

PENN-OHIO MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2009
At Tiffany Foust's in Brookfield, OH

Members present: Mimi and Gary Horne, Julie Schmidt, Steve Lehr, Diane Simkins, Tiffany Foust, Al Zinz, Curly Schell, Kent Warman and Tina Babnis.

Al called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes and Curly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Al thanked Patty and Mimi and all who have served.

Treasurer's report: Curly reported that the checking account balance as of Feb. 1, 2009 was \$8,709.92. The total income was \$4,071.00 and the total expenses were \$4,309.99. Kent made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and Diane seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Correspondence: Tiffany had an idea about go paperless to save the club money. She will add a note in the upcoming mailing that anyone who is interested, can sign up to be notified about all club functions via email. All forms except membership forms (soon to be added) are currently available on the web. Tiffany also reports that she will be sending out a mass mailing in the next few days so if anyone has anything to add to the mailing, please provide it. The high point information will be included along with membership forms or cards, show sponsorship forms, information about the show and a letter from the president. Mimi requests that the for sale, farm listings and stallion listing forms also be added to the mailing. There was a discussion that the sales, stallions and farm listings on the website should be pulled off because they have been on there for several years except Carolyn's add. They should have a termination date of one year.

Show report: Julie reports we do not have judge for the show. Julie reports that we do not have a judge for the show. Apparently the judge she had lined up was supposed to have his large R card in April and now will not have until August. Julie has a few calls out for replacements at this time. She also needs a list for eligible stallions. Danny Williams approached Julie and said he would like the opportunity to continue to make our awards for the show and was willing to make deal. Julie suggest that we could make them a little smaller with a price similar to what we pay for our Wendell August awards. Julie will also check into new hotels for the officials to save some money. She reports that the prize list will be ready about middle April and will be put on the web as well. Julie will see if the fairgrounds will rent chairs at a cheaper rate than we rent them from Lloyds. Julie also reports that a fairgrounds director is pushing to have all horses that arrive on the fairgrounds vaccinated and proof thereof. There has been a large resistance to this from several groups for several reasons, one of which becomes who will police all of these vaccines. Julie will keep us posted about the results of that motion. Tiffany and Tina report that we saved a lot on ribbons this year and they are ordered. Julie reminds us that

we need to sell our lottery tickets. Julie brings a question to the board about what we are going to do about paybacks for junior exhibitors classes this year. Is the club going to front the money for the paybacks or wait until next year since the money from the lottery tickets won't be available until October. Julie suggests we could pay back \$500.00 instead of \$1500 or any other amount. After a discussion, Julie made a motions that we pay back \$500 for junior exhibitor classes to be decided as a future date. Tina seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were favor so the motion carried. Julie also reports that the insurance has gone up. Andy received a new policy quote for \$540 from America's Bankers Club Insurance and would include the 3 day show and the winter holiday. We have to name 2 additional insured which are USEF and the fairgrounds. Mimi would like to know how much additional events would cost. Curly was concerned about the policy changed and what they would mean for the club. He was concerned that we didn't know more details about the new policy. Gary suggested that since the insurance is due in a few weeks, we stick with same insurance this year and look into changing for next year. It was also suggested that we can check with our current insurance to see if they would give us a break.

Gold Cup: Al got a letter from Bette Anne Parker stating that we need a total of 4 people from POMHA to represent our club at Gold Cup. Johanne Teschler are the two currently representing our club. She met with Joyce Buroughs and reports she is willing to serve as a POMHA representative and our club needs to appoint her. She will send in her membership in for POMHA. Gary states that we need to have board members represent us at the Gold Cup and he thinks at this point we need to give it up. Julie reports that it doesn't cost us anything to be involved other than the fee we pay to advertise our show in their prize list. Julie would like to appoint Joyce at this time but states that we should continue to revisit our involvement with Gold Cup. Al reports that he will fill the vacant spot as a representative to Gold Cup. The board agrees and appoints Al as representative of POMHA to Gold Cup.

New Business: Al received a letter from Elizabeth Burick. She is interested in our club becoming involved along with other Morgan clubs in a group called EOIC interested in helping to promote the horse industry. She spoke to Claudia Grimes who is involved with Gold Cup who will pay dues and hopefully KYOVA will become involved as well. Our membership fee would be \$50. The EOIC is a task force of representatives gathered together to represent the horse industry during times when laws pertaining to the industry are to be passed. Only applies to Ohio laws. Julie would like to see a member of POMHA there to represent us. Claudia Grimes and Elizabeth Burick are both members of POMHA. Tina made a motion to join the task force, Julie seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor, the motion carried.

Web site: Al would like to put our club membership list on web. Julie would agree as long as the members agree to it. Julie recommends we put the request on our membership form and those interested can sign up. Mimi states we should send out something in the mailing about putting the directory on the web.

Meet the Morgan: Al would like to do Meet the Morgan day again this year. Al will set it up if he has help to run. The Crawford County Fair runs August 21-27 this year. Al would like to do something bigger than last year. Julie will check with fair board to see if we can set up again this year. Mimi states we only spent \$75 last year to do it.

Fall fling: Al reports that Carol would like to have a fall fling at her house this year. September would be a good month. A discussion ensued about a good weekend for a fling. The weekend after Syracuse was settled on, either Saturday September 26th or Sunday September 27th. Be thinking about what kind of events we could hold during the fling.

Minutes on Website: Al would like to see the meeting minutes on the website a lot faster. Right now we wait until the minutes are approved before posting them which can take months. Julie reports that she would have no problems with us posting them but just call them another name rather than minutes. Meeting Notes was decided on as a title.

Meeting Dates: Al would like to set up the dates for meetings now. April 18th at 7:00 will be our next meeting, place to be determined. May 16th at 7:00, July 2nd at the show at 6:00, August 1st and a general meeting at that fall fling on Sept 26th or 27th. Will schedule November and January meetings soon. A discussion ensued about places for the meeting. Al would like to see us rotate places to be fair to all members. He has looked into a place in Meadville and will let us know on the availability. Tiffany reports that she is willing and able to have meetings at her house whenever the club has a need.

Julie forgot to bring up her thoughts about the tack auction during the July show discussion. She has concerns that we might not have a successful tack auction. She is concerned that people may not be in the market to buy expensive tack during a show. She is also concerned with the amount of work it will take to operate the auction. Mimi stated that local people may come to buy and that it is at no cost to the club. Gary feels like it is a lot of work and might spread us too thin. Julie thinks it may need to be a separate day, maybe in combo with banquet or another event.

Tiffany makes a request to the board that anyone interested could be notified of meetings via email to help with mailing costs. Curly, Tina, Julie and Steve report that they could be notified via email.

Treasurer Business: Curly reports that per the bylaws, we need to have board approval for any payouts over \$50. Curly reports that the Days Inn bill for the annual meeting needs to be paid. Curly will need about \$150 for checks and such to get established as treasurer. There is a bill for the website that needs to be paid. Taxes were taken care of already. The insurance bill needs to be paid. Gold cup request for \$100 for an ad and \$200 for a sponsorship for their show. Julie reports that we usually do pay \$100 for ad in their program and prize list. Diane reports she paid about \$1500 for ribbons. Gary made a motion to the ribbon bill up to \$1600 and Tina seconded the motion. All voted in agreement and the motion carried. Tina made a motion to pay all above mentioned bills.

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Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kent seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Foust
POMHA Secretary