

**PENN-OHIO MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION**

*Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2008*

*Days Inn, Meadville, PA*

Members Present: Mimi Horne, Julie Schmidt, Diane Simkins, Tiffany Foust, Al Zinz, Carol Stein, Nancy Flower, Tina Babnis, Lee Sutherland, Carolyn Warman, Lois Pitts and Steve Lehr.

Mimi called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Diane made a motion to approve the minutes and Tina seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Linda Stewart was unable to attend but sends a report that we do not owe taxes this year but we do owe the accountant \$400.00. Julie made a motion to pay the accountant. Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mimi reported that our annual meeting cost \$1,187.09 and we took in \$1,755.00. The total income for February was \$4,344.72 and the total expenses were \$3,195.51. The balance at the end of February was \$1,149.21. Tina made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Diane seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Gold Cup: no new report

High Point: Tiffany reports that she is starting to receive nominations for High Points. She also reports that double point show affiliations are starting to arrive as well.

All-Morgan Show: Julie reports that Kathryn Schwartz will be the large R judge and John Wich the small r judge for the show. John Warner will be a learner judge this year. Due to a scheduling conflict, Shane Shiflett was unable to provide photographer services for the show, however Julie has contracted Terry Young as photographer for this year. Bob Kleinfelder will be the announcer again this year and has offered to DJ the exhibitor's party. Lee will do hospitality and Carol and Al will organize the exhibitor's party on Saturday. Julie reports that she has an anonymous sponsor again this year for welcome party on Thursday night. Shirley Knowak will be the show steward and Jack Dougherty the ringmaster. Julie reports that she has contracts for everyone except Shirley. Julie reminds all that we need sponsors and also need to sell raffle tickets. Tina will get the BN ribbons to Daphne Simkins for a count and will count the July show ribbons. The two will price some new places to order ribbons and compare costs to the current prices. Scotty will do the shavings again this year and the Warmans will decorate the center ring. Tina requests Lois's help for ribbons and Tiffany offers help with ribbons for at least one session. Carolyn thinks Billie will be available to help in the ribbon booth as well. Julie has made several attempts to get the contract for the show grounds so that we can make a down payment. She reports that we are on the calendar for our show weekend.

Steve brought up a question about the club paying for \$500.00 of the medal class winnings. He thought that maybe we could sell more tickets to cover the cost that the

club contributes. Julie explained that there are 3 medal classes and each of the first 5 places in each class receives \$100.00 in prize money, totaling \$1500.00 for all three classes. In the past, the club had attempted to sell 200 tickets at \$10.00 a piece as well as contributing \$500.00 toward the paybacks. A discussion ensued about how to cover the whole cost of the paybacks by selling more tickets. It was decided that Lee would print up 200 more tickets at \$10.00 a piece without dates so that we could have the option of selling more this year if the original 200 are sold and reuse what is left for next year. In the past we have advertised that only 200 tickets are sold but Julie has not finalized the prize list yet so we do not have to include that statement this year.

Brookfield Nationals show: Carolyn found some info in the March 2008 issue of Horse & Rider about a class sponsorship. The deal is that if the club provides the Hobby Horse Clothing Company with our mailing list so that they can send out their catalog, the Hobby Horse will sponsor a W/T horsemanship class at an open show. A pattern will be provided and the class is open to any age rider who has not ever won a blue ribbon in any class, anywhere, any time. Hobby Horse will provide \$100.00 gift certificate to the winner and will provide the first through fifth place ribbons for the class. The decision was made to leave it up to the BN show committee to decide on the details. Diane reports that Andy Shupe has agreed to be the show steward for BN if available, to satisfy ICHA's request of an official steward. Steve has agreed to judge the academy classes if he is able to attend the show.

Election: Lois and Al were thanked for their service on the board and encouraged to continue to attend meetings as their input and help are always needed and appreciated. Diane will continue to send them meeting details. Mimi welcomed our new board members Nancy who was in attendance and Andy who was not able to attend, and thanked them for agreeing to participate in our club.

Old business: Mimi reports that Clint Anderson will not be doing the clinic that we are supposed to co-sponsor with Ohio Morgan. Mimi has no new information on the clinic at this time. Lois feels that if Clint cannot do the clinic, it may not be a good money maker and the members agree. Mimi will keep us posted as she receives any further information from Ohio Morgan. Mimi reports that the tack swap went well. She asks if we should do it again next year in combination with the awards banquet and the members agree to the same format. Mimi will make plans to reserve a place for the first Saturday in February, 2009. Al and Carol reported on the tack swap at the Stable Pitt and Pub in Conneaut. Even with the bad weather, it was full and a good turnout. The tables are \$15 a table and Mimi will check to see what the room rental cost is. Mimi reports that the Fire Hall was \$600.00 for rental. Al and Julie are working on Meet the Morgan day for the Crawford County Fair which runs from August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Al will try to get stabled with the Bogardus' so together they will have a whole isle and agree to take care of setting up and keeping track of our tables/information. Julie reports that the directory is about 80% complete and needs proofed. She has received full and half page adds from Al and the Warmans and can accept any through this week. Please get her all of the information this week so that she can mail off the directories in the next 2-3 weeks before the April 15<sup>th</sup> tax rush.

New business: Al thanks board for having him as a member. He has enjoyed working with the members and is proud to be a part of our club. That brings him to his ideas about our website and how we can use it to better represent our club and the Morgan horse. Al reports that he has a website at [www.azmorgans.com](http://www.azmorgans.com) and his webmaster is an upstart trying to grow her business and he is very pleased with her work. He said she costs \$275.00 for the first start-up year and \$150.00/year after that. She charges an hourly fee for a large job that is above the normal upkeep of the site but he will find out more details about that. He reports that she is very thorough and quick with updating his site. All would like to see the site updated and more information provided about the club. The club discussed the idea of having a membership login for some information i.e. the directory. It was also discussed about the possibility of paying for memberships and advertisements right at the site. It was decided that those extras may cost more money and at this time, we should work on getting our site improved and updated. We discussed having Al's webmaster come to a meeting but instead, Mimi appointed Al and Carol co-chairman of the Website Committee. Julie made a motion that if we could stay with [www.pennohiomorgan.com](http://www.pennohiomorgan.com) that the Website Committee could hire, contract and pay for a new webmaster as long as the quote was in the range discussed. Tina seconded the motion and the motion carried. The club took a vote and it unanimously agreed. Al would also like to see our meetings placed on the website in advance so that members could plan for and attend the meetings.

Next Meeting: The members agreed to plan out our meetings for the next year. Tiffany offered her house in Brookfield, OH for the location of the next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If all agree that the location is convenient, she has offered her place indefinitely to help offset the problems and costs of finding a meeting place. The rest of the meetings for the next year are set as follows: May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the BN show, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Meadville show, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, January 10, 2009 and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany M. Foust  
P.O.M.H.A. Secretary