

The meeting was held February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Seasons Grill Canby, Oregon and called to order at 7:08pm by President Tina Bell.

**Members Present:** Tina Bell, Ed Pletcher, Maridi Pletcher, Lori Rassmussen, Shannon McKnight, Daniel McKnight, Melissa Lerten, Cecelia Anderson, Eleanor Howe, Kathy Howe-Drysdale, Annie Suratt, Teri Syring, Rose Berger, Amy Christopherson, Sony Miller, Lauren M Shultz, and Tracy Shultz.

Maridi Pletcher moved that the December minutes be approved as published in The Market Place, Lori Rassmussen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Communications:** Shannon McKnight read a letter from Lynn Honey. A letter of thanks was received by OSHET NE District.

**Treasure's Report:** Lori Rassmussen presented an updated statement detailing the Income (loss) for 2008. She also presented the club with a detailed spreadsheet for January 2009 expenses, including the Year End Awards Banquet. Shannon McKnight moved that her reports be approved. Ed Pletcher 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Show Committee:** Tina brought to the board the option for All OPtHA Sponsored events for 2009 be included in the Zone mailer. Lori Rassmussen moved that we confirm our clubs involvement with this joint venture, Shannon McKnight 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Futurity Report:** Shannon McKnight presented the board with an update on her Sponsors which included a very large donation from Precision Outfitters which included many of their wonderful products to be won by our Futurity Champions. There will be the addition of Championship buckles for all Performance Champions at the 2009 Futurity. The Futurity Entry form will be available for downloading (opthafuturity.com) as of March 20<sup>th</sup> and will be mailed out by April 10<sup>th</sup>. The late fee has been raised to 25.00. Kathy Howe-Drysdale moved that the report be approved as read, Maridi Pletcher 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Lief Lunde Scholarship:** Lori Rassmussen reported that we sold 85.00 worth of tickets for the benefit of this wonderful program. Kathy Howe-Drysdale requested that there be an added box to the Membership form in which members could check to add to the Lief Lunde Fund. Shannon McKnight motioned that the addition be added to the form, Tina Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Court:** Terri Syring suggested that without a Queen for this year, that Shawna Miller be considered as a Princess Court Director. Lori Rassmussen motioned that this appointment be offered to Shawna Miller, Tina Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**NW Horse Expo:** Shannon McKnight reported that the following OPtHA Members will be Pinto ambassadors; Emily Honey and her lovely Pleasure Pony gelding Predverth Diafol, Sweetheart Princess Hope Miller and her Stock/Hunter gelding Decked Out in Frost and Traci Rohde with her Supreme futurity Champion Pjs Ima Cool Bay Imprint. NW Horse Expo and Fair at the Linn County Fairground in Albany, Oregon March 20-22<sup>nd</sup> stop in and say Hi... Lori Rassmussen moved to approve report, Tina Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed..

**Old Business:** Maridi reported that the website will have the updated Bylaws posted in 2 weeks.

**New Business:** Tina Bell was honored to appoint Lauren Shultz as OPtHA Youth Representative. Ann Ebner will be adding a link to the Firecracker Classic Show to our website when it is available. Teri Syring reported a cost increase for attending this years PtHA Convention, Maridi moved that we allow a temporary increase of 400.00 for the 2009 convention, to the Directors Fund for attending the convention Kathy Howe–Drydale 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Suggestions for the good of the order:** Lori Rassmussen would like the show committee to consider establishing direct chain of command at OPtHA shows.

Kathy Howe–Drysdale moved that the meeting adjourn, Shannon McKnight 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed  
Meeting adjourned 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted by  
Shannon McKnight – Secretary

Dear OPtHA Members,

I would like to introduce myself.. My name is Tina Bell I'm honored to take the office of President for 2009. I have been involved with Pinto and an active member of Oregon Pinto for many years, recently serving on the BOD..

My door is always open, your thoughts and opinions are welcome and your support is appreciated. I want to hear if you would like to suggest additional classes be added to our show list? Maybe Breeding Stock, Novice Youth,Reining or ???

I now take this opportunity to ask for your continued commitment to the growth and prosperity of the OPtHA. I would like to see if by changing the meeting day this would help with attendance of more members and trainers. Our meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of each month. All Members are welcome to attend All meetings..

I would like to see more members get involved in our shows or committees, no task is to small or unwelcome.

I would like to invite more youth to attend our meetings, it would be nice to see the growth within the youth program.. I believe that we have a fantastic youth base and would love to hear what they think about Oregon Pinto and maybe where we could improve to showcase their involvement on a wider note..

I'm looking forward to 2009 and serving as your President, please feel free to express your suggestions.

See you out there,  
Tina