

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 27, 2016 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PtHA General Membership Meeting
Sunday October 16, 2016 Western Ranch Motor Inn, Syracuse NY

In attendance: Angie Slater, Denise Orman, Priscilla Nisiewicz, Michele Hogan, Ginny Deery, Deanna Ross, Adam Slater, Karin Smith, Heather Calmes, Lee-Anne Dickson, Dona Scharping, Kathleen Gallagher, Dona Scharping.

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by Denise Orman.

Secretary report: Minutes from the March and June meeting were distributed to present members and read by Karin Smith. Motion made by Dona Scharping to accept the minutes, 2nd by Lee-Anne Dickson, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: given by Priscilla Nisiewicz, Treasurer:

The account balances were stated. There are 2 outstanding obligations from the 2016 show season. 1. There is an outstanding check from a Palomino exhibitor and 2. A vendor fee from the Horse Trailer vendor was short.

Ginny Deery and Adam Slater asked if we could waive the vendor fee because this company is going to be a club sponsor.

Priscilla stated the May and June shows we received a profit, at the August show we lost about \$1200 from the first show and about \$180 at the second show. The September is a profit of about \$200.

The GoDaddy renewal is due \$19.99, the Farm Bureau Membership is due at \$75.00. The Farm Bureau fights for farm insurances and provides legal support free with membership.

Kathy Gallagher made a motion to waive the vendor fee, pay the GoDaddy renewal and the Farm Bureau Membership, 2nd by Dona Scharping, approved unanimously.

Deanna Ross asked if we will be hosting another show with the Palomino club in August. The show committee has agreed if Palomino wants to do that we will. Deanna was asking because she was approached by someone from the newly formed Appaloosa club about having a show. Deanna did not have any details about what they would consider, ie: show in the 4H arena, but stated she will find out and let the show committee know.

Nominations Report: Karin Smith was appointed to the nominations committee and she gave the report

For the Executive Committee we have: Nominations for President is Denise Orman, Vice President is Heather Calmes, Treasurer is Priscilla Nisiewicz, Secretary is Karin Smith.

For the Board of Directors 2 year terms for Dona Scharping, Angie Slater, Sue Howe, and Florence Riley expire in 2016 and 1 Director was removed from the Board. The nominations are: Dona Scharping, Angie Slater, Sue Howe, Florence Riley, Deanna Ross and Rebecca Carlsen.

Karin will mail out the ballots with a return date of 11/19/16 allowing for 30 days. Ginny Deery will receive the ballots.

Michele Hogan made a motion to accept the nominations, 2nd by Heather Calmes, approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Banquet Committee: Nothing to report

Show Committee:

The 2017 Show dates are May 6 & 7, June 3 & 4, August 3 & 4, August 5 & 6, and September 9 & 10.

Challenge Classes for 2017:

- May - Color
- June – Saturday Showmanship / Sunday Non-Pro Pleasure Sweepstakes
- August 3 & 4 – Saturday Hunter Under Saddle / Sunday Western Pleasure
- September – Ranch Riding

The survey results were reviewed and we acted on most of the suggestions. Karin is typing a summary and it will be posted to the website.

We will be eliminating the NSBA. We have made a few program changes, but nothing has been finalized yet.

Jane Rogers will be the gate person in 2017

We are looking for a show secretary. Lee McKenna has agreed to continue processing the National show results. Priscilla and Karin have been working on the year end awards. Priscilla advised that if we keep the dollar amounts the same as we have in the past the total for 2016 awards will be over \$10000.00. The club currently only has about \$11000.00. We discussed changing the amounts and giving awards rather than cash. The show committee will discuss further and Priscilla and Karin will look into awards and prices.

Membership book is being worked on by Denise and Karin again this year. When Denise returns from Congress she will meet with the printer and discuss updates to the current book as it is very outdated.

Youth Club Karin continues to search for alternative fundraising options for the Youth club, outside of the show seas. Mostly because the youth all show and do not have time to sell raffle tickets or other items at shows. The youth will be hosting another Calcutta class, but nothing has been finalized yet.

Fundraising Committee: Angie asked Deanna if she would join the committee, Deanna agreed. Mike Teske donated \$100.00 to the club. Heather Calmes states Wayne/Monroe is talking about going back to Member hosted shows at their farms and if so we could maybe sponsor one like we did in 2015.

By-Law Committee: There were no committee members present. Karin will forward the changes approved at the June 2016 meeting to be posted to the website.

Unfinished Business: The Halter winner chose the money so we will be raffling the Halter again in 2017. At the August show we were going to award 5 \$100 awards that were not given.

New Business: Dona Scharping asked about setting up a memorial award or something in memory of Barbara Poupore. She will look into it further.

Priscilla asked if she could purchase a laptop and Quikpro for the Treasurer to use. Dona Scharping made a motion to allow Priscilla to spend \$500.00 on the purchase of a laptop and software program for the Club Treasurer, 2nd by Deanna Ross, approved unanimously.

Denise Orman asked for the Challenge Class account balance. Priscilla stated the balance is \$2833.00.

The left over 2016 show awards will be used as awards for the 2017 show season.

Kathleen Gallagher said she would look into a Photographer and a new website designer.

Karin advised that the club laptop does not have the complete Microsoft package and thinks that it should so all of the club documents, ie: forms, can be stored on it. Priscilla made a motion to purchase the full Microsoft package, 2nd by Ginny, approved unanimously.

Kathleen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:01, 2nd by Dona, approved unanimously.