

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

May 6, 2023

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

Members: Stephanie McConnell, Sharolyn Reed, Joanne Umbrasas, Colleen Woodruff, Tracey Laitinen

Absent: Shasta Burzynski, Jen Sherlund

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 pm by Tiffany Markstrom.

Meeting Minutes

Teresa Pollard **motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for April 2023**. Seconded by Shelbey Smith. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Management Report

The statements hadn't arrived for the Management Report to be ready for April being so early in May. Management report has been tabled until the June Meeting. Current checkbook balance is \$5602.70.

Old Business

May Township Meeting/Walk Through

During the work bee, Tracey took pictures of the found issues that we want to bring up at the township meeting. There is also a list of outlets in the "race" barns that are not working. The main barn's electricity was off so we were unable to check outlets. Once the meeting happens, we will be able to make a plan to fix issues that they won't, if we're able too.

Insurance

No update at this time. The policy is at the underwriter.

Weekend/Mystery Awards

Carie Decker was able to get a prize for the Egg and Spoon as well as Boot Race. That leaves Versatility, Ribbon Race, and Speed and Action. Teresa Pollard is going to work with the awards committee and get the remainder mystery and the two full weekend awards ordered soon. The first one day award have been decided.

New Business

Lodging for Judges

Carie Decker asked Tiffany Markstrom if the Bed and Breakfast would want a deposit for the rooms. Tiffany is going to forward Carie the owner's information so that can be worked out and booked.

Clinic Potluck

A facebook event will be created for all who attend the clinic and their families to attend a Taco Bar potluck. On the event, there will be a list for what is needed/being brought. The discussion about the potluck brought up the Saturday night exhibitor pizza parties. Carie Decker made **a motion to have Saturday night Exhibitor pizza parties both full weekend shows, even if we don't get a sponsor for the purchase of the pizzas**. Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried. Little Ceasars will be approached by Angela McConnell and if they only want to sponsor one weekend, we will approach Pizza Patch or Deli Queen.

Rulebook

Shelbey Smith brought to the attention of the board that AQHA and UPHA have differing rules and it could cause issues. We are required to follow UPHA rules due to sanctioning their shows. A few of the biggest differences include, Walk trot riders may ride two handed on "senior" horses however walk, trot, canter riders are required to ride one handed; During speed classes, there is no touching of a barrel/pole with rider's hand or it's an automatic disqualification; Speed riders are required to wear a long sleeve button up shirt and a belt.

50th Year

It was discussed having a cake for each exhibitor party in celebration of the 50th year of EUPHA. A special 50th Anniversary shirt will be created and sold during the season. The board also will have further discussion at a later date for more celebration at the year end banquet.

While discussing the 50th anniversary shirts, Teresa brought up the Board member shirts as well. Those will be ordered in the order so exhibitors and new members can distinguish who is a board member.

Concessions

It has been discussed at previous meetings, but the board decided that we are going to offer more than just pop and water for purchase this year to see how it goes. We are going to provide chips, prepackaged snack cakes/poptarts, and popsicles. If we see an influx of littering or mess, then we will discontinue.

Stalls/Shavings

Shelbey Smith and Carie Decker renumbers stalls during the workbee. We allowed members at the workbee to reserve their stalls by tagging them. However, to hold the reservation the \$20 stall deposit is required. It was decided that we are going to offer a Prebook discount of \$50 if exhibitors book for the enter series until May 20. After that it will be \$20/weekend especially if they want the same stalls. We will not be issuing refunds. Stalls and shaving orders will be required to be reserved/prepaid the Sunday leading up to the show. Shavings will be available by Prepaid only and no refunds will be issued. We will need to contact EUP Shavings the Monday before the show. Tiffany Markstrom will be reaching out to EUP Shavings for a price per bag of shavings.

Social Media/Dedications

Tiffany Markstrom would like to have the dedications posted on Facebook as well as have the weekend dedicated to Mary Cobb and Erik Schuberg. We decided that Erik's weekend will be the July weekend and Mary's will be the August weekend. The board will work together to create a dedication for Erik and Tiffany will work with Tina Kitzmiller for Mary.

Volunteers

We discussed the volunteer sign up and Tiffany reminded that we had Terri Clark booked for announcing. During the meeting she contacted Terri for clarification of what she would announce and if she would do the whole day or if we needed to find someone for speed classes. She announces Friday night through Sunday at \$75.00 per day. After some discussion about the cost and how we always scramble for an announcer, Carie Decker made **a motion to hire Terri Clark as the announcer for both full weekends at \$150.00 per weekend.** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

We will need an announcer for the June Friday night speed classes.

Trail Obstacles

Tiffany Markstrom and Teresa Pollard were able to condense the trail stall into one stall and get rid of a bunch of items that didn't need to be in there and were just in the way. The trail obstacle stall looks fantastic! They were able to inventory what is needed; some poles need to be cut, the existing poles need a touch up of paint and new duck tape, the gate needs minor repairs. We need mini sized jump standard cups, new cones and flowers so we can spruce up the trail course. Cassidee Utterback thinks she has standard cups and Teresa Pollard are going to order fun, colorful cones.

While cleaning out the trail stall, Teresa Pollard and Tiffany found latticed "walls," and thought they would be great for a photo backdrop. Teresa is going to reach out to Denncoco, who creates our sponsorship banners, and have them make an EUPHA banner. Tiffany will supply two of her amazing horse planters and we will create a flower arrangement for each, so we can offer a photo area.

Next Meeting: TBA at the EUPHA booth, Kinross, MI

Adjournment: 2:05 pm Teresa Pollard **motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary