

Minutes for meeting May 1,

Minutes for the April meeting were read and approved as amended.

Treasurers Report. Credit card has been paid off. Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes.

We probably made about \$500 on the spring show. If we hadn't had the sponsors, we would have probably lost money.

Pat made a motion that we accept the treasurer's report. Tina seconded. Discussion: none. Motion passed.

We did sign up through the bank to accept credit cards. Pat Berger has the card. People can call and have Pat enter cc information. Right now the club is charging a 4% fee on all Club Transactions. It is better than any other system available to us at this time.

Show Committee report: Looking at the numbers, we definitely need to move our show dates. This move is necessary due to our shows being back to back with too many other shows. We may need to decide to run our show with another group. Are we going to stay in Albany for the October show? Weather could be a problem if we move the show to State Fairgrounds. Ceil said that we need to get more information. Kathy Howard made a motion that the show remain in Albany. Seconded by : Pete's Mountain was floated as an alternative, but it has definite downsides. Motion passed.

A round table discussion was held with everyone asked to give input on matters pertaining to shows, morale, and other subjects.

Tina stated that the Spring Show was not "her" show. It belonged to everyone. She feels that she was not helped by the board members in not getting silent auction items. She also felt that she had too much to do. Tina said that she was only here because she wanted the club not to die. If there's going to be drama, get off the board, and let things go on. She will not take on too much next time.

Arlene Glueck was disappointed that a board member suggested that a person go to a buckskin show because they had more fun than we do at our shows.

Rosemary agreed that we don't need the drama. We need a book stating who is responsible for what job. We need to make people responsible and hold them to it. The Show Committee needs to sit down and make up a list that covers all the bases. If the show chairperson has to cover empty spaces, it causes issues. Negativity will not solve anything.

Ceil asked what we would do to improve the show.

Pat said that he didn't know what was needed to be done until things were already done. It would be nice if a lot more members would attend the shows. Perhaps we also need to look at reducing the number of classes. The bickering in the club has to stop. Our website is not being updated in a timely manner. Most exhibitors will help if there is something that needs to be done. The show committee needs to all be responsible for things to be done.

Rose agreed that a sign up sheet is really a good idea. Increasing our numbers may be something that could be done by sharing the show with another organization.

Kathy Howard stated that if a show comes on top of a show, it can be a difficulty by serving two organizations. If you want the club to continue, you need to stand up and work on the shows. People have only so much disposable income, so it can be a hardship for some to attend. We could work with two breeds, and reduce our costs and numbers.

Amy Christopherson agreed with Kathy with regard to joining up with another breed. She also agreed that a sign up sheet is necessary.

Sony had no ideas at this moment.

Arlene stated that we had a lot of sponsors, however, there was no list of them. Our announcer should be stating names of them, and allow them the recognition. If there is no recognition of the sponsors, it can be a problem retaining them as sponsors. If classes are listed not only by number, but by name, it will reduce some of the confusion at the gate.

Ann Ebner asked if there was a location that could have a list of the classes, that would be a help.

Pat suggested a print shop might be a help to provide additional signage.

Rosemary's suggestion of a book was something we need to do to help assign jobs. Ann McCarthy said that she felt she was welcome as an exhibitor, but did feel the drama occurring at the show. The class numbers do need to be examined and reduced.

Melissa said that she agrees on the book idea.

Candice thought it would be a good idea to bring back the chuck-a-duck. She also suggested a Breyer painting evening decorating them. Also works with cookies. Kick ball, stick pony races. We need to do something to bring the fun back. We need to get more people out to promote our organization. Timing the shows is a priority.

Pinto tends to be a secondary breed for some people. Cost is key here. As far as dates, we can only go up to the second week in May, no later. Having the show earlier in the year, we have hair issues with some of the horses, and the weather can be an issue. Rosemary feels that doing the jobs list needs to start now, not only for the shows, but for the run up to the shows.

Kathy Howe-Drysdale stated that she agreed with the list. We know the drill, and to leave the show manager stranded is not an option. Moving to the last weekend in March is still an option. Negative comments need to stop. Candice stated that perhaps a flat fee might work, due to costs. The flat fee makes people enter more classes. National has a flat fee for youth, open, amateur fee, etc. Try to group it together so the similar classes have the same fees.

Ann Montieth had big plans, but illness forced her to be at home. She's happy to gather more sponsors.

Banquet: It was agreed that we skip discussion for this meeting.

By-Laws: Done

Old Business. Are the new bylaws published? Kathy Howard has the corrected information so that it can be put on the website. High point horse needs to be published on the website. Splash all our pintos. Results need to be published.

Arlene moved that we no longer allow sales ads. Pat seconded. Motion passed. Kathy Howard will post that we no longer allow sales ads. Question. Is there any way that we can reduce the number of Facebook pages down to one. Arlene moved that Kathy Howard reduce the facebook pages to one. Pat seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Suggestions for the good of the order.

Kathy Thomas suggested that we set up a phone contact so the members can hear the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Kimball, Recording Secretary.