

Minutes-9-16-2020

Call to order 1:12PM

In attendance:

Barbara Burkhardt-President

John Collins-Vice President

Sarah Turner-Membership Chair

Maribeth St Cyr-Secretary

Susan Reed - Youth

DJ Collins-Member

President's report-Valerie Simpson has volunteered to serve as the delegate for the USDF convention this year. It is being done virtually.

With our 68 members we'll have two votes to cast at the convention. We need to have members that are in more than one GMO to decide which GMO they want their vote to go to.

Barbara has selected a nominating committee for the upcoming election. Winnie, Jayne Stewart and Cindy Kavan-Winfield will be on the committee.

Nominations will be due the 1st of October.

Bios for nominees are due to the committee by October 10th.

Ballots will be mailed November 1st

Ballots will be due back November 15th.

Treasurer's Report-Barbara reporting in Winnie's absence

Checking account balance-11520.85

Education fund-4544.39

CD-6136.81

Refund check from fair grounds is due .(on the way?)

WDAA and AQHA will apply the recognition fees from this year towards next year's shows. We have not received a refund for our liability insurance yet.

Barbara wanted to note the decline in the general fund over the course of the year with no schooling shows to feed into the treasury. The General fund was almost \$16,000 in January. With just membership dues coming in and the regular expenses of the club, the treasury can not be sustained without schooling shows to supplement it.

Regardless of that, with the pandemic in mind, Barbara moved to suspend the 20 ride minimum for schooling show rule so that shows would not be canceled if less than 20 rides signed up for 2021 only. All approved.

(Note: it takes 20-25 rides to break even at a schooling show.)

Maribeth suggested that the club begin to do fundraising in order to shore up the treasury. Sarah asked if the club had a budget that it worked with. Barbara stated that the club has used the same budget for several years.

Vice President report-no banquet this year. The general membership meeting will have to be arranged later in the year in 2021 instead of having it at the banquet.

Membership report-Sarah reported 2 new members, Kathleen Martin and Erin Calhoun. That put us at 68 for the end of 2020

Youth Chair-Susan discussed USEF inter scholastic athlete and working with youth riders to gain credit for them utilizing their riding time. Either 3 recognized shows and 100 hours of ride time. Scholarships are offered for graduating seniors through this program.

USDF youth group must be out of the same barn or same trainer. They don't have to be at the same school but it helps.

We then discussed new business and next year's show schedule. WDAA is doing their world show virtually. Barbara asked if we should put NMAHA shows and GDF shows on our calendar. We decided that it wasn't necessary

We discussed putting on a virtual show ourselves. Maribeth volunteered to mock up a virtual show and present it to the board to demonstrate what this might look like.

Meeting was adjourned at 215PM