

**PENN-OHIO MORGAN HORSE ASSOCIATION**

*Meeting: December 3, 2006*

*Muscarella's Restaurant*

Members Present: Mimi and Gary Horne, Linda Stewart, Lee Sutherland, Tiffany Foust, Tina Babnis, Kelli Dreher, Earl and Lois Pitts, Al Zinz and Kent and Carolyn Warman

Mimi called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report: The balance as of 10/1/06 was \$11,116.75. The total income was \$823.00. The total expenses were \$1,276.50. The balance as of 10/31/06 was \$10,663.25. The treasure's report was approved.

Linda wants to know if we need to spend more money before the first of the year to help with taxes in April. Tiffany states she will order the awards in the next week. Tina suggested paying Brookfield Saddle Club now for show grounds next June. Linda suggested paying for the Meadville Fairgrounds now as well, if the fairground board would agree, which they have not in the past.

Breeder's Sweepstakes: A time was discussed for the open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Start time for the open bar was agreed upon as 2:00PM and hors d'oeuvres to start at 3:30PM. A 50-50 raffle and Chinese auction will be held. Mimi states we still need more horses for the stallion auction. Linda asks about posting the studs online. Mimi is not sure about that possibility yet. Linda was turned down by 2 people for stud requests. Kent Warman's stud and the Sweet's stud are the only studs that have a signed contract thus far. Lots of promises.

Gold Cup: The report from Gold Cup is they received permission not to have a full dressage schedule for their show this year.

High Point Program: Tiffany reports that she will order the awards sometime in the next week and turn in the receipts to Lee.

All-Morgan Show: Chris Nelson has agreed to be the large R judge for our show, accepting \$250 per day instead of his usual \$400 per day rate. He suggested that Bo Lucas judge some Hunter and Western classes to get experience in those areas. Chris states that he has no problem judging with Bo and is looking forward to our show. Bo Lucas has agreed to be the little r judge for expenses only. We need to get more sponsors for the show. Sponsorships were down \$240 from last year. Linda will call Marilyn Ackerman to get the list of exhibitors from last year to start sponsorship mailings after the first of the year.

Brookfield Nationals show: Tina would like someone to volunteer to find a judge for the show. Kathi Hummell was discussed as a possibility. Tina wants to know if we are COSCA affiliates for the Brookfield show, it was reported we were only COSCA affiliates for the July show. Tina states we can order ribbons through COSCA somehow and can receive a discount. Tina will look into the possibility. Kelli brought up the idea of holding Academy classes at the show this summer. A discussion was held and everyone agreed it would bring more youth to the show. It was suggested to start the Academy classes at 9:00AM in the work-up ring, and hold them there during the regular show. Anyone can judge and we will need a ringmaster as well. We will not need a separate announcer as the ringmaster can announce the placings and hand out ribbons. The entry fee will be \$5.00. Kelli will get all classes sponsored and may be able to get UPHA to pay for the ribbons. Kelli and Tina will figure out what classes will need to be added to the show to make it successful. Linda made a motion to add academy classes to the show, Tina seconded the motion and the motion carried. A discussion was held on whether or not we should hold championship classes. Members agreed to cut them this year. Members also agreed to do away with the paybacks as well.

Youth: There was no new report.

Old Business: Lee stated that we have less than \$100.00 owed by different people who have been billed several times. They are small amounts owed by several people. Lee did not feel that it was necessary to turn these people into USEF for such small amounts of money. She proposed that we turn their names over to Marilyn Ackerman and also place a statement in the prize list that outstanding fees need to be paid and updated before those owing a balance may show. The members agreed.

Mimi stated that our two \$1,000.00 CD's are due to be renewed. Mimi will renew them. The members agreed.

Nominating Committee: Kelli Dreher stated that she does not want to run again. She will help at the show and with anything else asked of her but did not feel she was able to be a board member again. She agreed to help with the Academy classes for the summer show and if we want to add more in the future, she will help with that. She stated we could call her if we need her for any other help. Also, Tiffany is not on the nominating committee because she was asked to be secretary.

Correspondence: There was none to report.

Spring Fling: Tina talked about the Tri-State Futurity clinic and what they did. A discussion ensued about what we as a club want to do. Kent suggested he would look into some things and we will wait until to the new board of directors is elected to make a decision.

Stallion Auction: Gary brought up the idea of ending the stallion auction. Linda agreed. A long discussion ensued. Questions were brought up about what will replace the stallion auction. A vote was passed to temporarily suspend the stallion auction. The idea was brought up to have a free buffet for members and a cash bar. We will need a head count for food purposes. Mimi brought up the possibility of holding the evenings' event at the Conneaut Lake Fire Hall. She will look into that option. The new order for the day will be the tack swap from 10:00AM to 3:00PM, a cash bar opening sometime in the afternoon around 2 PM, the general meeting at 5:00PM with the awards to follow at 6PM. Everyone needs to bring something to auction. Linda brought up the idea that with the 2007 membership renewal, the member will receive the buffet for free. A listing of hotels needs to be included in the mailing for those driving far distances. We will send a mailing to all the show exhibitors from last year as well. Kent made motion for the changes and Al seconded it.

Next Meeting: We will ask Julie if she needs a meeting in January. Otherwise, the next meeting will be held with the old directors at 3:00PM on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. A discussion was held on when we wanted to have meetings, Saturday verses Sunday. A decision was made to wait until the new board members were elected to decide on a meeting schedule. Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Simkins  
P.O.M.H.A. Secretary