

January 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order Jorja Musial's house.

The secretary's report was read and approved

The Treasurer's report was given. We have a balance of \$1,810.40

➤ **New Member Applications**

- ✓ Michelle Milbourne Family
- ✓ Dave & Kim Ihnen Family

➤ **Good and Welfare**

- ✓ Dave Endres is out and about and doing much better

➤ **Old Business**

✓ **Correction to the November minutes**

- The Phillips family had not volunteered to chair the contesting show in May. We will need someone to volunteer for this position. Please contact any of the officers if you would be able to do this

✓ **Show Grounds for next year**

- We have the contracts for the show grounds at Lebanon. The cost is \$300/month. Half of the rental fee plus a deposit of \$175 is due by January 15, 2010. The check for \$1,075 will be forwarded to them in the next week.
- Inside storage is available for our equipment except for during the county fair. Jorja will contact Stephanie to see if we can leave our things in the building at her barn until spring. Then a work weekend will be planned to clean out the building and move everything to the new location
- We must also furnish them with a copy of our insurance policy showing at least \$1,000,000 in liability coverage. Since that is the level we have been maintaining, we will not need to purchase any additional insurance coverage.
- Concessions must be hired from an approved list. Tracy has a copy of the list and will contact someone from that list to furnish food at our shows. The concessionaire is required to pay a fee of \$50 for being allowed to set up on the grounds.
- Restrooms with showers will be unlocked for our use.
- A tractor and drag are furnished but we must operate it.

✓ **Board Members**

- The board of directors is composed of 5 members in good standing, consisting of 3 past presidents, each serving a 3 year term, and 2 others elected from the

membership, each serving a 1 year term. They must be a member in good standing for at least 6 months.

- The board acts as an advisory group to assist the president in the direction of the club.
 - They can be removed from the board for actions in contrast to the wishes of the club or for failing to attend 3 consecutive meetings without a legitimate excuse.
 - A vote for removal from the board also cancels their membership privileges
- Elections were held for board members. The board members currently serving are:

- 3 Year Terms
 - ◆ Expiring 12/2010 – Cindy McKean
 - ◆ Expiring 12/2011 – Lori Redman
 - ◆ Expiring 12/2012 – Barry Conrad
- 1 Year Terms
 - ◆ Dawn Crone
 - ◆ Sherri Clark

✓ **Equipment Update**

- New Barrels have been secured from Roxanne Hudson.
- We will be added a note to the website that we have the PA systems available and will continue to try to find someone to give an appraisal of the systems.

✓ **Meeting Location**

- The community room has been reserved at the Boone Co REMC building in Lebanon for the meetings for 2010. The room is located on the north side of the building, to the left of the front doors. There is no charge for the room. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm

➤ **New Business**

✓ **Liability Insurance**

- Our policy is currently with Frey's Equine Insurance Agency. The premium is \$404/ year and is due for renewal in April. It was suggested that we may be able to get insurance thru the Indiana Horse Council at a lower rate. Jorja will follow up on this and report back at the next meeting.

✓ **2010 Show Bill**

- A motion was made and seconded to drop the jumping classes from the show bill due to low entries. This will be voted on at the February meeting.
- It was noted that we may or may not be able to continue to have the ring race. If we have safe and secure way to attach the uprights to the posts, we will be able to continue. Otherwise, it will have to be dropped from the show bill as well.

- Because of the additional cost of the grounds, class entry fees may need to be adjusted for this year. This will be discussed at the February meeting.
 - There was also discussion on no longer having the high point award at each show. It was hoped that this would generate interest in additional classes but did not appear to have that result. Possibly this was due to insufficient promotion. Discussion on this topic will also be finalized at the February meeting.
 - No other changes were proposed to the show bill.

- ✓ **Ribbon and Trophy Order**
 - Next month, we will be inventorying our ribbons and trophies and preparing the order for this year. Anyone still wishing to sell back ribbons or trophies is asked to contact one of the officers prior to the February meeting. Trophies and rosettes are bought back at \$3 each and ribbons at \$0.10 each.

- ✓ **Judges**
 - Tracy will contact judges for our shows for this year. We will begin with the judges that were used last year. Depending on availability, adjustments will be made from there. Tracy will report back to the club at the February meeting.

- ✓ **Memberships**
 - Reminder that membership renewals are due at the February meeting. With the added expense for the fairgrounds rent needing paid in January, our funds will be rather tight until the first show.

- ✓ **Sponsorships**
 - Ad prices will be the same as last year:
 - ◆ Business Card ~ 3 ¼ x 2 ½ - \$20 (includes a link from our website)
 - ◆ ½ Page ~ 4 x 5 ½ - \$30
 - ◆ Full Page ~ 8 ½ x 5 ½ - \$50
 - ◆ Class Sponsor - \$10
 - For every \$30 in sponsor money a member collects, they will earn one free class at a show this summer.
 - Sponsorship money is due by the March meeting

- ✓ **Year End Awards**
 - We have started to work on year-end awards and on items for the silent auction. It was passed by vote to allow Jorja to purchase plastic tubs to store the items in so there is no damage to them between now and the banquet in November.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 5th at 7:30 at Boone Co REMC Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned.