

North Dakota Appaloosa Horse Club Annual Meeting
January 16, 2010 ~ C'mon Inn Meeting Room
Grand Forks, ND ~ 3:30 PM

Present: Chet & Lila Reich, Kevin McCullough, Crystal Gandrud, Bill Cook, Jeanette, Cook, Stephanie Johnson, Dawn Fougner, Mark Smith, Gail Smith, Tracy Dalsted, Holly Johnson, Joanne Galow, Vivian Thinglestad, Don Patterson, Dawn Bundy, Connie Benjaminson,

Old Business

It was moved by Crystal Gandrud and seconded by Bill Cook to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2009 Annual Meeting. Minutes were approved with one correction – Valley City show should read one judge, not two.

The treasurer's report indicated \$3,493.18 on hand. Crystal Gandrud moved approval, seconded by Connie Benjaminson. Motion approved.

A report was given on the Mark Shaffer clinic. The club earned a profit of \$1,738.93 on the clinic. Bill Cook thanked the Gandruds for the use of their facility for the clinic.

The longe line clinic reported a loss of \$57.10 because of low entries. However, the clinic was reported as very positive by those who attended.

A report was given on the Fall Show. The club suffered a loss of \$1,179.92 as a result of the lack of revenue from the Yearling Challenge.

New Business

The NDAPHC now has a FaceBook page and all were encouraged to become fans and to submit pictures to the site.

Lisa Feldner suggested we write two letters to the national board of directors. One letter will state that employee benefits of the employees of the ApHC be restored. The second letter will request the board support a proposed amendment to the bylaws reducing the number of directors. Vivian Thinglestad moved, and Connie Benjaminson seconded, a motion that both letters be drafted and sent to the ApHC Board of Directors. The motion received unanimous approval.

The August show was discussed and Stephanie asked for class changes. Open halter classes and open walk-trot (all ages) were suggested additions. Hunter in hand will be moved to a different part of the schedule. We may move the games to Sunday and the trail classes to Saturday afternoon pending the open show circuit schedule.

Gail Smith reported on the Yearling Challenge. She has suggested that in addition to the yearlings, we begin doing a Two-Year old Walk-Trot Challenge. She

suggested it be open to all breeds but the horses must be registered to verify age but also to promote breeders. Gail wants to have all the sponsorship in place by April. The President asked for a committee to work on the Yearling and Two Year old Challenges: Vivian Thinglestad, Jeanette Cook, Tracy Dalsted, and Crystal Gandrud volunteered.

Jeanette Cook reported on a raffle for a package to the NFR. The money would be used to offset some of the costs of shows and perhaps youth awards. Several members asked for tickets to sell.

The trail ride will be June 18-20, 2010 at Little Missouri State Park near Killdeer. This venue has been highly successful for that past two years. The club will reserve the dates again when the reservation sites opens in March.

The ND Born & Bred Award will be based on all club-approved shows.

Crystal Gandrud has contacted Jeff Ray on his availability to do a clinic and a schooling show. His fee is \$400 per day plus mileage. Lisa Feldner has tentatively reserved July 17-18 at the Bismarck Horse Park. Stephanie asked for a committee to work on the show: Crystal Gandrud, Lisa Feldner, Rhonda Veilvig, Bill Cook.

It was moved by Crystal Gandrud, and seconded by Rhonda Vielvig, to approve the following shows for 2010:

- CON Spotacular
- Verndale
- Jewel of the Big Sky, Billings, July 17-18
- Bismarck (if ApHC approved), July 17-18
- Canadian Nationals (final placing), July 27-31
- Sauk Center
- Cannon Falls
- Fall Classic in Valley City, August 14-15
- Red River Breeders Show, Oct. 9-10

Motion carried.

There was only one person signed up for open show points the past two years. Bill Cook moved, Crystal Gandrud seconded, to discontinue the open show program. Motion carried.

Discussion followed with restoring year-end awards for all classes rather than just youth. One model would be to give certificates toward Schneiders, for example. Vivian Thinglestad moved, and Crystal Gandrud seconded, to restore year-end awards for all classes. Motion carried.

The dates for the longe line clinic with Jonathan Holland were reported. The clinic will again be held at Gandruds and the dates are May 1-2, 2010. Bill Cook moved to approved, Tracy Dalsted seconded, and the motion carried.

The Mark Shaffer Clinic will be held on May 29-31, 2010 at Gandrud's. The club will do the lunch and a silent auction table. The President asked for volunteers to help.

Gail Smith moved, and Connie Benjaminson seconded, the club join the United Horsemen's Front to support their position on slaughter. The fee is \$25 and the motion carried.

Nominations for board members were Vivian Thinglestad, Tracy Dalsted, and Stephanie Johnson. Kevin McCullough moved, and Mark Smith seconded, the nominations cease. Stephanie Johnson and Tracy Dalsted were elected. Stephanie Johnson was re-elected president and Sherri Engkvist is vice president.

Tracy Dalsted reported on a John Hovde clinic to be held in Fargo on January 30-31. There are still spots open and the cost is \$100, auditing is \$20.

Jolene Schwartz heard that the Canadian Nationals will count for world points this year and asked that people keep their ears open.

Bill Cook moved to adjourn and Holly Johnson seconded.