

OPtHA general meeting May 1st, 2012

The meeting was called to order @ 6:43pm by Rosie Vehrenkamp with a unanimous vote to start early.

Members present were:

Maridi Pletcher
Tara Crawford
Kenny Strohecker
Ann Ebner
Tina S Bell
Maureen L Wiese
Rosemary Vehrenkamp
Cecelia Anderson
Vi Pletcher
Kathy Howe Drysdale
Glenny Moir
Linda D Enfield
Jean M Howard
Kathy Maricelli
Pat Berger
Rose Berger

Glenny Moir opened by stating the club needs to work together by putting the past in the past, and using communication to move forward. This is agreed upon by all members present. Rosie Vehrenkamp also feels that all decisions made in the meetings should be final. Rosie suggests a Code of Conduct that should be signed by all board members. Pat Berger has an OHA Code of Conduct that he will email to Maureen Wiese and Glenny Moir for them to comb over, adapt to OPtHA, and email to all board members for approval.

Upon review of the past meeting's minutes, Rose Berger noticed that a correction needed to be made. It was actually Ann Ebner that canceled the reservation at Grand Central. Tara Crawford made a motion to correct it and Maridi Pletcher 2nd it.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tara Crawford said that Les Zadina said it was the best run show that he'd ever been to. Glenny said that Les purchased a lot of clothing from the club, and Judge Judy Wright complimented the show as well. Dennis, who was at the gate, also received a lot of compliments.

TREASURY REPORT

Glenny Moir reported \$114 in checks. No treasurer's report was given. There were 109 horses and 751 entries.

AWARDS

Tara Crawford feels that having the awards visible, and knowledge of the year end awards were motivations for the turn out for the show. Buckles and other awards got a lot of compliments. Kenny Strohecker said that the saddles have been ordered and should be here soon, and blankets have been put on hold. Tara Crawford said there are stale checks that need to be closed. Glenny wanted to know what happened to the old awards that were supposed to be given to winners. It was mentioned that Brittany Hunter got her award at the show.

OLD BUSINESS

The OHSET team from Stayton did a fantastic job, and, with thanks to Kenny Strohecker, appeared with short notice. Glenny Moir said that she emailed Jan Hull from OHSET regarding the April show on 4/3/12 and didn't get a response until 4/27/12 stating that she (Jan) inadvertently ignored the email. Glenny has retained the contact information for the Stayton OHSET team.

Tara Crawford felt that by opening the back door to the office it made the flow more efficient, but that the office needs to be opened earlier. Rosie Vehrenkamp feels that signs need to be made that post the opening and closing times of the office, and it needs to be mentioned that everyone must be entered on Thursday. Kenny Strohecker wanted to know how long it takes to check people in. Linda Enfield said that if entrants have all of their stuff together, ie checks, membership cards, and papers, then it only takes 5 minutes. She states however, that there are always problems at the first show of the year. Tara asked how the club did with late fees etc. It was mentioned that there was only one issue with stall fees, otherwise it was good. There was an accurate accounting of the stall fees. It is thought that there were at least 30 new memberships to OPtHA. Tara says feels that the club is here to put on horse shows, and that everyone needs to be a positive contributor.

Glenny feels that Rosie, as OPtHA President, needs to be more visible and more active at the shows. Glenny also mentions that a Show Manager is needed to do the gut work.

Maridi Pletcher feels that whomever is hired, must know Pinto. Pat Berger suggests that any manager hired must attend the show committee meetings.

Glenny brought the office issues to Linda Enfield's attention. The office opened late which created a waiting line of people.

Rose Berger suggests that each trainer take turns sponsoring an OPtHA hospitality booth. Rosie says there is an OPtHA banner in storage and she will locate it for use.

It was also mentioned that the princesses could start running the judge's results to the office/booth.

Kathy Howe-Drysdale talked with someone from NW Rider. The cost of an ad will be \$1800 for one page per month for one year. Maridi suggested that the ad state the diversity of the horses, show dates and the princesses. Kathy said that Horse and Rider will bill quarterly too. Glenny thinks that mailing via USPS would benefit the club as well. Tina Bell and Theresa will work on a postcards. 2 will be mailed out; 1 saying how

wonderful the past show was, and 1 with upcoming show dates.
The private silent auction was discussed and it was felt that, in the future, silent auctions/fundraisers need to be for OPtHA related things ie scholarships and/or princesses.

Rose Berger said that no future meetings were canceled at Grand Central.

A check for \$500 still has not been sent to Jeanne Watts. Tara said she will send it.

NEW BUSINESS

A server with the caterers has cancer, should OPtHA give a donation? A vote was taken and it was decided that no donation will be given.

Rosie stated that the princesses were approved for Rose Festival.

It was suggested that the awards banquet be at Oregon Gardens again in January. Glenny suggests January 12th, 2013.

As an award sponsor, Linda Enfield would like to know, more than 2 weeks ahead of the banquet, who the recipient of her award is so she can have name put on.

Maridi Pletcher said there needs to be a change in the 5th Article of the Constitution. She will type it up and present it to 3 members, in good standing, for signatures to redact the final sentence.

Rosie mentioned that Wendy Davidson knows of an insurance company that will pay \$1000 for names and addresses. Rosie, as well as the members present, agree that OPtHA will not participate in the selling of member information.

Pat Berger mentioned that he has been recording meetings. Tara Crawford feels that the recorder needs to be visible and it must be announced at every meeting that it is being recorded.

Meeting adjourned @ 808pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vi Pletcher, secretary pro tem