

MWFHC Winter Meeting
Sunday
March 7, 2010
Quality Inn
Fitchburg, Wisconsin

Officers present: Patti Jo Walter, Susie Sadlon, Chuck Kelly, Anne Weyker and Therine Gudknecht

The meeting was called to order by President Patti Jo Walter at 10:14 a.m.

Patti Jo thanked Karen Hanson and Dawn Schlickman for all of their work on the winter meeting.

The auction on Saturday night raised \$989.

Patti Jo thanked everyone for coming to the clinics and meeting and the presenters at the clinics. She thanked Carol Curry for the decorations and Laurie Matson, the club historian.

The treasurer's report was printed out for people to read. Nancy Hotovy asked about the dates of the report and the totals. Anne Weyker explained that the dates were from July 10, 2009 to March 1, 2010. Some of the expenses and income for certain things were outside of those dates. The report was approved by a motion from Mike Sadlon, seconded by Kay Vanetta.

The secretary's report was also printed out for members to read and it was approved by a motion from Kathy Blaszyk and seconded by Wanda Hase.

The results of the election were presented. There were 106 ballots returned. Of those ballots, there were 76 votes for the MWFHC rules and 28 votes for the NFHR rules. There was one spoiled ballot and one unmarked ballot.

Regarding the change to the By-laws, there were 91 yes votes and 15 no votes.

Tyler Schlickman suggested that whichever rules we use, we should strive to enforce all of the rules that we have.

Patti Jo talked about the new DVD available for sale. The first one was on mane trimming and the second one on tack fitting. The next DVD will be on harness fitting. The cost of the available DVD's will be two for \$20. If one new DVD is purchased, the cost will be \$15 and for the first DVD purchased separately, the cost will be \$10. There will also be a shipping charge. They may be purchased on the web site.

Phil Odden gave an update on the NFHR and evaluation. There are no evaluations planned for now. In the future the evaluations may be combined with the Blue Earth show.

As a new feature of the NFHR, there will be a place on their website for our club information and they will also have a newsletter.

Laurie Matson has agreed to be our club electronic editor. She also encouraged people to send her high resolution pictures to be used in the club scrapbooks.

Marlin Krupp talked about the Blue Earth show which will be held July 19, 20 and 21. He will work on preparing the stalls for us and repairing anything that needs repair. He will have them put barn lime in the stalls. Marlin also told us that the board agreed to have our class fee be \$3 this year as it was twenty five years ago.

The fair board would like the club to have a performance on Tuesday night in front of the grandstand before the draft horse pull.

Susie asked Marlin to have the center aisle back in the barn between the stalls this year.

Chuck Kelly had a list of items he presented to Marlin regarding the show.

1. Prepare the stalls properly for us.
2. Let us know before the show the policy for stripping the stalls
3. See if someone can be found to clean stalls for a fee if people wish to pay
4. Be sure the center aisle is back
5. Have barn lime in the stalls

There will be some changes to the show bill. Marlin would like to have an updated show bill by April 1.

Anne Weyker spoke to the sponsorships and once again, there will be a wonderful prize for the person who gets the most sponsors.

Patti Jo has been working with Becky from Horse 'N Around magazine for corporate sponsors. Kay Barnhart has also been helping to get monetary and other donations for the show.

Kathy Blaszyk and Jessica Reuterskiold are show chairs for Blue Earth. They are looking for volunteers to help at the show. They need gate keepers, ribbon presenters, ring steward, office booth help for Anne. If you can help, please let them know.

The judge for our show will be Jim Havelhurst.

The photographer for the show will be Avalon.

There will be a backdrop for photo opportunities.

There will be a hospitality tent probably on Monday and Tuesday with homemade Norwegian pastries available for everyone.

Carol Curry will decorate the hospitality tent.

Susie Sadlon talked about the Tuesday night performance in front of the grandstand. If anyone would like to participate, they are encouraged to let her know. There are also opportunities to help with props, sewing, etc.

Julie Cramer will be the announcer for the Tuesday night show.

If anyone has items to submit to the newsletter, the deadline has been moved to March 12.

DeeAnna Weed spoke about the website and mentioned that she also takes care of memberships. Memberships are due in June. We have 205 voting members and 180 households.

Dawn Schlickman gave a merchandise update. If anyone would like to order items, the website is www.lvrembroidery.com. The club receives a percentage of each order.

Chuck Kelly talked about the booth at the Midwest Horse Fair. Karen Hanson will organize the booth. Workers are needed if anyone can help out.

Tyler Schlickman asked the cost and Chuck said it was about \$600 for everything. Nancy Hotovy mentioned that since there are already Fjords at the fair, maybe we should spend the money somewhere else. It was voted on previously to spend the money here this year. On a motion by DeeAnna Weed, seconded by Kay Van Natta, there will be an agenda item added to the Blue Earth meeting to discuss other venues to use our money in the best area. Motion passed.

Tyler Schlickman questioned if we should have a rule regarding the dates or place of a second show conflicting with Blue Earth. If a second show would take place, the Club would have to agree to the terms.

Dave Lusty made a motion to have the judge split any driving classes with over 12 participants. Kay Van Natta seconded and the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Sadlon; seconded by Tyler Schlickman at 12:04. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Therine Gudknecht, Secretary