

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOICATION

August 6, 2023

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

Members:

Absent: Shasta Burzynski, Cassidee Utterback

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by Tiffany Markstrom.

Meeting Minutes

Carie Decker **motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for July 2023**. Seconded by Angela McConnell. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Management Report

Current checkbook balance is \$3,083.71. No changes in savings except the interest accrued.

Stall Deposits and July Show profit will be discussed in New Business.

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

Old Business

In Kind Lease/Grant

Seeking more information about In Kind Leases and available Grants will be tabled until the September/October meeting. A grant committee including Tracey Laitinen will be created at that time. Chippewa County Foundation was mentioned as a possible place to look for grants. "Horse show camping," would be something EUPHA would want to look into and Carie Decker will ask Sidock could do a design for this. Selling stalls would also be a possibility as a fundraiser.

Grounds

The grounds looked the best they ever have for the July show. No issues needed to be addressed before the August show. Teresa Pollard asked if the grounds would be mowed before the show. They will be mowed the Thursday before. The only complaint that was heard during the show was the lack of garbage cans.

Dedication Weekends

Erik will be Saturday and Mary will be Sunday. Shelbey Smith will work on a write up for Erik and Tiffany Markstrom will work on the write up for Mary.

Volunteers

July show went better than the June one day. August is missing a few volunteer spots. Our announcer is unable to make this show so that's a big one that needs to be filled. Tiffany Markstrom will announce on Saturday after halter classes and Tracey Laitinen will announce all of Sunday. Ben Sherlund will announce speed both nights. Back up timer and Trail Take Down are the main ones that are still needed. Shelbey Smith will create a post for Facebook.

New Business

July show weekend Recap

- Order of Go
 - Same back numbers, UPHA needs to use their numbers so this caused a little confusion but Carie Decker believes all have been worked through.
 - It needs to be posted at the trail arena since we don't have trail at will this show.
 - Stephanie McConnell stated it was hard to work the gate and write the order of go for the speed classes. Carie Decker asked Angela McConnell to write the order of go.
- Combining Classes
 - We were all under the impression that classes weren't going to be combined with prior approval. Tiffany Markstrom said it's hard to sway judge's when they want to do this.
 - It has been decided that Walk/Trot classes can be combined but Walk/Trot/Canter and Jr/Sr Horse classes WILL NOT be combined. The judge will be consulted before show starts that morning and it will be announced if Walk/Trot will be combined. There will be no combining classes during the show unless hazardous conditions arise.
- Issues
 - UPHA members came in on Friday and told us how to run the show. Complained about "optional" classes not being on the show bill. UPHA approved our showbill in the spring.
 - Camping/Parking
 - Inside stall users can't park against the barn and block outside stall users. It has been posted on Facebook for months.
 - People moved stall and didn't let Shelbey Smith or Carie Decker know.
 - Shelbey is reaching out to Kinross and Rudyard Fire about watering either the Wednesday or Thursday before.
 - It was decided that Sharolyn will check stalls during the weekend and note if anyone has moved so we know where everyone is.
 - Shavings were taken by people that didn't prepay for them. We would either need to lock the shaving stalls and go open it whenever someone wanted to get them or deliver to stalls of people that prepaid. Shelbey Smith said she was willing to do this since there aren't many shavings that have been prepaid.
 - The shavings discussion brought up that at the fair board meeting, they were complaining that the stalls haven't been stripped. The stalls are impossible to completely strip due to no base in the stalls and it just being sand. If it is expected, the township needs to put in a cement or limestone base.
 - Trying to argue rules/riding patterns. There is no rule that they must ride a pattern in the pattern classes. It can be an "individualized test," for example: the judge could ask each rider to perform a few maneuvers or gait changes on the rail. The announcer also argued with the speed judge (Shelbey Smith)
 - Trail
 - Trail classes were show at will between 12pm and 3pm because we were fortunate to have judges that traveled together. This was announced Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings.
 - An exhibitor (E1) entered the wrong class (entered the EUPHA division trail instead of the UPHA open trail class). The judge mistakenly closed the class and turned in their card before the 3pm deadline. This exhibitor (E1) asked the judge if they could enter the "correct" class. The judge told them that they needed to ask a booth/board member if they could since the class was "closed." The exhibitor(E1) came to the

booth and told the booth volunteer that they could add the class. So it was added and they completed the pattern and ended up winning the class. The exhibitor (E2) to initially “won” the class was extremely angry by this because the class was announced. However, the exhibitor (E1) added the class within the appropriate timeframe. It was EUPHA’s error to allow the trail class placings to be announced before 3pm and the judge’s error for turning in the cards early. The exhibitor (E2) sought out EUPHA President Markstrom then proceeded to seek out other board members after speaking to EUPHA President to the point of harassment. A warning letter was almost requested. The exhibitor (E2) filed a Formal Complaint with UPHA on Sunday night. The exhibitors are competing for points in UPHA and this made exhibitor (E2) behind by one point. Neither are able to come to the August show, so there’s no way to gain more points. EUPHA is taking the stance that exhibitor (E1) added the class within the allowed timeframe. They feel this is poor sportsmanship by exhibitor (E2).

- Weekend Breakdown

- Net income - \$4,708.45
- Expenses - \$3,147.00
- Profit - \$1,561.45

August is expected to be a smaller show due to fair season. It was discussed that maybe have a clinic/show in June and August, while having our two full show weekends in July. This would be helpful for our Canadian exhibitors as well so they could only need one health certificate.

- Exhibitor Party

- Everyone had a great time. We had a few boxes of pizza leftover but the cake was here and gone. We are going to try to have party in August start earlier so the speed riders can eat before speed starts. We are going to have to pizzas arrive between 3:30 and 4:00pm. The free chips/fruit snacks/oreos water have gone over really well.

- Stall Deposits

- There is \$1,020.00 needing to be refunded. We will look into giving people a credit on the show invoice.
- Next year we are going to discuss increasing the stall fee slightly and paying someone to clean them. We will also look into registering for community service so we could get volunteers. Haul ins would still be required to pay a deposit because it’s made all the difference with mess.

Vacant Trustee Position

Shelbey Smith will make a post about the open position. If there is interest, we will appoint for the remainder of the term. Or we will start working on finding someone for the next year term.

Mystery Classes

Boot Race and Ribbon Race are scheduled for the August show. It was decided to run them both on Sunday because it’s highly unlikely that anyone will stay around to do the class on Sunday. They mystery classes will be posted in advance.

Snacks/Pizza

Fruit snacks, oreos, and chips will be needed for the August show. Shelbey Smith **motioned for Carie Decker to be able to purchase 1 box of fruit snacks and oreos and 2 boxes of chips**. Seconded by Jen Sherlund. All in favor. Motioned Carried. Carie Decker will order the 23 pizzas on Wednesday to have them ready for 3:30/4:00. Tiffany Markstrom said that her husband, Andy Markstrom can run in and get them.

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 11:00 am at the EUPHA booth, Kinross, MI

Adjournment: 12:58 pm Carie Decker **motioned to adjourn the meeting**. Seconded by Shelbey Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary