

## **EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

**June 20, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Tiffany Markstrom, Angela McConnell, Carie Decker, Teresa Pollard, Shasta Burzynski, Amber McLean, Linda Bourque, Jennifer Sherlund

**Members:** Stephanie McConnell and Tracey Laitinen

**Absent:** Susan Wyatt

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Tiffany Markstrom.

Teresa Pollard motioned to table the Meeting Minutes for May 2022 because she forgot to print off copies for the meeting. Will be set to be approved at the next meeting with June's minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Carie Decker reported that the current balance for the checking account is \$1214.15. A deposit of \$375.00 was made due to receiving sponsorships. The club was -\$17.00 for the June show. This is before the sponsorships were added in. It was discussed to get the money out of Central Savings Bank and close the account. This money would be placed into the checking account for the speed timer. Teresa Pollard motioned to approve Treasurer's Report and Shasta Burzynski seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Carie Decker also reported on Entry numbers. Friday night Speed took in \$304.00 in fees and \$199.00 in payback. Saturday was \$742.00 in fees with \$255.00 in payback. \$383.00 was for Speed. The most popular class is #57.

### **Old Business**

#### **Sponsorship**

So far, \$1,800.00 has been raised through sponsorships as well as \$250.00 in donation from GFL for garbage pickup. Payment has not been received from Dairy Queen/Little Caesars yet. Sending Thanks You's to the sponsors was discussed and it was decided that during the August meeting, we would work on filling them out to be mailed. The sponsors who received banners, will get a picture of their banner included in the card.

#### **Apparel**

Has been tabled until August. Pre-ordering for the banquet was discussed. Ordering was too hard to narrow things down and the availability of items wasn't there either. Denise Conroy's name came up for another option to get quotes from. Teresa Pollard will reach out.

#### **Pre-Registration**

Pre-registrations will be due by 5pm on Wednesday so there is time to enter the information into the computer. Free scratches before 8am on Saturday will be offered. The pre-registration raffle prize has been picked.

#### **Show Volunteers**

List was passed around at the meeting. Shasta Burzynski said she has spoken to Rod Case and Sabrina Neveu. Rod will most likely be able to ring steward on Saturday.

### Team Challenge

4 Person Team

Saturday Only

All classes included in the points

\$20.00 fee for team

Prize – TBD

Looking to spend \$10.00/team member

Anti Monkey Butt and Chicken Poop chapstick were ideas. Group is going to brainstorm for quirky, funny ideas.

### **New Business**

### Township Meeting

Looking to go to one of their meetings in July. Have an agenda and pictures so we don't look unorganized. Interested parties in going: Tiffany, Tracey, Shasta, Teresa.

### Clean Up

Discussion was held about the mess people are leaving behind. Tracey and Tiffany both usually go around and clean up at the end of the show. It was discussed about announcing throughout the show about cleaning up after yourself/your horse so we can continue to not have a trailer in fee. Shasta asked about the junk under the trees. It's free to whomever wants it. No one is sure why it became a dumping ground.

### Judges Contract

It was asked if the judges knew that they did not have to stay for speed and that it was made sure that they didn't charge for it. Most judges have a standard fee set so that would include speed or not. But it will be noted when sending out contracts next year that they will not be required to stay for speed events.

### Weekend High Point/Reserve High Point Prizes

\$10/prize

18 prizes - \$180 plus tax/shipping

A group was created to come up with ideas.

Teresa, Tiffany, Jen, and Julie

Next year free class certificates would be a great idea for the first show.

### Clint Clegg

Maggie is getting information and photos together for Tracey Laitinen. She will also be working on a write up for the announcer to share throughout the weekend.

### Mystery Class

Saturday – Catalog/Phone Book Race

Prize –

Sunday – Walking Race

Fastest Walker wins – Rabbit

Slowest Walker wins – Turtle

### **Open Comment**

It was questioned why we thought our numbers were so low. Gas prices is an obvious factor. Fancy clothing and tack was mentioned. The stigma of being a "mini quarter horse" circuit was also brought up. It was discussed and decided that we are going to post a lot of things on our Facebook page as well as Tiffany Markstrom is going to create a post asking why people aren't coming. One post will be about No Show Clothing or fancy tack required. Another post is going to be about being able to show your aged horse in a snaffle – two handed in walk trot classes. The June show weekend high points/reserve high points will also be posted.

The state of our ribbons was brought up and how they should be ironed so they don't look so bad. Linda Bourque volunteered to iron them.

Linda Bourque bought a railing for the booth's stairs. It just needs to be installed. Also, she will contact the glass company again to get the booth's window fixed.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjournment:** 8:27 pm Tracey Laitinen motioned to adjourn. Angela McConnell seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary