

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOICATION

September 24, 2023

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

Members: Stephanie McConnell

Absent: Shasta Burzynski, Cassidee Utterback

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Management Report

Current checkbook balance is \$4,570.90.

Carie Decker would like to close the Central Savings Bank savings account. It is no longer needed. The monthly Quickbook fee is the only expense for the month.

Shelbey Smith **motioned to approve the Management Report for August 2023.** Seconded by Jen Sherlund. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Old Business

In Kind Lease/Grant

Tabled until January, once we receive our non-profit status.

Vacant Trustee Position(s)

We are looking to fill two trustee positions for 2024. We will wait until the November to create a post. We all feel that we would benefit having a trustee from the speed division on the board. If we can think of someone, we are going to reach out to see if they are interested.

Stall/Haul In Deposit

The deposits have proven to be a huge headache to do. We are looking at raising the stall fee and paying a group to come in and clean the stalls (ie, Athletic teams/Boy Scouts) We would charge less for tack stalls especially since exhibitors who stall on the inside of the main barn cannot park their trailers alongside the barn. We will have to discuss with the township about our changes so they don't think we're leaving the stalls a mess. Offering shaving had some hiccups as well. People would just grab them out of the stall and had not prepaid for them. We are going to have to figure out a better way to handle this for next year. We discussed buying a couple of pallets and selling them vs only ordering what was prepaid for.

Volunteers

Once we receive the non-profit status, we can look into getting on Community Actions list of places for community service. We are going try to get commitments for the main volunteer positions for the entire season and look at potentially paying all these positions. Shannon Decker, Carie's sister, is willing to come up and run the computer all weekends. We will work on a Volunteer drive in the spring.

New Business

August show recap

- Issues
 - Judge: Bob Milks called after the show. He should have come to the President, who was ring stewarding for him, instead of talked directly to the person. That person should have been disciplined as well for comments made to Bob. He placed kids on pleasure horses and DQ'ed the kids on non-pleasure horses. At what point do we pull a judge over DQ's? We are going to put a section in the judge's contract stating "some exhibitors are competitive and some are brand new, we run our shows like AQHA and only DQ if the exhibitor falls off or is showing extremely dangerous to self and other exhibitors."
 - Trail: Under Bob was a mess. He DQ'ed the entire youth class. We need to make a post about attempting an obstacle 3 times then moving on.
 - There have been multiple questions about filing a complaint against Bob with the 4H Judge's Committee. We are going to make a post on Facebook, apologizing for way that show went and state that he will never be hired back to our shows.
- Exhibitor conflict
 - Multiple comments about youth riders showing younger horses and how they show scratch classes because others on young horses are showing for points.
 - We can't control exhibitor's conversations and will never tell anyone that they can't show.
- Class sponsorship
 - There was a sweepstakes class with money added by the sponsor. She chose to show that class and there was a lot of comments about it. In the future, we are not going to allow sponsors show in the class they choose to sponsor.
- The Exhibitor parties and free snacks/water had wonderful reviews.

Year End Awards

Teresa Pollard will head the committee and Shelby Smith will be on it and make a Facebook post to see if any members would like to be on it as well. It was discussed about having belt buckles or custom mohair girths for High Point awards. EUPHA has 2 free belt buckles from Molly's. Teresa hadn't figured out the number of single class winners, 2-4 class winners or 5+ winners so she will do that then can figure out how much will be available to spend on those awards. Carie Decker **motioned to be able to spend approximately \$100 per award for our Division High Point and Reserve High Point winners.** Seconded by Jennifer Sherlund. All in favor. Motioned Carried. Historically, Carie Decker and Sharolyn Reed take care of the Leadline awards.

2024 Clinic/Show Weekends

EUPHA is looking at hosting two clinic/show weekends in 2024. One clinic will be on pleasure riding/showing and the other will be on ranch riding. We are working on getting a pleasure clinician for June 1, 2024 then a ranch clinician for August 17, 2024. There will not be a reduced rate for only doing part of the clinic. There will be a schedule of the clinic format posted prior to selling slots for the clinics so people can be 100% sure they want to participate for the whole clinic. To help with all riding experiences, there will be the two versions of the same pattern, a more simple one for those just starting out and learning how to maneuver patterns and a more in depth, complex version for those wanting to up their game and really challenge themselves and their horses.

Show Programs

Carie Decker would like to look into finding a better program to make the shows run better. It was decided to table looking into this until after the banquet.

UPHA

A discussion about if EUPHA should sanction with UPHA in 2024 was had. They certainly brought more people to our circuit and that was great. There are just a few things that need to be discussed to make things between the two associations more cohesive. Tiffany Markstrom is planning on going to the banquet to get on the agenda for their meeting where they make changes to their rules/showbill. For speed, the pattern sizes need to be changed to be consistent. The starting line is different for many of the classes. In Flags, clarification for the bucket size and contents is needed. What is their definition of "break of pattern" "following pattern" and "refusal." For pleasure, add an actual Walk Trot Division and break Trail into divisions to reduce trail. EUPHA is willing to change the age division separation within reason.

Trail Judge

EUPHA is going to look into options to pay Saturday's judge to stay over to judge trail on Sunday and have Sunday's judge come early to judge Saturday's trail so we can continue to run it at will. We are going to look into judge's that travel together as well. Having trail run at will made the show day run so smoothly. We also are going to look into "local" northern LP judges to just come judge trail. On UPHA sanctioned shows, the judge cannot be from the UP.

Chippewa County Fair

EUPHA has decided to stay out of the fair. There would be no benefit to try and sanction with it.

Ribbons

Prior to the meeting, Teresa Pollard counted the ribbons to see what we needed for next year. Many of the older Rosetted ribbons are faded and in bad shape. We are going to get rid of the rosetted ribbons and purchase flat ribbons, except for the Highpoint/Reserve Highpoint and Neck Ribbons.

2024 Show Dates

Carie Decker **motioned for May 31, June 1, and June 2, 2024, be our first clinic/show weekend. Friday night – Speed classes, Saturday – Clinic and Sunday – Pleasure Show.** Seconded by Shelby Smith. All in favor. Motioned Carried.

Angela McConnell **motioned for June 14-16, 2024, UPHA sanctioned full show Friday night – Speed classes, Saturday – Pleasure show/Speed and Sunday – Pleasure Show.** Seconded by Carie Decker. All in favor. Motioned Carried.

Teresa Pollard **motioned for July 26-28, 2024, UPHA sanctioned full show Friday night – Speed classes, Saturday – Pleasure show/Speed and Sunday – Pleasure Show** Seconded by Jennifer Sherlund. All in favor. Motioned Carried.

Shelby Smith **motioned for August 16-18, 2024, be our second clinic/show weekend. Friday night – Speed classes, Saturday – Clinic and Sunday – Pleasure Show.** Seconded by Teresa Pollard. All in favor. Motioned Carried.

EUPHA 2024 show/clinic weekends have been decided.

Judges

Judges committee was formed. Tiffany Markstrom, Shelby Smith, and Teresa Pollard. Carie Decker agreed to be the point of contact since she pay them.

Banquet

January 6, 2024 at the CC Hall. More will be discussed at the November meeting.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 11:00 am at Sidock Office in Sault Ste. Marie.

Adjournment: 1:59 pm Shelby Smith **motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Seconded by Jennifer Sherlund. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa L. Pollard, Secretary