

Mountain and Plains Appaloosa Horse Club

Meeting Minutes -- *February 13, 2011*

Present: Teresa Johnson, Cynthia Soucie, Marion Dalgren, Karin Troendle, Joan Cox, Rondi Biloff, Karen Scarberry. Guests Anne DeGraff, Paul Scarberry and Jamison Bobbin. Board members absent: Kelly O'Donnell and Terry White.

I. Reports:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the December Awards Banquet were not available.

Treasurer's Report: As of February 13, 2011, the account balance is \$3664.09. As of December 31, 2011, the account balance was \$3270.12. No outstanding payments were due.

II. Old Business:

Trail obstacles:

Discussion of the condition of the trail and jump obstacles was held. It was decided to use the items in their existing condition through the May show, then see if scheduling a work day was necessary. There are sufficient poles and standards and other items, painting may be needed.

Big Wyoming Show:

The tentative date provided by BWApHC is August 20 and 21 at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas, Wyoming. It would be a two judge show at the State Fair, which would be double pointed as it is a fair.

New Mexico Show:

New Mexico ApHC will be having a two judge show Memorial Day weekend in Moriarty, New Mexico. New Mexico does want to cross point with the MPApHC May Show. Cross pointing was approved.

May 2011 Show:

Scheduled for the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Judges have been hired. Leann Williams, Karen Bannister, Mark McCarthy, and Jeff Ray. Jeff Ray will be flying in on Southwest.

Concessionaire/food for the show was discussed. It was decided to continue providing food as the club did last year. The donations and the costs of lunch for the judges and ring stewards offset the costs to the club. Vineta Troendle will provide lunch Saturday, Teresa Johnson will provide lunch on Sunday, and Jamison bobbin will provide breakfast. Friday night: pizza purchased by the club.

Shavings: Renewable Fiber will be the provider again and has agreed to donate the delivery of the shavings to the Fairgrounds. A banner will be completed for Renewable Fiber. The shavings are being purchased at \$5.25 per bag.

Barn Manager: Bob Bryner has volunteered to be the barn manager for the May show.

Announcer: Teresa Johnson has volunteered to be the announcer.

Show Help: discussion of the show help was held. In previous years, the club has hired 4-H members to assist at the show and has paid them for their time. The Show Helpers have done ring stewarding and other tasks as assigned, including cleanup. The club has hired two volunteers for Friday, and two to four for Saturday and Sunday. It was decided that as the Club is charged if stalls and the fairgrounds are not cleaned, that help is necessary and that if volunteers cannot be found the club will continue to hire show helpers.

Awards: Purchasing of Grand and Reserve Ribbons was approved. For the Overall Highpoints, Teresa Johnson still has enough items to do more awards buckets. Karin Troendle donated six Show Saddle Pads for awards, five that were purchased from Equine Oasis at a discount and one that Equine Oasis donated to the club for awards. Equine Oasis needs to be recognized as a class sponsor.

Show Secretary: Excel will be contacted. The costs will be the same as previous years.

Photography: Larry Williams Photography will be the show photographer. The club will pay for his camping space and space for his setup as in previous years. Several attendees expressed appreciation for the photos that Larry Williams donated for year-end awards.

Cattle: Charles Troendle has contacted providers and has cattle arranged for the show. At this time, cattle are available, and he will work on finding the most economical provider.

Silent Auction: we will hold a silent auction at the May Show. Cynthia Soucie will be contacting restaurants and businesses in the Longmont area.

September 2011 Show:

Show Manager: Rondi Biloff volunteered to be Show Manager.

Show Schedule/Class Schedule: discussion was held regarding the BBQ/social that has been held in previous years. Due to the length of the show day and declining attendance, it was decided to not have the evening social on Saturday night.

Judges: Karen Scarberry will assist Teresa in hiring judges for September. They will try to hire judges flying out of the same airport so that we can have one card.

Colorful Colorado: June 18 and 19, and Larimer County Fairgrounds.

Reining and trail were added to the class list. Non-Pros can enter two divisions for one flat fee. MPAPHC is not responsible for running the show.

III. New Business:

Membership Meeting:

Dates for the membership meeting were discussed. Members will contact Weld County, Larimer County, Boulder County, and other locations to determine an available and affordable location.

Board Members should bring items to use as door prizes. The meeting will be held as a pot luck, the club will not be providing the meat this year.

Mailing to potential members:

Discussion was held regarding contacting new members. It was decided to send out a post card mailing to possible new members in the area. \$250 was approved for costs of printing and mailing.

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo:

March 11, 12, and 13 at the Stock Show Grounds in Denver.

Discussion was held regarding participating in the Horse Expo. It was decided that the club is not interested in doing a booth again. The costs of Expo are as high as the Stock Show or higher and we do not have the support of the National Club.

Sponsorships:

Discussion was held about recognizing sponsors. It was decided that banners will be provided for sponsors above \$200. Vendors at the Boulder County Fairgrounds must be approved by the Fairgrounds.

Rondi Billoff will be in charge of the sponsorship committee. Each board member should work in their location to bring in sponsors.

Fund Raisers:

The club has been contacted by Brigitt Helm about doing a Poker Run in July or August. Discussion was held and it was decided to continue to consider the opportunity. Brigitt Helm has helped other organizations do these as fund raisers.

Regional Club Committee Report:

Teresa Johnson gave the Committee Report.

Social Events:

Baseball Game July 2nd (with Fireworks). Discussion was held about attending the Rockies game again. All who attended last year reported having a great time and it was decided to plan on attending again in 2011.

Stampede Concerts at the Greeley Independence Day Stampede: Costs to attend are about \$22-29 per person. Discussion was held about attending as a social event, no final decision was made.

Harvest Cup – Racing at Arapahoe Park on August 21, 2011. The only other day the Appaloosas are racing is July 4. Discussion was held about attending as a social event, no final decision was made.

The Meeting was adjourned.