

MWFHC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
2/18/2006

It was decided to send the MWFHC meeting minutes to DeeAnna and she will post them on the web site.

The secretary's report was discussed.

New software is needed for the newsletter. Martha would like to purchase Publisher Pro from Nova Development at a cost of approximately \$100. The software would be owned by the Club. m/s/c

There was discussion regarding establishing our own MWFHC list with e-mail addresses for instant announcements. The server contract was renewed for two years but the bill hasn't been submitted for reimbursement at this time. There was discussion about the need for a private and a public section on the web site. For the additional \$5 dues charged for breeders, their names will be published on a breeder's list on the web site.

A new membership renewal form will be circulated. New membership applications for everybody listing if they are breeders, e-mail, whether they want individual or family membership will be sent to everybody. Dues are \$15 for individual and \$25 for family. Dues are due and payable on July 1 of each year. The executive committee agreed that all memberships will run from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

The treasurer's report was discussed. The treasurer needs updated e-mail addresses. Chuck will copy the Stand Operating Procedures for the Board.

Records retention was discussed. The records will be kept for seven years and then destroyed.

The Club will reimburse the treasurer for the computer, printer and Quick Books Pro software she purchased at a cost of approximately \$1500. The software will be registered to the Club. Auction proceeds will be used for this purchase. m/s/c

The vice-president will be in charge of new member recruitment with the new membership form. The vice-president will send a letter of invitation to join the MWFHC to prospective members.

The membership to the Wisconsin Horse Council was discussed. The cost would be approximately \$100. Members can apply for annual scholarships. They have a seat on the Board of Directors and input to judges. This was tabled and will be voted on at the summer meeting in Blue Earth.

President Chuck Kelly proposed that we decline to adopt the NFHR Fjord Horse Show rule handbook. m/s/c

Safety issues at Blue Earth were discussed. We will talk to Gary Johnson regarding the traffic between the barn and the arena and the south side of the barn. We would like some kind of a barrier so traffic can't flow through there during the show.

President Kelly introduced the idea of having two new awards at the winter meeting. He would like a Founders Award given and beginning 2007 present something of significance to someone who started or became a big part of the club.

The specific criteria for the Ron Davis traveling award were discussed.

The other new award would be the Over the Shoulder for Newbies Award. This award would be presented to someone who has worked hard but has not attained stardom. The award would be for the purpose of recognizing the person. The Board would like to think about it. It was suggested to recognize the new exhibitors.

Newbies will be advised to ask for help from experienced members.

The Hospitality Committee was discussed. Last year Guy and Martha took care of the Hospitality tent. We will bring it up at the general meeting to see if anyone is interested in being in charge of the tent this year. If there is no interest, there won't be a Hospitality tent this year.

Linda Baker Lottie and Kristen Lee have brought merchandise to sell at the arena during the clinic.

There was discussion on what we are doing with the auction proceeds. We have \$4,891.50. President Chuck Kelly proposed that we add enough money from the Club to make the total an even \$5000. He would like to see \$2000 designated to the reserve fund, \$2000 used to create 2 scholarships for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years. These scholarships would be given to anybody in post high school. He also would like \$1000 given to the Blue Earth Fair Board for permanent improvements to the fair grounds. We decided to spend part of the proceeds to purchase the computer, printer and software for the treasurer and to talk to Gary Johnson regarding a permanent warm-up arena.

Next year's winter meeting was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned so we could meet with the show committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Therine Gudknecht
Secretary