

Red River Valley Horse Show Meeting - January 16, 2011 at Happy Joe's Pizza

Call to order 2:45 pm

Old Business:

Secretary's report: The minutes from the last general meeting in 2010 were read. There was one correction to note, only the Executive Board had voted to approve the disbursement in the amount of \$8,000 to the Grand Forks Fair Board, that expense was not brought to the general membership for a vote. The correction was noted and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers report: The treasurer's report is attached to the minutes for the file. The net income for the 2010 season is \$-5,689.69. This negative number includes the \$8,000 expense of the arena. If you back that number out, the club shows a net income of \$2,310.31. It was also noted that the \$500 rental expense for the grounds was not paid in 2010. The Fair Board members will check to see if the club needs to pay for 2010. The Fair Board is drafting a new lease for the next five-year period 2011-2015. There will be a slight, graduated increase to \$700. Annette's report was approved.

New Business:

Election of Officers and Board Members so the nominations were then open for the offices.

President – Bill Kvsager; unanimous vote

Vice President - Renee Walsh; unanimous vote

Treasurer – Annette Peterson; unanimous vote

Secretary – Pam Marback; unanimous vote

Board Member (2013) – Amy Warner; unanimous vote

Board Member (2013) – Brandon Bina; unanimous vote

Jr Board Member – (2011) Kiahna Aarhus, McKenzie Aarhus, Emily Peterson, Salena Kelly were all accepted for 2011 even though the bylaws suggest two. It was stated that if they have that much interest, we should gladly accept them all.

New officers were introduced. There was discussion about the requirements of the Board Members as it currently states you must attend at least three meetings and host one horse show. As we do not have three general membership meetings any more, the requirement will have to be rewritten in the Association rules.

Proposals and Suggestions for 2011:

*Proposal 1 -

Becky Diseth proposed that all of our classes, with the exception of walk/trot 30 & over, count for year-end hi-point awards. Proposal defeated.

*Proposal 2

Becky Diseth proposed to change the one-horse, one-rider requirement for the Hi Point Year End Awards back to Multi Horse/One Rider. Proposal passed.

*Proposal 3

Angie Pulkrabek proposed to add the 2 & Under Halter class back to the show bill. Proposal passed.

*Proposal 4

Angie Pulkrabek proposed to add the Grand/Reserve Halter awards back to the show bill. Proposal passed

*Proposal 5

Amy Warner suggested we discuss Section 2 of the Bylaws, specifically where it states "During the show year, the Executive Board shall not have the power to make changes in the bylaws or show rules that govern the RRVHSA except in the case of safety issues." Amy wanted the Board to have the latitude to make changes, if needed. Pam related the background of that statement, and how it is there to prevent anyone on the Board from changing the rules mid-way in the show season. Language was suggested to replace that statement and it is, "The Executive Board shall have the authority to make decisions to better the club for the current show season." It was also suggested to form a committee to reorganize the rules/bylaws and return with the finished product to the general membership. Proposal passed.

Annette suggested that at each show we have one performance jackpot and one game jackpot, choice to be left to the Board members responsible for their particular show. The show jackpots would have a sponsorship fee of \$150. \$50, to the performance jackpot - \$50 to the games jackpot - \$50 to the club. 100% payback on the entry fees of \$10/jackpot, 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% breakdown. Jackpot classes to be run before the respective regular class.

Karen B. suggested we go back to having a 15 minute break built into the show bill to allow warm up and complete tack changes from the English classes to Western and vice versa. She would also like to see a portable water tank be put at the west end of the grounds so people don't have to lug water buckets so far.

Bill would like to see the club offer sponsorship signs to hang on the arena for our sponsors. He will look into the costs associated with this and report on it.

Annette suggested we post a 'Games will not start before' time on our showbills since in 2010 we ran into the problem of the shows moving along too quickly. It was decided on a 1:00 time to be posted on the show bills.

*Proposal 6

Annette proposed we go back to having two general membership meetings a year instead of only one. The first meeting would be held in January and would be held to elect the Officers/Board Members and to discuss/present proposals for the upcoming show year. The second meeting would be held in February where the members would vote on the proposals brought up at the January meeting, along with any regular business required. No discussion will be held on the proposals at the second meeting, only voting. Proposal passed.

*Proposal 7

Kylie proposed granting points only for the highest placing horse in a class if an exhibitor is riding more than one in a class and happens to place on both. Proposal passed. Language will read: A horse/rider may only obtain points on the highest placing horse in any one class. For example, a rider may place on two horses but only get points on the highest placing horse. Section 6 of the Show Rules. Proposal passed.

*Proposal 8

Angie Pulkrabek proposed to take out the language concerning the "Benefit Horse Show". It was also proposed to take out the language concerning the "Champ/Versatility Show" as neither of these were being utilized by the club. Proposal passed.

*Proposal 9

Annette proposed to clarify Section 1 of the Rules to read, "Numbers not reserved with membership dues before the start of the first show will be released to the membership." Proposal passed.

*Proposal 10

Angie proposed to take out the set date of the "the third Sunday" in January for the first general meeting. There will be no set date for a meeting. Proposal passed.

There was a general suggestion to do a better job of using our available resources (website, Face book, newsletters) to keep the members informed and to generate a renewed interest in coming to our shows.

*Proposal 11

Annette proposed to include in Section 6 of the Show Rules that only the top six exhibitors in each approved, year-end event be used to calculate the year-end Hi-Points. Proposal passed.

Show dates for the 2011 Season will be:

June 12	June 26
July 10 – Rain date	July 17 – Double judged show (one judge for jkpt classes)
August 7 th – Rain date	August 21 st
September 4 th	September 18 – Rain date

Committees for 2011:

Angie Pulkrabek and Pam Marback – Newsletter

Kylie, Jennifer, Annette and Kelly – Banquet

Sponsorship point of contact will be Angie Pulkrabek – if you have any ideas for sponsors, please run them past Angie first so we don't have more than one member contacting a potential sponsor.

And, as usual, Keith Eggl will be the Rain Committee. As always, please check the website, Face book or call before you haul in case the weather and/or arena conditions are questionable.

With no further proposals, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Marback
Secretary, RRVHSA 2011