



New England Miniature Horse Society

Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2010 ~ Sturbridge, MA

Sign In:

Laurie Slobody, Roger Slobody, Patrick Herrick, Karen Rudolph, Alex Briggs, Bobbie Briggs, Clinton Jury, Kristina Slobody, Mary Adams, Gary Gudirkas, Victoria Chalut, Bailey Chalut, Missy Tansey, Pat Tansey, Ginny Gonsalves, Anna Franne, Noreen Todd, and Craig Laurer

Meeting Called to Order by President Craig Laurer: 1:26pm

Minutes reported by Missy Tansey from July 11, 2010 read and approved. (Motioned by Gary and Seconded by Laurie)

Audit Report was not assessable as Tom O'Connell has resigned.

2010 Show Committee Report by Laurie Slobody. The two shows from 2010 made a couple of hundred dollars each. Those who attended had a great time. The first show was very cold and the second very hot. The second had a large YOUTH showing.

Equine Affaire reported by Missy Tansey. The Equine Affaire was a three club sponsored event. What started out as an event with a lot of volunteers both for the booth and horses ... quickly fell apart. The only horses available were Cristal Wheelers – which we thank her and her family for. Many members' horses were sick at the time. The breed demo was canceled due to the lack of equine participation. Finances still have not been taken care of by the clubs. Balances are due to NEMHS from NMHC and TSMHS for insurance as reported to Missy Tansey by David Goble. Balance of Missy's costs from all clubs have not been taken care of. Noreen Todd reported that she was not made aware of any additional costs other than the original \$258. There was a multi-club membership offer made at the Equine Affaire and 3-4 memberships were collected – payment was issued to NMHC. The attendance at the Equine Affaire was lower this year and it would seem that if NEMHS was to continue this endeavor as a club we should look into selling something to off set the cost to the club. If the Equine Affaire is done again as a joint club endeavor, I would recommend that NEMHS has a more active

role as to the treasurer and the clubs pay up front prior to the event. The new treasurer will pursue the balances and bills will be sent.

Treasurer's Report was made by Noreen Todd. The balance as of July was \$3,954.88 and the present balance as of 12/5/10 - \$3,121.03. Noreen has ALL Treasurer paperwork to issue to the new Treasurer and will close out the present account.

Elections for 2011:

Secretary: Missy Tansey

Nominated By: Laurie Slobody Seconded By: Kristina Slobody
Ran unopposed

Treasurer: Laurie Slobody

Nominated By: Gary Gudirkas Seconded By: Vickie Chalut
Ran unopposed

Vice President: Vicky Chalut

Nominated By: Laurie Slobody Seconded By: Missy Tansey
Ran unopposed

President: Clinton Jury

Nominated By: Roger Slobody Seconded By: Mary Adams
Ran unopposed

Board of Directors:

Jane Golden's seat was up this year and need to be voted on; Tom O'Connell, Lisa Goble, and Jane Phillips have all resigned from the BOD. This leaves 4 seats to be voted on ... the only remaining BOD left from 2010 is Kristina Slobody.

2011 Board of Directors:

Kristina Slobody – Chairperson – MA

Karen Rudolph – NH

Bobbie Briggs – NY

Patrick Herrick – CT

Gary Gudirkas – CT

New President Clinton Jury took over the running of the meeting from Past President Craig Laurer. Thank you to Craig Laurer for acting as the NEMHS President for 2010.

Presentation of 2010 Awards.

2011 Show Committee: Missy Tansey Reported that the following two dates have been secured with the AMHA for 2011 We went back to our original May date – May 15,

2011. The NEMHS July date is a direct conflict with the Julep Cup so Equine Events has given NEMHS their June date ... June 19, 2011. World judges have been secured for both dates as well as another judge per date. Camp Marshall is available for a venue as well. Nothing more has been done until a show committee is formed. The following show committee for 2011 was formed: Mary Adams, Ginny Gonsalves, Matt Drown (volunteered by Kristina Slobody), Kristina Slobody, Missy Tansey (Show Manager), Clinton Jury (President), and Laurie Slobody as Chairperson. A short show committee meeting will take place directly after the closing of this meeting. New ideas for making shows profitable for 2011 were reported by Missy Tansey. The Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHA) offers mini pinto classes that we could incorporate into our shows ... by booking both AMHA and PtHA carded judges. Exhibitors showing PtHA register minis often have AMHA or AMHR papers as well ... so they might stay and show in AMHA classes as well ... but in the long run it increases in the income of the show without increasing the cost other than getting the show PtHA approval. This could be done at the June show as our May date conflicts with the New England Pinto show that same weekend. Another idea is to run a larger horse show in conjunction with our minis show to offset the costs. A 2-Phase Dressage Show as suggested as the participants are looking for new venues in the Central Mass area – if Spencer is used for a location – allowing the minis to also be outside – as a few exhibitors have expressed a concern about the safety of driving in the indoor. The 2-Phase can also be pointed by another series as to attract people to attend.

AMHA Renewal is due. Clinton Jury will handle and once new checking account is set up will send off paperwork and payment to AMHA.

The Equine Journal Renewal was reported to be due as well by Craig Laurer. The contract fee is \$ 350 – usually we send \$ 7 per member. A discussion was had about affiliating with the Yankee Horsemen's Pedlar instead. Missy Tansey volunteered to explore the costs and report back to the BOD. It was discussed that NEMHS has not had any news in the Journal for most the past year. Mary Adams has volunteered to write the articles and submit them to whatever publication that the BOD votes to affiliate with.

The **NEMHS Website** needs to have a new webmaster as Craig Laurer is no longer interested in that position. Gary Gudirkas has offered to take that position on.

Meeting Closed At 3:15pm.

NEMHS would like to Thank Pat Herrick for bringing a great cake for all of us to enjoy.