

Conference Call Minutes –July 21, 2014

Heike Lewandowski, Kay Van Natta, Sarah Weyker, Kristin Lee and Chuck Kelly were on the conference call. Monie Redfield, Bob Long and Lisa Lovett also called in to give reports on the Show Committee and Evaluations.

SHOW COMMITTEE AND EVALUTIONS UPDATE:

Monie began by listing the pros and cons of the show and the West Salem Fairgrounds.

Positive feedback included: the location, stalls, indoor arena/footings, camping, wash stalls were good and the facilities were easy to get in to. The racetrack noise was not an issue.

Negative feedback included: the bathrooms were too far away and the Port-a-Potties were hard to find. Monie believes that the club should not have to pay for their rental. The water was rusty and needed to be flushed before we arrived. The jumps were scattered all around and difficult to find and some were not in very good condition. The fairgrounds staff did not drag the arena all weekend. Bob Long brought his own drag and the club used that. The fairgrounds should provide that service. The show committee was asked to vacate the grounds by Sunday at noon in order for the fairgrounds staff to prepare for the upcoming fair. We were not informed of this prior to scheduling the show. The committee was able to change the showbill so the show ended early on Sunday.

Pat Stevenson (a local volunteer) was very helpful especially with the trail pattern set-up.

Sarah will be sorting out the finances in the next few days. She will work with Bob Long since expenses were shared with the NFHR. There were several class drops to sort out as well. Bob expressed that the shavings delivery and shavings record keeping was "a mess."

There was discussion about the judge and it was agreed that she spent too much time on clarifying details and as a result, delayed the show. She also made some errors. It was brought up that 2 days as an Evaluator trainee and 3 days of judging may have been too much for her. She was very pleasant to show under and she did give valuable feedback to the exhibitors.

The fair staff would like to have us back but believes that another weekend (not before their fair) would be better for everyone.

The board and show committee agreed that the West Salem location would be a good place for next year's show. Heike will be attending the Blue Earth Show this weekend to see what the future plans for that show will be. She has heard that it may be their last year and if so, it would open up another weekend of July for us to look at. The board would like to continue with a July show date. Heike will contact

Arlan from the West Salem fair board on next year's available dates and report back to the board.

Kristin asked Monie if she would be interested in chairing next year's show but Monie said it was too soon to say. Monie and the show committee were complimented on their incredible job.

We also discussed having another Evaluation in conjunction with the show every other year and adding a clinic(s) with the show on the off years.

SPRING/WINTER MEETING UPDATE:

Sue Plein volunteered to help with next year's meeting. Kristin reminded the board that several members commented on having a meeting without horses next year and that a hotel with meeting rooms/guest speakers would be a good format. Kristin will contact Sue Plein to see if she is interested in chairing the event and Kristin would like to be the board's representative. Kristin suggested Decorah as a possibly location and visiting the Norwegian Heritage Center as a possible activity. She also suggested having Phil Odden give his Power Point presentation that he gave at the MN Horse Expo along with a having a guest speaker on driving.

BROCHURES:

Kristin has begun to work up a brochure design through Vista Prints. She has contacted the show photographer for a quote on using pictures from the show. She will be meeting with Therine Gudnecht in the next few months with the goal of having the new brochure done by April 2015.

TIDBITS:

Heike suggested that people send photos to the Website and Tidbits. The photographer's information should be included in the next Tidbits.

Our next conference call is scheduled for Monday, August 18th at 7 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Kristin Lee

Club Secretary