Glenda/Tiffany

Nicole offered to help find a ring steward for the two shows she has a conflict with. We just need to let her know if we require her help or not. Last year Sheryl Wilkening said she would be happy to ring steward again, Lindsey will reach out to her.

We discussed the time/date/location for the Spring Meeting.

The youth meeting time was left TBD, so Courtney could contact some youth members to see what worked best.

Becky, and the show fee committee (Donna Freeman, Carrie Rasmussen), presented their ideas for changing the show fees. The proposal has 2 parts.

Part 1: Change the Fees to the following

1-3 Classes \$100

4-8 Classes \$115

9+ Classes \$130

Part 1: Multiple Horse Discount – based on ownership, with the idea of helping families with multiple kids/horses

15% off the show fees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> horse

20% off the show fees for the 3<sup>rd</sup> horse

Lindsey asked if, under the proposed fee schedule, youth kids would still have a separate fee.

Becky said the idea was to have the youth pay the lowest, \$100, fee regardless how many classes they entered. Crossover into Open classes, by the youth exhibitor, would still be free.

Becky also suggested having the SPB and Yearling exhibitors fall under the \$100 fee.

Lindsey suggested it may be necessary to do away with the SPB and Yearling fees, and having those exhibitors pay by the same schedule as the amateur and open exhibitors would.

Kari stated that she is against the youth fee going up at all. In 2016 the youth all day fee was \$90.

Youth Walk/Trot and Leadline fees were not discussed.

As part of the new fee schedule Becky suggested that we make the All Breed exhibitors pay a stall fee. It is currently in our rulebook that ALL exhibitors will pay a stall or grounds fee. Lindsey pointed out that the All Breed exhibitors have been paying an office fee, which could easily be considered their grounds fee.

Becky read over some fees from other states. In general, it seems that NPHC was a little bit higher for a person showing in only one class, but was in line for exhibitors showing in multiple classes.

Lindsey made a motion for Lindsey and Renee to take Becky's suggestion and put it against the profit/loss for a couple of shows. This is the only way we can really tell if the new schedule would bring in enough money to cover a show with 40 horses.

Renee seconded the motion.

Renee then suggested we have an impromptu board meeting to discuss the findings, and set the fees. It was decided to meet on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Acapulco.

Volunteer points:

Renee was asking for clarification over points for taking the trail trailer in and out of the arena at a show.

Lindsey reminded Renee that we left the points for that activity so high, because of the hassle it can be to make sure you are available to haul the trailer in and out as needed.

No change was made.

It was mentioned that we should do away with the volunteer points. Carrie Rasmussen asked if we really need them in order to get people to help out at the shows. Discussion followed...

Becky asked if we could lower the amount of money necessary to "buy out" your volunteer points. She mentioned that \$200 for a \$60 award was too high.

Performance Halter:

There was much discussion about how adding performance halter could actually hurt our halter numbers. NE Quarter Horse shows were the example cited, by Carrie R.

Kari stated that she was told some halter people would not come to our shows if we added the classes.

Caren stated that the halter people she spoke with were excited to see the class added

Kari made a motion not to add Performance Halter to our 2017 show bill.

Becky Second

Vote: Yes – 2 Lindsey, Renee

No – 3 Becky, Jaci, Kari

Pattern Books:

Brief discussion about who would profit from Pattern Book sales at the shows. Since the books will be online 2 weeks before a show, a limited number would be available for sale at the show. It was agreed that if the open club does the work, they should keep any profit.

Renee offered to print the pattern books for 2017.

Stacie Lundquist offered to create the trail patterns for 2017

The judges have already been asked to submit patterns, and some have been received.

Free Show:

Renee stated that we need to wait and see what changes are made with the fees, before deciding on offering another free show for the members. It was repeated that the 2016 free show cost the club \$1400.

Reminder that yearlings cannot show Lunge Line until after May 15. This means we will not have Longe Line classes until our July show. Showmanship and In-hand Trail are allowed prior to 5/15.

Youth Advisor:

Courtney Lutjelusche is taking over as the youth advisor for 2017. Jaci Behlen will be assisting. Courtney announced that the youth club will likely sell cookie dough again in 2017, but a youth meeting is needed before any fundraisers are decided on.

Exhibitor Parties:

Caren and Lindsey suggested we forego High Point awards at our smaller shows, and instead use the budget to have an exhibitor party at those shows.

Renee made a motion that we try this at the 2017 May show.

Jaci second.

All Approved.

Newsletter:

Debbie Borg is currently working on a newsletter.

Zone Show:

Renee asked if we'd heard anything else about the possibility of Nebraska hosting a zone show. Lindsey explained how Casey West didn't think the club had any recourse for how the voting was held.

Event Center:

Caren was asked by the Event Center Staff if we had any suggestions of items to sell in the General Store. Some ideas were mentioned, like buckets, bucket straps, fly spray, etc.

Becky pointed out that almost all out of state show bills state that shavings must be purchased at the facility, and prices are mostly between \$9 and \$10 per bale.

Jaci made a motion to adjourn.

Renee second

adjourned at 1:30pm.