

## **Outagamie County Horse Association Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes Nov. 28, 2023**

**Town of Center Town Hall 6:30pm**

Minutes submitted by Keira Leitermann

**Call meeting to order: 6:39pm by President Dale Maass**

**Board Members Present:** Dale Maass, Allison Maass, Sara Leitermann, Keira Leitermann, Dylan Leitermann, Ellen Wheaton, Kaiya Wheaton, Danielle Schlueter, Wycovia Young, Trisha Werner, Kyle Breaker

**Board Members Absent:** Lydia Ewing, Lane Witterholt, Elyanna Masty, Melia Pauley, Lauren Suehring, Gail Leitermann

### **Secretary's Report**

- Amendments to minutes
  - Lane Witterholt seconded a motion a in question
  - 2 regular district youth representatives: Keira Leitermann, Elyanna Masty
  - 2 alternate district youth representatives: Lane Witterholt, Wycovia Young
    - Motion to approve changes and minutes made by Janet Schlueter, seconded by Sara Leitermann. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Send out by email to board members.
- Discussion over outstanding state gymkhana show sponsorship
- Budget for 2024 sent out and tabled for Jan. meeting
- Discussion over renewing website
  - Motion made to accept the treasurer's report by Sara Leitermann, seconded by Tricia Werner. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

- **Award point system**
  - Should we have form for kids to fill out?
    - Determine points for placings
    - Kids can save up or split their points
  - This works out better for Oct. awards
  - County wide all around?
    - Encourage everyone to participate in educational events
- Sportsmanship award on the county level
  - This person would then be nominated for the state sportsmanship award
  - Subcommittee for awards
    - Danielle Schlueter and Keira Leitermann
      - Will bring back information for Jan. meeting/tabled

- **Drill Team**

- Wait to work on it till clinic time
- See if someone would come in and do clinics
  - Sam Ballone was suggested
    - Tricia will contact her
- We could practice drill team work at open ride clinics
- Would like to perform at county fair in the future
- Ask Oneida creek if they would like to perform
  - Insurance concerns
- Bring back to Jan. meeting

### **New Business**

- Possibility of adding open class to our fair gymkhana show
- Oneida Creek is doing 'expos' at fair
  - Cutting
  - Sorting
  - Liberty
  - Drill team
- **Special clinics**
  - If we do one we should do more promotion for it and give a longer notice ahead
    - Share with Northeast District
  - Schooling show?
  - More hands-on clinic
  - Bring back an open show? (august?)
    - Rain date or backup facility?
  - Dawn Brandow schooling show June 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Horseless Horse Rule Change**
  - Allow "horseless horse" to ride in any class they want like on the state level
    - Discussion to add classes for horseless horse kids
      - Add a beginner walk/trot/canter class
      - Add western and English showmanship for horseless horse and a pleasure class
      - Danielle will write a proposal for this and will send it out to the board
- **Updates to handbook**
  - Handbook committee composed of Dale, Danielle, and Sara will look it over and bring back changes in Jan

- **Education meeting topics**
  - January- Requirements/Distance Riding Logs
  - February- Speech, Model horse, ceramics, expo educational stuff, Jeopardy
  - March- Youth present on disciplines, and youth scavenger hunt with prizes
  - April- Q+A with judge and basic show pointers(what are judges looking for)
  - May- “Fitting” clinic with Lauren Suehring at Sorrel Valley in Center, WI
  - June- Basic Vitals with Danielle Schlueter at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds
  - October- Awards night
  
- **Clinics**
  - Discussion Held
    - Keep clinics on Mondays and Thursdays with a few Saturdays
    - Dates
      - May- 20,23,30
      - June- 3,6,10,13,17,20
      - July- 8,11,15,18
    - Sara Harmann mentioned to run a Gymkhana Clinic
    - Pam Bound suggested for a larger Saturday clinic
    - County tack sale suggested to be held on a Saturday clinic
  
- **Other**
  - Potluck for county fair mentioned
  - Suggestion to have a backdrop at county fair for pictures like at Walworth
    - Contact Sara or Cheryl Harmann to take pictures?
  - Suggestion to have a weekend of clinics or back-to-back clinics
  - Suggestion to have a open show in August
  - Website renewal approval
    - Motion made by Danielle Schlueter and seconded by Trisha Werner
  - Alicia Schroeder-Haag Mentioned to lead a hunter jumper clinic
  - Lauren Suehring mentioned to lead equitation/horsemanship clinic and a showmanship clinic
  - Dale will contact the fair association if we can have porta potties for clinics
  - Next Board Meeting will be **Jan. 16 @UW-Extension Outagamie County at 6:30pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 pm by Trisha Werner and seconded by Allison Maass