

NDApHC Annual Meeting  
January 10, 2009  
Chieftain Motor Inn, Carrington, ND

Present: Crystal Gandrud, Bill Cook, Jeanette Cook, Kevin McCullough, Dawn Fougner, Harv Hegvik, Joleen Schwartz, Holly Johnson, Connie Benjaminson, Rhonda Vielvig, Gail Smith, Sherri Engkvist, Mercedes Rowley, Gannon Engkvist, Stephanie Johnson, Lisa Feldner

Crystal Gandrud moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting and the annual meeting. Rhonda seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,970.58 beginning balance 2008. \$870.00 earned at White Elephant at last annual meeting. Jeanette read through income and expenses for fiscal year 2008. Ending balance is \$3,649.03 for the start of 2009. Crystal Gandrud moved to approve the treasurer's report. Bill Cook seconded. Approved.

Grumpy reported on the August shows which were sponsored equally by RRV and ND clubs. After figuring the expenses, the loss was \$1154.17. All of the bills were covered. All of the money was depleted from the RRV club account and the ApHC was shorted \$200 because there was no more money to cover. Gail: we have to stop thinking that we have to put a show on to qualify horses for the world which is only a limited number of people. Kevin: they can qualify through the regional clubs. The National club lost \$160,000 at the National show. Stephanie: Welcome to our world. Jeanette: Steve Taylor said at the territory meeting this spring that over 90% of the money going into the national club goes into paying for the National and World show. Gail: They've devalued the point system so much that no one cares about an ROM any more – all they care about is the National and World shows. Stephanie: Kevin, do we need to reimburse you for expenses that you incurred. Kevin: No, I'm fine. Jeanette: We will pay you – we're in this for half. Crystal: It's in the minutes – we owe half. Bill moved that we reimburse Kevin and Gail for the expenses they personally incurred from the show, Harv seconded. Jeanette: We will cash the check that RRV gave us for the awards and write a check to Kevin. Bill: As board of directors, we are responsible personally liable for any expenses that are incurred that the club cannot pay. Jeanette: The South Dakota club had to disband as a result of a lawsuit. Motion approved. Crystal: Do we want to even have a show this year? I love to show more than anyone but I don't want to show when there are only 2 in the class. Kevin: We did everything we could to promote the show and to get kids – why didn't they come? Lisa: Because it was way too expensive. I didn't bring one of my sons because I couldn't afford to have them both show. It isn't fun anymore. You get up at 6:00 am and show until 2:00 am. You have to change clothes ten times and by the end of the first day – you wonder why you are there? We used to have fun at the fair. We'd have one judge over 2 days. We'd go to the concerts and ride on the midway, but now we ride until 2:00 am. Gail: Don't we still need to sponsor a show to have a club. Crystal: No, we can sponsor a trail ride or other things. Stephanie: Most shows don't have walk/trot so we don't go. Gail: If we keep doing what we've always done, we'll go broke. We have to send a message to the national club. We can't afford to send them the \$2 but they don't

seem to be listening. I added up what it cost this new gal to show her new horse and it was \$600 and that didn't include her non-pro fee.

Gail: What if we had a clinic along with a show? We could have a clinic the first day and a show the second day. Or we could have a class and then instruction and then another class and so on. A clinic is a fixed expense so you know what you have to cover up front.

Grumpy: We cut out a lot of classes last year and we still didn't get enough people.

Stephanie: If we have a clinic the first day, will we have enough Apps to have an App show the second day? Maybe we should just have an open show.

Bill: If you hold an early show, we can't do futurity babies because no one will be ready. What if we do the August show with only 2 judges over 2 days. We could have a clinician on Friday night or Saturday night. We could do open classes at the show and add some fun events.

Gail: We could open the yearling challenge to all breeds. Grumpy: The RRV futurity is in

trouble too. They need to combine the breeds rather than having them split. Jeanette: Do

the yearlings run twice or once? Gail: Once. Grumpy: If we decide to do an open show, we'll really have to watch our dates so we don't overlap other open shows. Stephanie: Ok

– are we saying we still want to have our show in August with 2 judges, the yearling

challenge, an open reining in the evening, and an open show? Grumpy & Gail: I think so.

Stephanie: What about stalls? Open show people typically don't like to pay for stalls.

Bill: Could we just decide on dates and then have a committee to get the show bill ready?

Gail: Move to keep the August 15-16, 2009, hire 2 judges, 2 days combined and let a show committee come up with the class list. Grumpy: seconded. Motion: approved.

Stephanie: I will contact the winter show building and see what we can get for a rate. She will also check on the rate for shavings and so on. Bill: Volunteered to find judges.

Stephanie: I need a committee to work on the show bill. Jeanette: I move that Lisa head

the show committee. Harv: seconded. Motion approved. Volunteers include: Gail,

Crystal, Holly, Dawn, Steph. We will have online meetings. Gail will continue to do the

yearling challenge and it will be open to all breeds. Lisa will send the info into Val for the Upper Midwest.

Stephanie: The next item is show approval. Lisa: The bylaws say that all Appaloosa shows in ND are automatically approved. Any out of state shows must be approved at the

annual meeting. Crystal: Are we having year end awards or not? We need to decide if we

should have hi points at our show or year end awards. Discussion over what shows were being held out of state. I move that we have year end awards and cross approve the

surrounding shows and that we won't do high points awards at our show unless there is a sponsorship. The out of state shows will be approved upon their cross approval. The

shows are 3 in Minnesota, CON in SD, and the Montana state show. Bill: seconded.

Motion carried.

Trail rides. Crystal: I think we should do another trail ride again and the Badlands have been very successful. Jeanette volunteered to check on dates in June. The dates will either be the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. The ride will be in Killdeer again this year. Grumpy will borrow a horse.

Educational events: The Mark Schaeffer clinic is May 9-10, 2009 at Gandrud's. Crystal: The Paint club is not involved in the clinic this year. Therefore, the club is welcome to look at using it as a fundraiser. Jeanette volunteered to help with the food part of the fundraiser. The club would have to pay for the clinic fees, airfare, rental car, etc. There are 15 slots and money is made on the auditing. We would have to promote the auditing. Volunteers: Crystal, Rhonda, Bill & Jeanette. Jeanette moved to sponsor the clinic with Kevin seconding. Motion approved.

Riding Log. Joleen volunteered to help Holly develop the guidelines for the riding log. They will email their guidelines and the secretary will post them on the website.

ND Born & Bred. The rules were read from the bylaws and no changes were made.

Lisa discussed the opportunity to have an open show combined with an Appaloosa and Morgan show at the ND State Fair. She will talk to the state fair manager this month. Right now, the ND State Fair is still open to having a show.

New business: Jeanette talked about having a longe line clinic with Jonathan Holland. Crystal agreed to host it at their place and is wondering if the club wanted to sponsor it. Bill moved that the club sponsor and Crystal seconded. Motion carried.

Lisa read a letter from Tracy Fink who indicated that the horse industry in Arizona was down. The trainers and the shows were bad but the trail riding is still good.

Election of officers: Connie's and Holly's terms were expired for the board. Bill nominated Grumpy and Holly. Bill moved the nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for both. Harv seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on Min-Dak Futurity. Grumpy recommended the Min-Dak not be held with the August show.

Bill moved to adjourn and Harv seconded. Meeting adjourned.