

Minutes from the Board of Director's Meeting – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Held at the Peter's residence. In attendance: Terry Jerke, Cyndy Schlemlein, Shelli Mehaffey, Ron Clark, Michelle Clark, Kirk Peters, Phyllis Heppenstall, and Rebecca Carroll.

Nominating Committee: A committee of at least two people is needed to soliciate nominations for the board of director's; Kirk and Michelle volunteered. There are four open positions, as Shelli, Rebecca, Debbie, and Ronnie had 2-year terms that are up in November. There was discussion about reducing the number of directors to seven. The bylaws state nine and would have to be changed to allow a decrease. Notice of the elections at the general meeting will be sent with the newsletter, as well as a description of duties.

The annual meeting will be held on Satuday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the conference room at the Legend Training Center in Auburn. Thanks to Patricia Jerke for allowing us use of this facility. The meeting will be from 5 – 7 pm, followed by dinner at a local restaurant if interested. There was discussion of possibly bringing in a speaker to attract more people to the meeting; The agenda items should be enough.

There was no financial report by the Treasurer. Kirk gave an estimated report based on the last report at the trail ride: \$22,500 in show account and \$3,000 - \$3,500 in the general account. \$2,000 deposit should have been mailed to Puyallup for the show. Phyllis inquired about why a profit/loss statement for the show has not been completed; this report is needed to tell us what areas need to be improved next year. Treasurer will be asked to turn over all books and accounting records prior to the general meeting. Committee consisting of director's will audit the books prior to the general meeting. Discussion about moving accounts to one bank and adding a second signer on the account. Duties of Treasurer position discussed.

The last newsletter was mailed out to all Walking Horse owners in the state. We received about a dozen new memberships and had many phone calls, emails, and hits on the website. It was decided that the next edition of the newsletter will be sent to all current owners in the state. Discussion of new columns and topics to include. Kirk would like to include the names of people returning to the show ring after many years, and also new horses/riders/teams that will be showing next year. Shelli will get in touch with trainers for names, Ronnie and Michelle will contribute those from their barn. Deadline for newsletter entries will be Monday at 5pm.

The club Christmas party will be Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Terry and Patricia Jerke have volunteered their house again (Thanks!). Gift auction will be held – bring a wrapped item of any sort (doesn't have to be horse-related), \$20 minimum value to donate to the auction. Last year's auction raised over a \$1,000. This money goes back into the club for activities throughout the year. (continued on next page)  
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Show – Our show has always been Memorial Day weekend. Some people would like to see it moved to the weekend before to draw more people. Discussion of 2 day shows versus 3 day shows. The Spokane show may be moving to the end of June. Kirk shared the possibility of having the Gaited Horse show combine with TSN – they only had 50 horses attend their show last year and it was the same weekend as the show in Elma. This received positive feedback.

Show calendar should be set by WIWHA soon.

Affiliations – The pros and cons of affiliating with NHSC were discussed – fee schedule, DQPs, etc. This will be added to the agenda for the general meeting. WHOA has the only national high point program right now. Points for the TWHBEA Versatility Program can only be counted if the show is affiliated with the Breeders. Tommy Hall of WHOA is expected to be at the WIWHA banquet.

Thanks to Kirk & Sue Peters for providing the meeting space and wonderful snacks!!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the General Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>!

## Trail Ride Courtesy

- Be saddled and ready to ride at the appointed time.
- Not all horses are accustomed to dogs – Check with the ride leader to see if dogs are allowed on the ride.
- Maintain a horse-length between you and the next horse. Don't tailgate!
- Tie a red ribbon on your horse's tail if it has a tendency to kick.
- Tie a green ribbon on your horse's tail if it is green broke.
- Stay with the group and the trail plan. If you intend to leave the group, inform the ride leader.
- Don't trot, gait, or run past others. If you must pass, tell the person which side you are passing on and do it slowly and carefully. If someone is passing you, face your horse's head toward the trail.
- When allowing horses to drink, wait until all are finished before proceeding down the trail.
- If someone has trouble, be considerate. If you have trouble, call ahead for others to wait. Impatient horses can be dangerous if left behind.
- Be friendly and courteous to other trail users and support multiple use of trails.
- Make sure all equipment (saddle, bridle, breast collar, etc.) is in good repair and fits properly.
- Carry the following: hoof pick, pocket knife, first-aid kit, insect repellent, halter, lead rope, compass, whistle, water and matches
- Be prepared for all weather conditions as weather can change rapidly; warm coat, slicker, hat, gloves, etc.
- Pack along an easy boot or type of alternative shoe that fits your horse in case you loose a shoe.
- Clean up after yourself and your horse. Leave it cleaner than you found it. Pack out your manure, hay and garbage with you when you leave.