

**THE EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING**

@ Bordertown Chiropractic, Sault Ste. Marie

October 8, 2008

7:00 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Pete S., Julie M., Anna R., Connie D., Rachael M., Dail M., Sandra W. Lynelle J.

Board Members not in Attendance:

Association Members in Attendance: (refer to sign in sheet)

Others Present (Non-Members):

Others present after the Start of the Meeting's Regularly Scheduled Time (Non-Members):

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 p.m. by President McKenzie

Welcome everyone!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Everyone had the opportunity to review the Secretary's report. September 15, 2008 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted, the following correction should be noted: the show dates for 2009 change June 6th to June 7th and the rate for banquet youth should be 7.50 per plate not 7.00. These changes were noted and the corrections have been made. Lynelle J. made the motion to accept the minutes, second by Anna R., motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See detailed report submitted by Pete S. There was one returned check in the amount of \$93 which will be taken care of at the banquet. Still waiting for \$150 in sponsor money, the holdup was an invoice needed. This has been sent out and a check will be issued shortly. This leaves a balance of 3996.43, a motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Dail M. and Rachael M. second, all in favor motioned passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Banquet update

Connie D. gave a brief update on the banquet progress. Everything is on schedule; a final count will be tallied after October 24th to determine the number of plates. This can be done as close as three days prior to the event. Auction items are still being taken if you have something let me know. Carrie will be making this year's cake and Teresa is in charge of decorations.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of officers

Julie M. went over the rules for casting a vote for the election of officers. Your membership must be paid for your ballot to count. Julie reviewed the list of eligible voters (see attached list)

- Counting ballots

Rachael will hand out the ballots and Sandy W. and Dail M. will count ballots. No write ins were noted.

- Election results

President: Julie McKenzie
Vice Pres.: Sandra Wiltsie
Treasurer: Rachael McCoy
Secretary: Carrie Decker
Trustee 2 Yr. Teresa Makela & Connie DePlonty
Trustee 1 Yr. Shasta Burzynski & Gerogia Talsma

Welcome to the 2009 EUPHA Board!

A motion to accept the election results as noted above made by Dail M. second by Anna R. No opposition to this motion, motion carried. The ballots were destroyed by Rachael M.

- Committees/sign up sheets

Julie M. stated she would be sending around the sign up sheets for committees for 2009.

- 2009 show judges

Connie will be working with Lynelle to obtain the judge list and contracts.

Julie M. has been in contact with the township and we have tentative show dates at this time. Not official until the township meeting takes place. The only conflict might be the Fur Traders having a date the same as ours, June 26 & 27, may not be a problem. There will not be a parks & rec. meeting this month, November we will be on the agenda to discuss the lease.

Sandy W. stated that we can get the judges now and look at changing dates if needed later.

The judge we had, Jeff West has another person who travels with him and helps out (also a judge) maybe we can have him back later in the season, possible the September show. Sandy states that we can not have a judge two years in a row. Maybe an option to look at.

Linda English asked about a conflict with the Randy Dewitt race. Julie stated she thought it was moved back two weeks, so there would be no conflict.

- Meeting location change

The EUPHA would like to move their monthly meetings to the ITC building starting in November. No opposition, the new location will be posted to the website. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (winter hours), next meeting November 5th

- 2009 membership meeting dates

December 3rd, 2008

January 7th 2009

February 4th

March 4th

April 8th

May 6th

June 3rd
July 1st
August 5th
September 9th
October 7th

If weather is an issue it will be posted on the website. Julie M. will call the board members to confirm cancellation of meeting. If you have a doubt please contact any one of the board members. A motion to accept the meeting dates for 2009 was made by Rachael M. and second by Connie D. None opposed, motion carried.

- Showbill discussion

This is a huge task each year, this years show bill worked fine and would like to keep it the same for next year. Need to vote on this tonight so we can start getting judges lined up for 2009. A show bill is needed to do that, the front of the showbill is the most important. A change that needs to be made is the numbering of the classes to include the mini class at 51 classes.

Discussion regarding the mini trail and having to set this up if there are no exhibitors.

Dail M. asked if we wanted to continue doing this?

Lynelle stated that it was originally intended to be a two year trial for minis then option of doing away with those classes.

Jennifer Gabel stated that she would rather not pick apart the showbill.

Lynelle stated that we would need to eliminate minis from all classes, can't just pick and choose.

Pete S. suggested leaving the minis on the showbill and having the exhibitor set up the pattern.....

Julie stated that we could always ask for help....Sandy W. suggested that if we have exhibitors to just ask them to help set up the pattern.

Jennifer Gable suggested giving it one more year and then re evaluate.

Anna R. stated the biggest problem is finding volunteers.

Lynelle stated that it should not be the exhibitors responsibility to set up the pattern/course.

Motion to accept the showbill with the notes regarding mini classes made by Sandra W. with a second by Rachael M., motion carried with no opposition.

- Showbill committee will take care of the back of showbill at next meeting

Connie D. will contact Lynelle regarding information on judges.

- New Board

The new 2009 EUPHA board will be installed at the banquet, they will be the official board on November 5, 2008.

There being no further business to come before the board, Rachael M. moved for the motion at 7:55 pm that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was second by Dail M. all in favor, and the motion carried.

Julie McKenzie, President

Connie DePlonty, Secretary