

Oregon Pinto Horse Association
General Membership Meeting, 3/2/2015

Meeting was called to order by President Debbie Waite at 7:18 pm. Announcement by Jean Howard that the meeting would be audio taped for accuracy of minutes.

Roll Call for Officers and Directors

Present: Debbie Waite, Kathy Howe Drysdale, Anne Monteith, Jean Howard, Mandy Lopes, Ann Ebner, Jessica Kimball, Ken Waite, Tina Bell

Not Present: Theresa Peltier - ex, Rosemary Vehrenkamp - ex, Cecelia Anderson - ex

Members/Guests Present Per Sign In Sheet

Judy Howard (Skype), Kalea Lopes, Lisa McCarthy, Sue Norman, Kathy Maricelli, Linda Enfield, Kerry McCarthy, Micheal McCarthy, Kelly O'Donnell, Rose Berger, Pat Berger, Deb Torpey, Delany Wurdiner, Jeannie Gretz, Alyson Foster, Tamara Parashos, Robin Binkerd, Debbie Bohannon, Sony Miller

Minutes

Minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting were read by Secretary, Jean Howard. Note change under "Membership" committee to read from "has been appointed" to "is remaining as". Note change "Youth Advisor" to "Youth Representative to the Board". Note that Jean Howard could not participate on both Finance/Budget Committee and Audit Committee as it is a conflict of interest. Kelly O'Donnell will replace Jean Howard on the Finance/Budget Committee. Motion made by Kathy Howe-Drysdale, 2nd by Ken Waite that the minutes were approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Mandy Lopes reported that the online banking password has been changed, and she was unable to get into the club's online banking account. Mandy will be meeting Maridi Pletcher to get this resolved at the bank on Saturday.

The people who have been doing OPtHA taxes in the past are moving their business in another direction and, therefore, declining our business this year. Mandy has contacted another tax accountant who has horse knowledge to do our taxes this year. Mandy noted that it will allow us to have a year long 3rd party review of our accounts. The new person will also do 1099 filing for us. It will be much easier to maintain the club's books. Approximate cost would be \$60/month. Last year's tax return preparation alone came to \$350. New person is very experienced with non-profits and will send out a P & L to the board members each month. Motion by Micheal McCarthy, 2nd by Ann Ebner to hire new tax accountant for OPtHA. Motion passed.

Mandy finally heard from the IRS. They will get back to Mandy in 60 days.

New signers on the checking account are Debbie Waite and Ann Ebner. Both will have a club credit card. Tina Bell has turned in her credit card.

Micheal McCarthy asked about the reason for the issue with the IRS. Mandy stated it was because 1099's were not filed in 2011. Ken Waite questioned if not having our non-profit designation current with the State would also affect our status with the IRS. Note: OPtHA has paid the Oregon State fee and is now current with our non-profit registration.

Tina Bell reported that the silent auction at the year end awards banquet brought in \$395, and the sale of back numbers brought in an additional \$509. These funds help repay the amounts given to the 2 state directors to help with their expenses to attend the PtHA meeting.

A \$500 deposit was sent to Linn County Fairgrounds for the Spring Spectacular Show in April. \$1000 was sent to Albany Golf & Events Center for our year end awards Banquet. Approximately 50 adults and 10 children attended the brunch this year. Motion by Kathy Howe Drysdale, 2nd by Jessica Kimball that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion passed.

PtHA State Director

No report.

Show

The class list has been put together. OTAB, Open, Amateur and Youth classes will be run in blocks. There are Novice Amateur, Junior Amateur classes, Senior/Elite Amateur classes are combined.

The show will start at 7:30 am on all three days. Class schedule went from 80 classes down to 59 on Sunday so that people can leave for home at a reasonable hour.

It was noted that the by-laws for 2015 changed to split Jr/Sr/Elite Amateur year end awards with a Top 5 given as well.

Micheal McCarthy asked if Judy Howard was tabulating just the year end awards or would she be doing the show hi points as well. Judy Howard will be doing the year end award points only.

Robin Binkerd stated we need to get the OTAB classes out. We need to draw others in and not just rely on people from our own circles. It was questioned on why there was no OTAB Trail in Hand class for miniatures/ponies. Noted that some classes were removed due to participation numbers over the past 2 years and because people were having to stay as late as 9 pm on Sunday to get points calculated and the hi points awarded. Other ideas to increase OTAB participation was to offer a possible series hi point. Advertise that we offer breed show quality judges. Another idea was to partner with OHA.

Discussion was held on possibly having an open show. Oregon Equestrian Center (Pete's Mountain) or Mt. Hood Equestrian as possible sites. Mt. Hood is more than likely 3 years out from being a horse facility again as the smaller arena was flooded which caused structural damage. Ann Ebner, Anne Monteith, Pat Berger and Kelly O'Donnell will explore possibilities. Pat will check on dates for OHA approval.

An application was received by the Central Oregon Paint Horse club to approve their show for OPtHA points. The show is June 27 – 28 at the Brasada Ranch. There will be Open, Youth, Novice/Jr/Sr Amateur pinto classes offered. Motion made by Ann Ebner, 2nd by Ken Waite to approve Central Oregon Paint application. Motion passed, 11 for, 5 against

Property

Tina Bell brought the combination for the lock to the club's storage unit. Debbie Waite will keep until someone is assigned the task.

Membership

Discussion was held regarding the inability to get a current membership list with contact information. Several requests have been made. Only names have been supplied. Motion by Micheal McCarthy, 2nd by Robin Binkerd that the membership chairman be contacted by President Waite and be given 5 – 7 business days to supply the current, completed membership list. Motion passed.

Royalty

A question was brought up regarding who was in possession of the leather royalty sashes that were made and donated by Kathy Howe Drysdale. Klair Thomas is in possession of the Princess sash as the 2015 Princess, however, the Queen and Sweetheart sashes are missing. Anne Monteith noted that it should be posted that the sashes are club property and should be returned for the use of the current year's royalty.

Banquet

The 2015 OPtHA Year End Award Banquet is set for January 16, 2016 at the Albany Golf & Events Center. Discussion was held on the PtHA Charter Super Horse Award. Charters are able to set their own criteria for this award and the winner received a free PtHA membership for the following year. Delany Wurdinger asked whether the ponies and miniatures would ever have an opportunity to win this award. A question was asked if this award was based on the same criteria that some of our other perpetual awards already follow. Micheal McCarthy asked that the discussion was tabled until next meeting so we can review the point's calculations for the other perpetual awards.

Youth

Kerry McCarthy asked if she could have an ice cream social for the youth on Saturday night of the Spring Spectacular. She will be responsible for notification of youth. Estimated cost would be \$25 - \$50. Micheal McCarthy volunteered to be Youth Advisor.

Communications

Alyson Foster would like to see the communications committee integrated with the publicity committee. Some ideas brought were a club forum or bulletin board on the website. Also, having web based club meetings was discussed.

Discussion was held on the reading of the minutes for approval. This is very time consuming when they have already been made available and copies are distributed prior to the start of the meetings. Motion

by Pat Berger, 2nd by Micheal McCarthy that prior month's pending minutes be sent out prior to current month's meeting so reading of minutes can be waived. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the possibility of setting up a paypal account for people to pay their horse show fees. Mandy Lopes will check in to being able to accept credit/debit cards at the show.

Motion by Pat Berger, 2nd by Kathy Howe Drysdale that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Howard
Secretary, OPtHA