

PENN-OHIO MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes: November 1, 2008
At Tiffany Foust's in Brookfield, OH

Members present: Mimi and Gary Horne, Linda Stewart, Lee Sutherland, Nancy Flower, Andy Shupe, Patty Postiglione, Julie Schmidt, Steve Lehr, Diane Simkins, Tiffany Foust and Marge Ruland.

Mimi called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's report: Linda reports that \$300 from the donations line on page 1, \$652 from the UPHA donations line on page 2 and an additional \$350 all went to UPHA. Linda received a letter from UPHA inviting all club members to be recognized at center ring at their last show in Kansas City to thank us for our support. Linda also reports that she is resigning as treasurer at the end of the year so be thinking about who would be willing to replace her. The treasurer's report stands as read.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Gold Cup: Mimi reports that another director is needed on the Gold Cup board because POMHA is not well represented. Members agree that it is a big time and expense commitment. No one from the current board is available at this time.

High Point: Tiffany reports that she is in the process of deciding what to do for year end awards. The board members agree that they like the chairs as an idea for the upcoming banquet.

Winter Holiday: The winter holiday will be held at the Conneaut Lake Stable Pitt & Pub this year. There is a hotel right in Conneaut Lake on 322 that Mimi reports is a good place to stay. The date will be Saturday, February 7, 2009. The day will consist of a tack swap, social hour followed by the banquet and an auction. The cost for the tack swap will be \$5 per table and \$5 per rack space. Mimi will start advertising in the local area shoppers soon. Julie requests a table again this year.

July show: The dates for next year are July 3-5, 2009. Julie would like to know if anyone else would like to run the show. There were no volunteers at this time. Julie reports that she received a letter from the USEF informing us that we are not permitted to give out prize money for any equitation class except in the form of scholarships to be awarded directly to the institute of learning in which the rider is enrolled. A discussion ensued about how we could continue to draw the youth to our show using this payback system. It was discussed that we could pay back \$100 to the first four places in each of the four Junior Exhibitor championship classes to include western, hunt, english pleasure and classic. A few classes would need to be added to the prize list as a result.

Julie reports that the fairgrounds wanted to charge us more for the 2008 show because we were using the livestock barn even though we have been using that facility in the past.

Linda sent the payment minus the increase in price and Julie said that there has been no further requests for the difference from the fairground's board to date. They also tried to charge us for a phone fee that we did not incur which Julie has settled. Andy states that we may need internet access in the future so the secretary can connect and check USEF memberships.

Mimi reports that there will be 3 year old sweepstakes for Park and Pleasure at the 2009 show. Julie requests the list of eligible participants.

Mimi thanks Al and Carol for the exhibitor's party. A discussion ensued about the need to provide such a large amount of food for the party. It was decided that we need to cut costs somewhere and that pizza and pop would work well. Al and Carol agree to do it again next year.

Linda reports that the UPHA has a 3 year plan for raising money for breast cancer awareness. It was agreed that we should hold a pink ribbon class again for 2009. Linda agrees to organize the pink ribbon class again this year.

Tina and Tiffany agree to investigate and price ribbons for both shows for 2009. It is agreed that we can potentially cut our costs for both shows by switching ribbon companies. It was also decided to discontinue Danny Williams' trophies as a way to cut costs.

Andy Shupe brought up the idea that we sell calendar tickets. He states that he has had experience with these kinds of tickets selling well. It was not decided how much we would sell each ticket for. Linda made a motion to sell the tickets. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor. Lee agreed to be in charge of the tickets if Andy showed her how to set the system up.

Lee agreed to do the hospitality again for the 2009 show. Kent and Carolyn will do center ring again provided that Carolyn is well healed by then. Julie asked if anyone had any ideas for promotional items. Linda brought up the idea of pop/beer holders and pens. Diane mentioned that everyone uses mugs.

The club had a discussion about whether or not we should use a large R and a small r judge again for the 2009 show. Gary feels we need to cut costs since we paid \$600 for the small r judge's expenses for the 2008 show. Others feel we need to keep both as an incentive for people to come to the show. Julie will look into cheaper hotels as a way to cut the costs for the officials. A vote was taken and the majority voted for the 2 judge system. Linda read through a list of large R judges and Julie asked if anyone had a name that she could pursue.

There was a discussion about getting permission to paint the fence at the fairgrounds. Julie also reports that she has an anonymous sponsor for \$300 for the Thursday night welcome party again for 2009.

Brookfield Show: Diane reports that Daphne would like to go back to the same weekend as the BSC show to help share costs. The date will be either June 6th or 7th, 2009 depending on what day BSC wants. Daphne would also like to charge a small grounds fee per horse to help with the ground rental fee. She asks if anyone has any ideas for judges for the show. Andy will not be able to be steward for the show as he will be out of town. Steve brings up the idea that we look into using the Medina fairgrounds for our one day show. He said the fee for rental was very reasonable. He will check into the exact rental price before the next meeting.

Meet the Morgan: Al and Carol report that they handed out a lot of literature at the Crawford County Fair. Mimi thanks Al and Carol. Al will send pictures to the Morgan magazine.

Old Business: Linda got a letter from the IRS about payouts at the show that are over \$600. We need to be very mindful to fill out the 1099 correctly so the club does not get flagged.

New Business: Congratulations to Al and Patty whose horses both placed at the Grand National show. Andy was the night steward at Grand Nationals as well. The POMHA was well represented at the Grand Nationals this year.

Correspondence: Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2009 at 5:00PM at Tiffany's house.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Foust
POMHA Secretary