

OPtHA General Membership Meeting – May 3, 2011

Grand Central Station Canby, OR

Meeting called to order by President Rosemary Vehrenkamp at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Executive Officers present were Rosemary Vehrenkamp, Kelly O'Donnell, Kathy Howe-Drysdale, Ann Ebner, Candice Batson, Annie Surratt, Tina Bell, Tara Crawford, Louie Todd, Cecelia Anderson, and Maureen Wiese. General members present were Pat Berger, Rose Berger, Jeanne Dudley, Ed Pletcher, and Maridi Pletcher.

Communications: Rosemary Vehrenkamp read an email received from Terry Brahnham thanking OPtHA for providing funds to attend the National Pinto convention. Maridi has been maintaining the club Facebook page and said she would like to see more activity. You must "friend" Oregon Pinto to see the page. Rosemary reported the 1st newsletter went out successfully. Comments were made that it looked very crisp and was well presented. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the newsletter should send it to Glennie Moir.

Reports

- Secretary

The minutes of the April meeting were read and then discussed. Maridi Pletcher moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Kathy Howe-Drysdale seconded, and the motion passed.

- Treasurer

No report for this meeting.

- Sector Director

No report for this meeting.

- Field Rep

A correction to previous statement regarding who represents Oregon as Field Reps. Rosemary Vehrenkamp has documentation from Nationals that Oregon has four authorized Field Reps Annie Surratt, Tina Bell, Terry Brahnham, and Pete Vollmar. Annie was selected by the club to be acting Field Rep at the OPtHA shows.

Committee Reports:

- Show Committee

Annie Surratt reports the overall impression of the 1st show of the season was a success and well attended. Linda Enfield said there was a total of 875 entries. She was impressed with the number of pre-entries (92). It was felt that the emails that went out to the exhibitors along with a closer to show cutoff dates may have attributed to this and it is suggested that the show committee continue the practices through the year. Summer and Fall shows will have minor revisions to class lists to make the shows flow easier for the exhibitors. Types will be combined in Halter classes. Another change will be dividing the warm up time in the main arena during lunch break. On a 45min break horses will get 30 minutes and mini/ponies will get 15 minutes.

The voucher system was well received by the exhibitors although there were a few queries on how it worked and where the scrip could be used. The committee will continue to work on communicating the information. Since the award points can be held till the last show we will need to bring merchandise to the Fall Show. The voucher system worked well for the vendors as Tara Crawford reports paying out \$494.50 to them. Kathy Howe-

Drysdale needs the notebook from the awards booth that contains the list of jacket orders. It was determined the notebook is in the storage unit and Louie will retrieve and send information to Kathy or Glennie Moir. High Point Awards need to be present before the end of the show.

Other comments and suggestions to help the shows run smoothly are:

OSHET-group needs more direction especially when needed to set up/take down equipment.

Board members strongly encouraged to take an active role volunteering at the show.

Rosemary Vehrenkamp suggested the possibility of selling T-shirts at future shows. In order to do this it was felt that the club would need to differentiate between a T-shirt that was won as an award vs. purchased. Kathy Howe-Drysdale will have Glennie Moir look into whether we could send some of the shirts back to have additional screen printing done.

The show committee would like to thank Jimmy Anderson, Hope Miller, Chelsea Ottenholt, and Ty Surratt for jumping in and lending a helping hand at the Spring Show.

- Advertisement and Membership
No report for this meeting.
- Property
No report for this meeting.
- Queen
Queen Jeanne reported on her recent and upcoming events. She will attend many community parades and fairs through the summer on behalf of OPtHA. She will also be in attendance at our OPtHA Summer and Fall shows as well as attending the Oregon State Fair. Rosemary suggested that Jeanne check in with show management at the local fairs to see if she could help hand out awards while she was in attendance. Candice Batson reports correspondence and inquiries for Queen and Princess application forms have slowed down. She is working with Jeanne and providing help and support as needed.
- Bylaws
The proposed By-Law changes which were voted upon for the 3rd and final vote at the April meeting can now go to print. Rosemary Vehrenkamp approved Maureen Wiese to contact Teresa Anderson to print up 50 copies and to also request that she email a copy to all executive, board, and show committee members.
Proposed rule changes for rule Year End Awards #4 were discussed and after revising some wording was voted upon and approved. Approved rule changes will go into effect in January 2012 as they were not published prior to the first show. Proposed rule changes for Year End Awards #3 were not approved and will need to be revisited and presented at a future meeting.
- Old Business:
Kathy and Judy Howard provided Ann Ebner with a complete list of perpetual awards and winners. The list of Supreme/Superior winners is still being worked on and Ann will post to the website once received. If any owners want a photo included it should be sent to Ann Ebner so she can submit. Tina Bell or Rosemary Vehrenkamp will pick up the club's old recorder from Wendy. The motion to purchase a new recorder will remain intact until the recorder has been recovered and known to be in good working order.
- New Business:

Rosemary Vehrenkamp proposed that the club get back to doing some fun stuff such as having a photo contests on our Facebook page. Her suggestion was to have baby horse photos or kids and their horses photos submitted and judged. Kathy Howe-Drysdale proposed adding a “Member of the Month” to our newsletter. Attending members agreed that we follow through to pursue both ideas and that we would not need a vote to do so. The first Facebook photo contest will be baby horses and the club will provide a prize TBD. Kathy Howe-Drysdale will speak to Glennie about the newsletter.

- Year End Awards

No report for this meeting.

- Good of the Club:

Tina Bell brought up the fact that she noticed that Terry Strawn had not paid the current year’s OPtHA membership. She asked that the club consider his service to the club and ask that the club cover his membership for this year. Following some discussion Maridi Pletcher moved to give an honorary one year membership to Terry Strawn for his efforts. Cecilia Anderson 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly O’Donnell – Secretary