

WMRC November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present in person: Emma Gooden, Jonathan Franko, Jeannine Kenison, Dave and Ramona Chessman, Vicki Herzog, Stacy Bennett

Present via Zoom: Bonnie Hamel, Sharon Ellingwood-White, Chelsea Colgrove, Trish Switzer

- Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.
 - Secretary's report had been sent via email to all and had been read. Vicki made a motion to accept the report as presented and Ramona seconded. All in favor
 - Treasurer's report:
 - All figures from 9/15/2025 to 11/17/2025
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- Trish made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, Jeannine seconded. All in favor
 - Old business
 - Nominations were made: President: Jeannine Kenison, Interim Secretary: Emma Gooden, Interim Webmaster: Bonnie Hamel, Treasurer: Vicki Herzog, Board #2: Dave Chessman, Board #5: Stacy Bennett, Board #7: Jonathan Franko. All accepted their nominations.
 - ◆ To vote at next meeting, members must be present and have been a paid member by October 1st. Absentee ballots may be requested by Dec. 1 for those who cannot make it in person
 - Pet food donations: Vicki made a motion to donate the meeting pet food donations to the Coos Animal Sanctuary. Dave seconded, all in favor. Stacy will deliver them.
 - New business
 - Rule book, show booklet and class list need revamping this year with input from judges. It was decided that rather than having a horse show committee, we would have an events committee to handle shows, clinics, etc. Emma was nominated to be the events coordinator to head up the committee.
 - ◆ Discussion was had about how many events to hold next year. Vicki motioned that the club hold 6 events next year. Bonnie seconded and all were in favor. The club will definitely hold the fair show, but may forgo other shows in favor for clinics, trail rides, etc.
 - ◆ Trish Switser mentioned that other area horse shows would be interested in pooling resources and maybe creating a series where people could collect points from different area shows towards a year end award. Orleans County and Caledonia County Fair are definitely interested. Emma and Trish will meet with folks from those organizations and bring back information.
 - ◆ Ray Hackett is interested in doing a clinic for us with showmanship in the morning and equitation in the afternoon. He would charge \$400 for the day plus hotel room. Vicki made a motion to book Ray for a clinic, with date to be determined. Jeannine seconded, all in favor.
 - ◆ Discussion was had about requiring anyone participating in club sponsored shows and clinics to be a club member. Bonnie made a motion that participants would not be required to be a member, but non-members would pay a \$10 non-member fee per event. Vicki seconded the motion, all in favor.
 - ◆ Emma met a software developer at Equine Affaire who has horse show software and will be having a zoom meeting with him to get details.
 - ◆ Next meeting will be December 15, 2025 at Weeks Memorial Library, bring your donations for the food pantry.
 - Motion was made to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. by Dave, seconded by Vicki.

Respectfully submitted by Emma Gooden 12/14/2025

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