

October 21, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

- Called to order at 7:01 PM
- In attendance: Vicki Herzog, Ramona Chessman, Emma Gooden, Cathy Dorr. Via zoom: Sharon Ellingwood White, Robin Gregg and Bonnie Hamel
- **Secretary's Report:** Emma asked and everyone in attendance was ok with it as submitted. Ramona Motioned to accept and Vicki 2nd. All in Favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** See the attached report. Vicki motioned to accept and Cathy 2nd. All in favor.
- **Horse Show Report:** The Lancaster Fair was again our most attended show. All the exhibitors enjoyed the show and came up to thank us for a great day. Bethany was amazing as always. Shirley had bags embroidered for the lead line kids in memory of Sherrel. Shirley and I wrote up a speech to be read during the pinning of the Championship Class. It went: In Memory of Sherrel Stephenson. Shirley Smith along with the Call Family sponsored the Lead line division during today's show. Her generosity in and out of the show ring meant a lot to them as well as numerous other families. She will be missed greatly. Then a photo was taken.

Mackenna Class I had asked that it not be tons of cash. For next year Kim is going to work with Adrian to go back to prizes vs the money. I did ask her to cap it at \$125 per class and she could divide it out as she wished for however many placings. I did not want an angry parent again this year!

The show committee has some things to discuss to improve the flow of the show as well as how to cut back on expenses. It was disappointing to see that after all that work, the club only came out \$932 profit. The committee is going to meet in a couple weeks to discuss empty classes, donated trophies, ribbons, prizes, dates for next year. etc.

I have been asked a few times if we are doing a banquet. I personally am leaning towards mailing out the Year End point ribbons and awards. I am going to leave that up to the club for discussion.

As for the entire summer, the club members worked well together, everyone really pitched in and it was much appreciated! Volunteers came and worked hard. We have such a great group of people working together on these shows.

Bethany White is scheduled to do a 2-day Clinic at the Fairgrounds June 28 & 29th Dressage, both Western and English and Sunday Mountain Trail. She is going to get me all the info needed. Cost, time, # of exhibitors, what she needs etc.

Discussion at the meeting: Sharon brought up that there is grant money from the Tillotson Fund to help cover the cost up to \$2000 for the clinic to make it more affordable for the youth to attend!

Kate Holman from Jefferson had shown interest in talking to Vicki about doing a dressage, combined training clinic.

Bethany White Clinic, discussion on possibly doing more of a showmanship clinic and then a trail clinic on Sunday. Cathy to chat with Bethany about specifics about the Mountain Trail obstacles

Ramona brought forward a profit and loss statement from the 2024 clinic and shows. As a result, we need to do some brainstorming on how to increase the profitability of the shows and clinics and lower our expenses.

- Old Business: Littleton Christmas Parade. No members showed interest in attending so Emma was not going to move forward with registration.
- New Business:
 - Elections: Nominations will be accepted during the November meeting. In the revised by-laws the President and Treasurer were put into the same year so that the bank was not needing to be updated yearly. Cathy motioned to Keep the Current Treasurer Ramona on for another year. Vicki 2nd the motion and all in favor

Positions up for election:

Vice President (2 year term), Secretary (2 year term), Webmaster (2 year term), Social Media Coordinator (2 year Term) & Board Seats #3, 6 & 7 (3 year terms)

These seats would be posted on the website and Facebook pages and emailed to all the active members.

- White Mountain Research Project – Clarissa Palmer
She is a grad student at Plymouth State. She would like to interview people about how they use working animals in the White Mountains. If anyone knows of those who are interested in an interview, have them reach out to her.
(603) 535-2915 or email cmpalmer@plymouth.edu Vicki had thought Kristina Morin or Tracy/ Stubby McKillop would be a good starting point.
- Show/ Clinic Voting: Cathy made a motion to allow the show committee to plan up to 4 horse shows and 2 clinics for 2025. Bonnie 2nd and all were in favor.
- Equine Themed weekend at the Barton Fairgrounds. Emma had seen it on Facebook and was wondering how the club felt about the idea or if we had a discussion/ ideas on things that would draw the horse community there to help them. Questions we had was time of year? Fundraiser? What were they hoping to get? Vendors/ clinicians like the Equine Affair...
- No other new business was brought forward.
- Next meeting to be November 18, 2024 @ 7pm
- Vicki made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ramona 2nd. All in Favor. 7:48 pm

Minutes recorded by Cathy Dorr