

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOICATION

November 5, 2023

Board Members Present: Tiffany Markstrom, Angela McConnell, Carie Decker, Teresa Pollard, Shelbey Smith,

Members: Stephanie McConnell, Starr Brown, Ben Sherlund

Absent: Jen Sherlund

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by Tiffany Markstrom.

Meeting Minutes

Angela McConnell **motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for September 2023.** Seconded by Shelbey Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Management Report

Current checkbook balance is \$4,019.30.

No changes to the accounts.

There have been a lot of complaints about 4-Front. It was discussed about closing EUPHA's Savings account with Old Mission/4-Front and moving the funds to the Central Savings Bank Savings Account. Carie Decker **motioned to approve closing the Old Mission Savings and move the funds into the Central Savings Bank Savings.** Seconded by Shelbey Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

There have been a few participants that reached out about the refund for stall deposits. Carie Decker issued them. It is believed that people didn't know to ask for it back at the last show as well as volunteers in the booth didn't know to ask and credit their show fees.

Aside from Awards, there isn't much that will need to be paid for until February. Carie Decker will have to order ribbons which will be approximately \$1500.00 and insurance will be approximately \$800.00. Tiffany Markstrom mentioned that Circle M carries a rider on their insurance for venues. With when EUPHA's policy renews, it wouldn't be cost effective at this point. Carie Decker is going to see if our insurance rates will go down now that with our Non-Profit Status.

Teresa Pollard **motioned to approve the Management Report for September 2023.** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Old Business

In Kind Lease/Grant

Tabled until January

Vacant Trustee Position(s)

We are looking to fill two trustee positions for 2024. Shelbey Smith will create a Facebook post. While discussing this, it was brought up that Sandy Wiltse is on the Continuity Fund and will need to be replaced. Then Lifetime Members and inducting more was discussed. They just need to be nominated and then voted to be inducted. EUPHA is also going to look into hanging pictures of our Lifetime Members in our booth.

Stall/Haul In Deposit

Tabled until January

Year End Awards

Teresa Pollard reported that she has almost everything picked out to get ordered. HP and RHP will have the option to pick a belt buckle, soft shell jacket or custom Mohair girth. Teresa will be reaching out to the winners to get their selections/sizes if needed. Angela McConnell made a **motion for Teresa Pollard to spend \$20/\$40/\$60 (\$1000.00) on individual awards based on number of classes they were HP or RHP**. Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

UPHA

Tiffany Markstrom went to the UPHA Banquet yesterday. She made all the requests for their showbill, including clarifications on speed rules, minimum starting distance, remove penalty for touching/grabbing pole/barrel, Altering age divisions, adding a W/T division, etc. She plans on going to the December meeting to discuss all the changes she requested. EUPHA might have to concede and change our age divisions. UPHA is happy with our show weekends. They will also decide if they want to sanction with EUPHA again in December, 2 members are definitely for it.

New Business

Clinicians

- Pleasure
 - Morgan Lantz – Tiffany Markstrom approached her about it. She said she would love to but needs to check her schedule and will let Tiffany know in January. After discussion, the board decided it was imperative to get an answer before January and that Tiffany Markstrom would reach out in a week or so to give her sometime to get back on track after being at the World Show.
 - Back up – Garth Gooding
- Ranch
 - Trevor Walton or Lexie Hall

Shelbey Smith made a **motion to be able to approve via the Facebook Page**. Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Judges

The Judges are pulled from the MI 4H Judges list. Tiffany Markstrom asked how we wanted to handle trail this year. She said she put a question on a Judges Facebook group about fees for judges coming up to just do trail classes or if it was feasible for judges booked for Sunday to come up early to judge trail on Saturday and Saturday judges to stay over to judge trail on Sunday. There was positive discussion on that thread. Discussion about which judges wrapped up with a list:

Dustin Boumer

Kim Ruttledge

Elaine Page

Jennifer Sawyer

Elaine and Jennifer travel together and would charge \$600 each and would judge trail on their “off” day. Shelbey Smith **motioned to book Elaine Page and Jennifer Sawyer for whatever weekend works for them**. Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in favor. Motioned Carried. Carie Decker **motioned to book Kim Ruttledge for whatever day that isn’t the weekend that Elaine and Jennifer booked**. Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in favor. Motioned Carried.

Banquet

Booked with the CC Hall for January 6, 2024.

\$25/plate and 10 and under \$10/plate until 12/30/23

\$30/\$15 at the door

It was decided to book the upstairs for more room. \$150 fee for bartender/clean up. Shelby Smith will make a Facebook post about raffle items.

At the banquet, we want to look at giving out some "Helping Hands" Sportsmanship/Volunteer awards or a raffle that whoever has volunteered at shows, gets their name put in the drawing. \$50 gas card

Gain More Members

Stay the course for 2024 due to lack of help at shows and had a huge change in 2023.

Keep Exhibitor Parties/ Free Snacks

Pop distribution companies about donating water or pop

Donation Committee

Tiffany Markstrom, Shelby Smith, Angela McConnell

Cooler/Garbage can by the warm up arena

Porta-John for full weekend shows.

See if Biz E Bee will cover one weekend for a banner and we pay for 2nd weekend.

Banners

Look into a new banner creator. We aren't happy with The Printing Lounge. They took their own creative liberties with some of the banners and were really hard to get ahold of. Jen Corbiere was suggested.

High Ticket Raffle Item

A fundraiser item for EUPHA was brought up to raffle off a High Ticket item; Kathy's Show Halter, Back on Track Sheet, Blackstone Grill, the GFL certificate that we have. It would raffle would be drawn during the second full weekend show, Ticket prices would have to be finalized. The first ticket drawn would have the option to pick between all items then so on and so forth. Shelby Smith **motioned to buy a Kathy's show halter for the raffle.** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Overall Showman

UPHA/Gaylord used to do an overall point award (100-300 points)

Money Added

The discussion about having money added classes was brought up for open classes. Shelby Smith will create a Facebook post about money added classes being sponsored "in memory of" and they will be due by May 1st. Any money added class would have a neck ribbon.

Tack Sale

This was briefly touched on at the prior meeting. Shelby Smith volunteered to take on organizing the tack sale. She is going to reach out to Rudyard Township, Big Bear, Bruce Township doesn't allow sales. She is going to look into 2/17, 2/24 or 3/2.

Trail

Tiffany Markstrom wanted to discuss the need for new trail equipment and decorations. At least 10 twelve foot poles would be needed. It was decided to table further discussion until January or a little later.

Fair Board

The arena lights are getting rough and EUPHA was approached by the Fair board about replacing them. It would be beneficial to look at the clubs that utilize the arena the most (EUPHA, Tri-County, and Fair) to go into replacing them together. EUPHA will discuss more in the next few meetings. Item is tabled.

Show Program

Carie Decker would like to look into a new show program after the banquet if the raffle proves to be a good. Tabled until February.

Exhibitor Raffle

Must have shown, Must be present to win

Places to approach for part of the prize:

Sault Animal – Spring package (Shots, Coggins, etc)

Robin –

Kiah Marsh

Pickford Feed

Annual Member Meeting/Election

Ballots/Nomination forms

Next Meeting: Saturday January 6, 2023 at 7:30pm (after Banquet) at CC Hall in Sault Ste. Marie.

Adjournment: 1:42 pm Shelby Smith **motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary