

WRC Minutes

01/18/10

Kingston Family Diner

Meeting called to order 7:12PM by President Hannah Moskowitz

Members present: Hannah Moskowitz, Jane Booth, Nancy Locke, Brenda Locke, Dawn Clayton, Courtney Scionti, Jenny Lang, Carla Picayo and Roberta Jackson

There was no meeting in December so minutes to review, for those who made it to the Christmas party a good time was had by all.

Treasurer's report- on record for review

Half the property taxes are paid, the trash bill is paid, NYSHC dues are paid we still have to pay the other half of the taxes and we have to pay for ribbons. The last of the silent auction money came in and we have 1 CD left. A motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Dawn to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Old business;

The tractors and mowing equipment are ready to go (thank you to Dawn and Bill!!!)

Carla has all the trophies

New Business;

Orange ,Ulster ,Dutchess and Sullivan counties under the guidance of Audrey Reith CCE educator from Orange County are working on developing a website as an information clearing house for the horse industry in order to support and publicize agriculture, agricultural tourism and horses in the Hudson Valley. Anyone joining their county extension (not Ag Society) will be able to list their events for free. If you are not a member it's \$5.00 per event. Roberta made a motion to have WRC join Ulster County Cooperative Extension for \$35.00. It was seconded by Brenda and Jane and passed unanimously. Anyone can join Coop Extension as either an individual or as a business and it helps both agriculture and the horse industry. Please consider joining. If you have any questions call (845)340-3990.

Does anyone have interest in a clinic on self defense for trail riders? The woman who would be doing the clinic is an avid trail rider and a member of Landsmankill. The clinic would be over in Hudson.If you're interested please let Courtney know.

The AMHA (American Morgan Horse Assoc) is promoting Morgans at local shows. Shows offering classes for Morgans would receive a star rating. We can think about this for next year. We would need to see what the requirements are and what classes we would need to offer. Dawn pointed out that other breed associations offer show incentives.

Review short program/class list.

Currently rowelled spurs are prohibited, but in certain breeds and disciplines they are allowed. Do we want to consider allowing rowelled spurs? Any equipment can be used inappropriately and in an abusive way and we do have the option of censuring or eliminating a competitor who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner. Roberta will review the USEF rules regarding rowelled spurs. (According to USEF rules rowelled spurs are allowed in some divisions and not others so we can allow rowelled spurs if we so choose)

We should add Novice English Road Hack and Open English Road Hack to June Show. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Carla and passed unanimously.

We need to get advertising copy in to Peg Vitarius by February 15 so we can get the programs out in a timely fashion. Peg has someone who will do lay out for \$10.00 per page. If we generate at least 50/page in advertising that should more than cover the costs of getting the program out and maybe a little profit to boot.

In the year end award requirements we need to state that exhibitors **MUST COMPETE IN AT LEAST 2** of the 3 POINTED SHOWS. A motion was made by Roberta and seconded by Brenda and passed unanimously. Also in the Morgan versatility exhibitors must show in at least 2 different divisions at each show and must show at 2 of the 3 pointed shows to qualify!

A heated discussion ensued regarding the point system and tie breaking and whether or not we should give points to 6 places. How do we break a point tie if there isn't an equitation class? Ride off? Coin toss? Currently we give points 5-3-2-1. Nancy pointed out that most shows go with a coin toss to break ties (Voted 5 for/ 2 against/ 1 abstention)

Gamblers Choice Trail Course- to be run after the end of the June 5 show. Exhibitors have a limited amount of time to negotiate the trail course so its not technically a timed event so we are ok with the insurance. Each obstacle is worth a certain number of points and each obstacle can be negotiated twice, but not back to back. Winner to get a percentage of the entry fees. A motion was made to run this class there were 7 votes for and one vote against.

Jane will look into Krauses's candy for an Easter fundraiser.. A motion was made to do this fundraiser and passed unanimously.

It was suggested that each board member should try to get 2-3 ads for the program.

A motion was made to buy 6 sleeves of 12 buckets (colors) for day end awards We could put WRC stickers on them if we wanted or we could paint them. A motion was made and passed unanimously.

A committee was formed for the Spring Fling clinic. Cortney, Dawn and Hannah will headup the clinic committee. They will check with Ken Fairfax to see if he is available as the clinician. There will be a meeting on Tuesday January 26 at 7PM at the Family Diner.

The next regular meeting of the WRC will be Monday February 15, 2010 at 7PM at the Family Diner

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM