Minutes for Mountains and Plains Meeting

January 30th, 2016

The meeting was called to order January 30th, 2016 by Jeff Coen

Members present were Jeff Coen, Nancy Nemmers, Kelly O’Donnell, Karin Troendle, Kerry Samples,

Joan Cox, and Kelsey Magnuson, Also present were Barb Prisuta and Courtney Cox.

A brief summary of the banquet and minutes were presented and approved.

The treasurers report was presented by Anne DeGraff, discussed and approved.

It was noted that the club ran at a financial loss for 2015 after all monies were accounted for.

It was noted that each show made roughly $200.00 for the club. We currently

have a balance of $4,753.66 with one outstanding check still needing to be

collected.

Old business was discussed, which included changes to the clubs by-laws.

The changes included but were not limited to not having the treasurer on

the board of directors if they so desired. Also, discussed were

being able to change the date of the year end banquet and awards and

changing the number of board members from 9 to 7. Everyone present

were given a copy of the by-laws and asked to consider

the changes mentioned as well as any other changes they

thought were necessary and present them at the next meeting.

Any changes need to be brought before the membership

at the annual membership meeting before they

can be incorporated into our by-laws.

New Business

The next 3 meetings were discussed to give people enough time

to try and clear schedules for the approved dates.

Saturday February 20th 2p.m. at Jeff Coens

Saturday March 19th for the general membership meeting

at the Brighton Armory at 2p.m.

Saturday April 30th at 2p.m. at Jeff Coens

Jeff residence was decided on because of the

central location.

The February meeting will be used to discuss what needs

to be brought before the general membership to discuss and vote on.

The April Meeting will be used to finalize the May show.

It was discussed and decided to inform all members from

last year of the date and time for the general meeting

through Face Book, email, or regular mail.

The May show was discussed at length and it was a consensus

to ask Teresa Johnson to run the show office at a cost of

$450.00 a day for a total of $900.00. This fee will

include the purchase of software needed to run

the show program, a printer and all office supplies

needed. All things needed to run the office will be included in this price.

After talking to Teresa through emails on Sunday, I offered $950.00 as

the price after seeing what XCel charges is roughly the same.

I think we can discuss at the next meeting what the final details are for the price and if anything stated above such as the price including the software or printer is incorrect.

Also decided was paying the ring stewards $75.00 per day, whether this is 2 or 3 or 4 people,(meaning one steward may only be able to do one day

and a different person will do one day.) The total for the ring stewards for the show will be $300.00

Nothing was finalized regarding the gate person. It was felt that maybe

we didn’t need a designated person for this but rather we could all take turns.

Will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Barn Manager. The duties of the barn manager, which include being

on the grounds Friday through the end of the show on Sunday

and walking through Friday and Sunday with the fairgrounds

people and also obtaining and keeping track of shavings, and relaying that

information to the office so shavings can be included on

participants statements. We made no decisions

but wanted to ask people if they wanted to take on that

responsibility. Paying a fee to the barn manager

or a gift card were talked about but tabled until

the next meeting. Jeff Coen for show approval purposes

will be listed as barn manager.

Teresa will contact Mark McCarthy and Leanne Williams

about judging the show with one of them being

designated a ghost judge which will allow us 3 sets of

points while paying for 2 judges.

Patterns for the show were discussed and we decided to

come up with our own patterns and present them to the

judges for their approval. The reason for doing this is to try

and use more of the arena for trail and equitation patterns

and having the patterns be similar to something we

would see at the National or World Shows. Any input

on this subject as far as what you would like to see

in a pattern for trail and equitation, also Ranch Trail

or any similar class.

Karin has jumps if needed(participants need to pre register for cattle and jumping classes)

The show schedule was discussed and in keeping with The National club rule changes, we are changing class 31 from Ranch Horse Pleasure to Ranch Rail Pleasure, Class 32 will become Ranch Riding and Class 39 will become Ranch Trail instead of class 71 like it is listed now. All other classes will be moved down a spot to accommodate these changes.

At the bottom of the show premium and on the entry forms there will

be a the ability to sponsor a class for $30.00, and that class

 can be of the sponsors choosing. More than one person

can sponsor the same class.

Teresa Johnson will be asked to come up with the show premium and submit it to the National Club for show approval. This needs to be done by February 3rd. Nancy Nemmers will be show manager and Jeff Coen will be barn manager for show approval only until further discussion at the next meeting. On the show bill to be posted online on our Face Book page and on our website, It was asked that a second page be filled with information such as local hotels, their rates and the proximity to the show grounds. The same was asked for local eateries. If anyone has any information they would like to see regarding this, please contact Teresa Johnson .

Other Shows.

A private sponsor is putting on an NSBA show in July at The Ranch in Loveland.

Appaloosa classes are included at this show and has approval from the National Club.

Since Wyoming is not having their show this year, It was decided to approve for points the Road Runner Show in New Mexico.

The possibility of combining with one of the areas local open horse show clubs

was discussed at some length. After Anne, talks to the National

Club to see if it is possible to run concurrent classes with an open show

we will move forward with trying to find an area club that would be interested in having the Appaloosa Breed participate at one of their summer shows.

It was noted that we need to have halter stallion classes o we have to find an open show that would allow stallions.

We would help with the cost of the arena and also supply

anApHC carded judge . We would pay the difference in what the judge charges and what the open club allows for a judge.Appaloosa would have different numbers to differentiate between other participants. For example, if an open show offered 19 and over amateur western pleasure, then that is the only non pro western pleasure class offered. We would probably need to do Jr. and Sr. halter classes. and there would be no need to have Hunter in Hand classes. The reasoning behind this venture would be to showcase our breed to local horse people and we felt this would be a better marketing venue than holding another breed show with so few local participants. It was asked of all members present to find and contact local organizations if the National Club gives the go ahead on this. Greeley Saddle club is not an option because of the time frame (100 day notice) and still being able to have a show within the qualifying period. If this is a viable option the open show appaloosa participant(first time breed showers) would be encouraged to participate in a breed class as well as the open classes and Jeff Coen offered to donate a bronze trophy to be given to the high placing open show appaloosa.

It was discussed auditing the books, and putting together a budget for the club. One

reason being that if we only allot so much money for shows, awards, judges, show help, then we may be able to put together a better bottom line for the club. More discussion on these subjects is needed.

The wording and use of the word club was discussed. It is easier for some corporations and businesses and even individuals to sponsor and give money to associations rather than clubs. While it is not intended what so ever to change our name, how we word and present ourselves to potential sponsors is important. We will come up with a sponsorship form to present to potential sponsors and give them the opportunity to let us know how they would like their sponsorship money spent. For example, If someone wanted their money to go to the Stock Show Booth rather that anything show related, that should be up to them. Also, if someone would like their sponsorship money to go to one of the judges fees or the livestock fee they should be recognized and given the opportunity to let us know how their money is being spent. If someone would like $50.00 to go to the Stock Show booth and $50.00 to sponsor a lunch at the show this should be fine. More than one person can sponsor the livestock class for example and those individuals will be recognized numerous times during the class. Any and all feedback is appreciated on this subject, pro, con or indifference. A new sponsorship form will be presented at the next meeting.

It was also discussed re-vamping the current sponsorship levels listed on our web site and what sponsors get for that level. That format will be re-worked as well.

Stock Show Booth

The cost of the Booth was $1300.00 which we got sponsors for. As far as paying the $75.00 for the setting up of the booth and the pins allowing members to man the booth , that was not covered in donations. It was asked if the cost of the booth provided anything back to the club and to the sponsors which got advertising space for the money sponsored. It was felt that having the booth is an important part of our breed and our history. There was discussion that there may be a more cost effective way to have the booth at the Stock Show such as having the booth in a different location such as the hall of education where you do not need to have to pay to get in there as you do for many events held in the events center. The flow of traffic isn’t as great as it once was in the events center because of all the ticketed events held there. It was discussed that if we could have all horse breeds together in one row or area that would be of benefit to us. quarters, paints, arabians, buckskins etc. It was also noted that we need a report on how many of the shifts available to be covered were actually covered. For example, if there are 25 available slots to man the booth during the run of the stock show and only 16 of them are covered then that leaves 9 of them with no one in the booth so how does that benefit if no one is there to give information and materials out.

The Colorado Horse Council and the Horse Expo were briefly discussed as well

The meeting was motioned for adjournment by Jeff Coen and seconded by Kelly O’Donnell, the meeting was adjourned.

respectfully submitted by Jeff Coen