

General meeting November 5, 2013, called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Maridi Pletcher; Ken Waite; Debbie Waite; Ann Ebner; Tina Bell; Kathy Thomas; Rose Berger; Rosemary Vehrenkamp; Cecelia Anderson; Theresa Peltier; Anne Monteith; Delany Wurdinger; Linda Enfield; Kathy Maricelli; Kathy Howe-Drysdale; Glenny Moir.

MINUTES: October minutes were read by Kathy Thomas. One change needed, take "Gerten" off of Melissa Henthorne's name. Motion made by Glenny Moir to approve minutes. Second by Rosie Vehrenkamp. Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tina Bell read a letter that was received with a ballot last month regarding writing member numbers on ballots. We need to change the by-law. Exact wording of by-law must be in minutes for ballot changes. Maybe have a by-laws meeting to review needed changes and updates. Anne Monteith volunteered to help Kathy Thomas.

Need to make sure meeting dates and times and show committee meeting times are current on website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Not up-to-date (balanced) but maybe made 3-4 thousand at Spooktacular. Glenny will update and send report to board members. Theresa Peltier made motion to approve treasurer's report, Maridi Pletcher second.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. ROYALTY: Discussion about queen and princess advisor. Rosie Verhenkamp made motion to have 1 queen and two princesses. Cecelia Anderson second. Approved. Also budget \$1750.00 for all.

B. BANQUET: Discussion about how to calculate money for each award. Need to get points done to start getting awards and needs for budget.

C. SHOW COMMITTEE: Theresa Peltier has draft class list for Silver Dollar show. Also contract between clubs. Theresa read the contract. Theresa and Tina signed it. Glenny wants to work with Buckskin club on money part. Maridi Pletcher will post class list on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS: Tina Bell told members about checking account issues after Spooktacular. Bank still has Kathy Howe Drysdale on account. She will be taken off. Maridi Pletcher made motion to allow president of club to have managerial access to bank account. This would allow being able to look at balances to avoid the club being overdrawn as happened after Spooktacular this year. No other actions would be enabled. Cecelia Anderson seconded motion. Discussion held. Vote by show of hands: 7 yays, 8 no's; motion not approved.

Linda Enfield asked about problems in office as stated in October minutes. Linda explained she was sick. People were rude to office staff. Exhibitors have conversations in office that don't pertain to office business. Office was not informed of all breaks & lunches and then the office was not closed to allow them to catch up. Hard to contact show manager at times due to being in a class or otherwise busy.

Linda suggested having set breaks and lunch to alleviate miscommunication. Also, have an assistant show manager as go-to person when manager unavailable and to balance workload.

Theresa Peltier discussed talking to nationals about wrong exhibitor number. They said office is responsible for making sure exhibitor has correct number, exhibitor to make sure they have correct number in class. Discussion that numbers should be given at each show to each exhibitor, even those that have purchased permanent numbers.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda Enfield suggested sending a get well card to Linda Hancock.

Delany Wurdinger suggested that before people make complaints, they have a solution to the problem also.

Theresa Peltier made a motion that if a horse is deemed lame during a show by the judges; the exhibitor should not have to present a vet certificate to the office to receive a refund of fees from that point on. Judges are hired as experts; their opinion should be taken as expert. Exhibitor shouldn't have to pay for another expert opinion. Maridi Pletcher seconded motion. Approved.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER: Delany Wurdinger formally resigned as member of board.

Newly elected board members were sworn in.

Tina Bell will be appointing a new secretary and board member to replace Delany.

Tina Bell said there are rumors that OPtHA is going bankrupt and there is a new club being started. Every member of the club is responsible for stopping rumors.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathy Thomas