

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOICATION

April 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Angela McConnell, Carie Decker, Teresa Pollard, Shelbey Smith, Jen Sherlund

Members: Stephanie McConnell

Absent: Shasta Burzynski, Tiffany Markstrom

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Teresa Pollard.

Meeting Minutes

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

Management Report

Carie Decker reported that she paid the credit card off then ordered ribbons spending about \$1,300.00. She has received E. Bell and Maple Leaf Farm's (Tracey Laitinen) sponsorship payment. Sharolyn Reed is picking up the two she secured this coming week. The checkbook balance is \$5,661.97.

Jennifer Sherlund **motioned to approve Treasurer's Report.** Seconded by Shelbey Smith . All in favor. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Judges

Teresa Pollard confirmed that Bob Milks has been secured for August 12. She plans to reach out to Tiffany Markstrom to make sure all contracts will be sent out this coming week.

Non-Profit Status

Carie Decker has received the 42 page application for the IRS. She has a conference call next Friday to go through it and make sure everything is all set. Once that's completed, we pay the \$600 fee to the IRS and get the application submitted.

2023 Sponsors

As reported above by Carie Decker, two sponsorships were received and Sharolyn Reed will be bringing the others in.

Clinic Update

All spots have been paid for. Dan suggested that the format but more "How to Score better/What judges are looking for," versus individualized training sessions. Clinic Potluck was briefly discussed. A taco bar might be the easiest thing to do. Lunch will need to be provided for Dan.

Workbee

A cookout/potluck was discussed for after the workbee. A message will be composed for the Facebook message so we can get a list of items needed/being brought. Carie Decker is going to talk to Tracey Laitinen about contacting the township about leaves. Bringing tools was discussed so stalls can be raked out for leaf pick up.

New Business

May Township Meeting

Carie Decker is going to talk to Tracey Laitinen about getting on the agenda for the township meeting. We can compile a list of issues and repairs during the workbee to bring up at the township meeting. If we are required to make the repairs ourselves, we need to discuss reduced rental fees. Shelby Smith said we should go through the contract to see what exactly we are paying for.

Weekend/Mystery Awards

Carie Decker picked up an Egg for Egg/Spoon and a Boot Stein for the Boot Race. We decided as a group that we would do buckets with items in them for the one day show. Teresa Pollard, Shelby Smith, and Cassidee Utterback will have to come up with ideas for the full weekend shows and the remainder of the Mystery classes.

Insurance

Carie Decker contacted Dean Garlinghouse for the 2nd time. She is wondering if we want to try Market Insurance or other companies since he hasn't gotten back to her.

Stall Layout

Shelby Smith created a map of the grounds as well as a stall chart. We have 120 stalls but 4 are known to be unusable as well as 2 have trail equipment in them currently. Sharolyn Reed volunteered to handle checking stalls for her volunteer hours. Since we are going to be requiring pre-paid stalls (just the \$20 deposit), Carie Decker is going to look into creating a Venmo account for EUPHA's checking account that way she or Teresa Pollard don't have to keep transferring money around. It was also discussed and decided that current board members are going to be have up to 2 free stalls per show due to all the "behind the scenes" volunteer work that is done to get the shows up and running.

Volunteers

Volunteers were briefly discussed with the stall layout conversation, but questions were brought up. Is the announcer from the west end going to announce during speed as well? Is she coming for the 1 day show? It was also discussed that at a couple of shows, there were too many people trying to help in the booth. It was decided that we will only have the maximum of 4 people volunteering in the booth at a time.

Ribbon "Buy Back"

Shelby Smith brought up an option to not have to spend so much on ribbons. She has shown at circuits that offer a ribbon buy back. They will only take the previous years ribbons but offer 50 cents per ribbon and \$3.00 per neck ribbon. It was decided to give this a try. Shelby Smith is going to create a Facebook post, offering 50 cents per ribbon and \$3.00 per neck ribbon for the last 3 years.

Open Comment

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 11am at the EUPHA booth, Kinross, MI

Adjournment: 12:56 pm Shelby Smith **motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary