

The meeting was held November 20th at the Seasons Grill Canby, Oregon and called to order at 7pm by President Ed Pletcher.

Members Present: Ed Pletcher, Maridi Pletcher, Lori Rassmussen, Shannon McKnight, Daniel McKnight, Tina Bell, Julia Gisler, Annie Surrat, Ann Ebner, Pat Berger, Rose Berger, James Anderson, Melissa Lerten, Eleanor Howe, Kathy Howe-Drysdale, and Chris Reilly Weaver.

Minutes for the October meeting were read by Shannon McKnight. Lori Rassmussen moved that the minutes be approved as read, Tina Bell 2nd motion passed.

Communications: There was a letter received by OPtHA Member Sony Miller. It was believed this letter could best be addressed by the Show Committee.

Treasures Report: Lori Rassmussen presented an updated statement detailing the Income (loss) for the past 10 months. Lori was able to put together a nice spreadsheet detailing the expenses and revenue for the (3) shows OPtHA sponsored in 2008. Lori presented the club with a new and very efficient deposit summary for all OPtHA committees to use for future monies to be deposited. Lori reported that the deposit for the Banquet room have been made for the Crown Plaza in Portland. On January 17th Maridi Pletcher moved that the report be approved, Kathy Howe-Drysdale 2nd motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

Futurity Committee: Shannon McKnight presented the board with her year end report. The report detailed the expenses and sponsorships received for the 08 Futurity. Her report also included the class entries and winners, as well as payouts received. Shannon wanted to cover the new changes ahead, that included the separation of sexes for the Saddle/Pleasure, Stock/Hunter halter yearling/2 year old halter classes. She was also excited about the addition of the performance Maturity classes slated for their return in the 09' show season. She thanked everyone for their support and guidance through out this year of transition.. Maridi Pletcher moved that the board confirm the future of the Futurity/Maturity, Lori Rassmussen 2nd motion was passed. Kathy Howe-Drysdale moved that the report be approved, Eleanor Howe 2nd motion passed.

Show Committee: Kathy Howe Drysdale reported that there was much discussion about the future of our current show schedule.. There was also much discussion about the Treasures spreadsheet which included all 3 shows sponsored by OPtHA in 2008. Show dates are to be confirmed for 2009 at the December meeting. Maridi Pletcher was happy to report that there was 42 entrants in the costume class held at the OPtHA Poor Pumpkin show in Boring. It was a wonderful show that deserves lots of Thank you to the volunteers, with a heartfelt thank you extended to Lori Rassmussen for her wonderful job at the gate..

Leif Lunde Scholarship Fund: Kathy Howe-Drysdale reported that there is concern about the future for this wonderful program for our youth. Shannon McKnight and Lori Rassmussen have offered to help with the committee, with the guidance from Kathy herself. It is our goal to bring more awareness and sponsorship for this fund. We want to affirm that a Scholarship for 500.00 will be awarded to a deserving youth at the Spring Show in May, deadline to enter will be confirmed at the December meeting. Lori Rassmussen motioned for the re-allocation of 500.00 from the unused 2008 Queen fund to be added to this fund. Melissa Lerten 2nd motion passed.

Year End Awards Banquet: 2008 Year end Awards Banquet will be held at the Crown Plaze in Portland on January 17th. Maridi Pletcher will be contacting Gwen Carr to confirm the reservation forms will sent out to all our members. We look forward to an exciting celebration..

New Business:

Maridi Pletcher had the first (of three) read of the new amendment to article IV – OPtHA Officers:

THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE FOR ONE YEAR ECEPT FOR DIRECTORS WHO SHALL SERVICE OVERLAPPING 2 YEAR TERMS, 3 EACH TO BE ELECTED IN ODD YEARS AND THREE EACH ELECTED IN EVEN YEARS BEGINNING IN 2009 (ELECTED 2008) THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT SERVE IN THAT OFFICE FOR MORE THEN 2 YEARS IN A ROW.

Maridi Pletcher had the first (of only one) reading of the amendment to the bylaws article III Sec 301:

HOWEVER ALL CANIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT MUST HAVE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS EITHER 1st VICE PRESIDENT OR 2nd VICE PRESIDENT WITH IN THE PREVIUOS 5 YEARS.

Maridi Pletcher moved that the above amendment to the bylaws be approved, Ann Ebner 2nd motion was passed.

Our December meeting will include a Christmas celebration in which we are offering a gift exchange (max. 20.00). Our meeting to begin at 7pm at the Seasons Grill in Canby, Oregon and hope our members will consider attending the celebration..

Ed Pletcher motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Howe–Drysdale 2nd Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted by
Shannon McKnight – Secretary pro tem

Our President Ed Pletcher would like to extend a congratulations to the winners of Year End Drawing held at the Poor Pumpkin. The Saddle (Donated by: A Winning Way) was won by Ashley Roach, the Full Page add (Donated by: Horsemens Marketplace) was won by Nicole Huff and the Training (Donated by: Kathy Howe Training Stables LLC) was won by Angela Burkhard.