

## **Conference Call Minutes –January 19, 2015**

Executive Board members Kay Van Natta, Sarah Weyker and Kristin Lee joined in on the call. Past President Chuck Kelly was not present. Committee chairpersons Lisa Lovett (Tidbits), Jaine Johnston (Membership) and Monie Redfield (Show) also joined the call and club member, Karen Hanson, was present to talk about the Madison Horse Fair.

### **Horse Show**

Monie Redfield reported that she found a judge for the show from the list that former judge, Lita Hottel, had given the club. The judge's name is Bonnie Peterson from Barnum, MN. She has riding and driving experience. Monie is working out the details to get a contract signed. The contract for the West Salem facilities was sent to Kristin and she will forward it on to Monie for her signature.

### **Membership**

Jaine Johnston reported that we currently have 70 paid memberships. She has contacted everyone on her list regarding membership renewal. 207 past members have not responded. Jaine informed the Board that she has two lists - one for current paid memberships and the other one for past members. Jaine will send both lists to Kristin to use for the invitations for the Spring Meeting. Karen Hanson pointed out that the website needs to be changed to show the January 1 renewal date. Kristin will contact DeeAnna to make this change.

### **Tidbits**

Lisa Lovett reported that she plans to get another Tidbits out in February to advertise the Spring Meeting. Kristin will send the Invitation to her.

### **Horse Fair and MN Expo**

Karen Hanson will be taking over chairing the Madison Horse Fair. Patty Jo Walter has stepped down after chairing it for many years. The Board discussed taking on both the MN Horse Expo and the Madison Horse Fair. Kristin Lee (who chairs the MN Expo) explained that both have been run separately from the Midwest Club and that not all the participants are members of the Club. The Club does provide \$100 sponsorship money if

an application is submitted. Kristin advised that we continue to keep Expo/Fair separate and give sponsorship dollars and the Board agreed. Karen asked about recruiting new participants through the club and the Board agreed that we should do so in order to get new “blood” involved.

### **Spring Meeting- Decorah, Iowa, March 13 – 15, 2015**

Kristin Lee has been working with the Hotel Winneshiek on the banquet menu. She presented three options to the Board – plated dinner, buffet dinner or heavy appetizers. The cost is \$24.00 per person plus \$2.75 cupcakes. There is an \$800 buffet dinner minimum and if we fall short, we are required to pay the difference. The cost of the room rental is \$225 and the bartender has a \$300 minimum or a \$100 bartender fee if the minimum is not met. The Board agreed to offer the buffet dinner with a bartender. The club will charge \$20 per person and the club will supplement \$10 per person to cover the meal and room rental.

Kristin will create and invitation and send it out to everyone by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kristin asked Kay to work with Chuck on the schedule for the Saturday activities.

Janie has agreed to be in charge of the Silent Auction and her contact information will be included in the invitation.

Our next conference call will be held on Monday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Respectively submitted,

Kristin Lee  
Secretary