

**PENN-OHIO MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2010**

**Perkins Restaurant, Meadville, PA**

Members present: Betty Rice, Mike and Curly Schell, Al Zinz, Tiffany Foust, Mimi and Gary Horne, Carolyn Warman, Billie St. Claire, Charlie Heilman, Lee Sutherland, Linda Stewart, Mike and Nancy Flower and Julie Schmidt.

Al called the meeting to order. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Julie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Curly reports the balance as of March 1, 2010 was \$9,443.92. The total income was \$1,100.00 and the total expenses were \$2,477.12. The balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$8,066.80. The only bill paid since the last meeting was the insurance for \$814.00. Tiffany made motion to approve the treasurer's report, Mimi seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Horseshow: Julie reminds us that we still need sponsors and we still have a lot of money to raise. She reports that we have only raised about \$1,300.00 at this point. Linda handed out sponsorship forms and asked all board members to try for as many sponsors as possible. Julie will get a schedule ready for the May meeting so that board members can sign up for different jobs needed at the show. A question was raised about whether we had a western trail class and dressage at our show. Julie reports we used to have western trail class but we the entries where down so it was replaced with the carriage division which has been up in entries in the last few years. Before the western trail class and carriage division we did have a dressage division. But again the entries dropped off. It was a difficult division to run because it required a qualified judge, time keepers, an extra rental of barn space and a quiet location. There doesn't seem to be much demand at this point for dressage in our area but we are always open to adding divisions should the numbers warrant.

Audit committee: Linda and Lee did an audit of the books and reported back to the club that all is in order. They looked at different invoices, show expenditures and checks to find everything in order. We all thanked Curly for doing such a good job!

Activities committee: Betty reports that a place called Tailwind equestrian center is looking for equine related vendors for an open house. It will be held on the weekend of June 26-27, 2010 near Al's place in Fairview, PA. She reports that it is free to set up but we must bring our own tables and chairs. She says they will be having mini clinics on jumping and dressage. She offered that Al may be able to bring one of his horses and do a carriage demonstration. Charlie has agreed to work the table on Saturday. Betty offered to put together flyers for free classifieds. We could place similar materials on the table that we do for Meet the Morgan day. It was suggested that we should put it on website for other members to see and become involved. Everyone was in favor of setting up a POMHA table. Al would like new sign for the front of the table for this event and for Meet the Morgan day. Julie made a motion to make a new POMHA banner for under \$150, Lee seconded the motion. All the members were in favor.

By-laws committee: Mimi and other members of the by-laws committee met and made some proposed changes to the by-laws. She printed up changes for all directors to look at for discussion at the next meeting.

Old business: Lee wanted to remind the board members about Jim's trophy. If there is anyone else interested in donating money for the trophy, she would like to finish collecting soon so she can get it ordered.

Gary reports that he spoke with several saddlebred trainers about the possibility of having them join our show. He reports that they are in favor of it but would need a decent number of classes in order to draw the

saddlebreds. There is currently no saddlebred shows in our area during that weekend. A discussion ensued about the difficulty in adding enough classes for them to cover all of their divisions and make it worthwhile for them to come to our show. There was some concern about taking Morgan classes out of the prize list and still maintaining a quality A-rated Morgan show. It would also require either one judge qualified to judge both breeds which makes our judge pool smaller, or a need for two judges which is a financial strain at this time. It was a general opinion that it would take a lot of time, effort and money to get another breed going and drawing more horses to the show, therefore we will table the idea for now. Mike mentioned that there is a closed cable station in Meadville that we could use to advertise the show and possibly get them to come for a session.

Directory: A discussion ensued about the paper directory. Julie reports she made it for around \$200 last time. All members are in favor of doing it again. Tiffany reports that she has almost all of the information ready for the online directory. It should be posted within the week.

Julie had a question about the lottery money from October. How much did we make and are we still planning on using it as prize money at the show. Curly reports we made about \$1,325.00 from the October lottery. Julie would like to designate \$500.00 toward junior exhibitor prize money as we have in the past. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we will do four-\$200.00 added purses to be given out in championships to be determined at a later date.

Newsletter: Betty did a very nice job on the latest newsletter. Tiffany mailed it out to members this week with membership cards. It is also posted on the website and Tiffany sent an email to members directing them to the website for viewing.

Gold cup: Al will be travelling to Columbus on Sunday for the Gold Cup meeting. A question was raised about whether or not directors at large have voting rights. Al states he will find out at the next meeting.

Charlie brings up the idea of a POMHA group on Facebook. Everyone with Facebook experience is in favor. Charlie said he can set it up for us.

Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Foust  
POMHA Secretary