

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN CANADIAN MINIATURE HORSE CLUB HELD AT INNISFAIL, ALBERTA, OCTOBER 27, 2012

Call to Order by Marj Brown– 11:15 am.

Additions to Agenda: appointment of auditors
Minis in Motion
Newsletter cover draw

Minutes: Sonja moved that the Minutes from the spring meeting March 24, 2012 be adopted as printed in the newsletter. Ruben M. seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah reviewed the report to October 1, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes, and reported bank balance at \$5182.45. Sarah advised that sponsorship was greatly decreased in 2012, and no calendar fundraising took place. Sarah moved her report be adopted as read. Sonja seconded. Carried.

Old Business:

1. Fundraising – Calendars: Christine reported:

Plan was to sell a month (\$100) plus business cards (\$35), to offset costs, but there were insufficient buyers. Meeting consensus was to continue the calendar project. Christine will investigate the possibility of having 100 printed for 2013, and will proceed provided costs are covered. Members present delivered sufficient funds to cover 12 months, plus some business card ads. Calendar months were drawn as follows:

January:	Showtime	February:	NewFound Minis
March:	Royal Fleet	April:	Lunde
May:	Carriage Court	June:	Holwil
July:	Bricker	August:	Double C
September:	Circle J	October:	First Knight
November:	Little Bit	December:	Imprint

2. Fundraising – Suggestions:

- Show Committees pay Judges' hotel costs from Fundsript gift cards.
- Charge for foal announcements with a picture in the newsletter.
- Open classified ads to outside advertisers

3. Year End Trophies:

- A print of the trophy sponsors will be in the next newsletter.
- Membership application must be amended to state plaques are 1.5" x 2.5".
- KC moved that the plaques be gold as originally started by the Club (rescinding motion made at March 24 meeting). Kim K seconded. Carried.
- YIP bought 2 trophies and will continue to be the sponsor. Cindy moved that anyone purchasing or donating a perpetual trophy to the Club, setting it up as per Club requirements, will have the sponsor fee of \$75 waived for that particular year. Colleen seconded. Carried.

4. Website: Cindy advised that Brian Gibbons is assisting with the site. Thanks extended by the meeting to Brian.

5. Barb McDonald Clinic: Mandy reported that YIP funded this clinic and the cost to the Club was \$150 (no hotel cost – thanks Mandy!). Mandy suggested that next time a charge be added to the registration form for lunch. This instructor can teach all levels, and included private lessons. Sufficient interest for another clinic. Sarah offered to book hotels at a discount of 40% if hotels are required in the future.

New Business:

1. Wild and Wooly: Kendra advised that because of the financial concerns of the Club that YIP is willing to conduct this show. **Kendra moved that the present Committee, with YIP, take on the financial responsibility of the Wild and Wooly Show in future. Sarah seconded. Carried.** Kendra and Christine will again organize in 2013.
2. YIP: Mandy reported 17 youth participated this year, including 3 from out of province. Has 12 breeders, and 22 supporters. Also proposing another clinic (besides the Barb McDonald clinic).
 - a) Bank balance reported at \$1426.49. Statement attached.
 - b) Funds report explained. \$324.17 raised to date in 2012.
 - c) Youth, Sarah Sewlal, winner of essay contest with YIP, was also a second place winner with AMHA at World Show. Congratulations.
Suggestion: encourage more youth to enter AMHA contests.
3. Newsletter: Cindy reported the September issue was “thin” for lack of advertising, and increased costs. She needs stories, articles, etc. She advised that articles can be forwarded to her and she will attempt to get permission to reprint.
Suggestion: print a poster advertising the WCMHC, grey scale, for members to post at outside venues. Cindy will prepare one once all 2013 show dates are known.
4. Mane Event: Kendra advised that in view of the delay in obtaining Club permission, the booth may be lost. Mane Event is the only breed promotion done by the Club. **Kendra moved that the Club proceed with the Mane Event booth as in the past until such time as it is deemed not feasible by the Committee or the Club. KC seconded. Discussion - and Kendra amended motion to include that provided some of the cost of the booth be covered by members for the distribution of their business cards. Carried.** There were members present who delivered payment for business card distribution and will deliver business cards prior to Kendra prior to Mane Event (April 27, 2013).
5. Future Clinics:
 - a) Suggestion of another Barb McDonald clinic tabled to next AGM to determine Club finances.
 - b) Mandy moved that YIP contact Hoffman Products to organize a seminar on equine nutrition to be held at the spring meeting, at no cost to the Club. Dale seconded. Carried.
 - c) KC moved that the Club pay \$500 to YIP, being monies earned by the Wild & Wooly 2009 clinic, and originally designated as funds for future clinics. Colleen seconded. Carried.
6. Christmas Party/Awards Night: Yvonne will arrange with the Cow Palace at Olds for December 1 at 1:00 pm if possible for an afternoon awards presentation, and early Potluck dinner, white elephant gift exchange, and silent auction. Room has been made available to the Club for all day, but Olds will only charge \$80/hr for 3 hours. No liquor will be served by the Club. Yvonne will email details to members.
Suggestion: alternate years in the north at NAIT at \$25 pp with meal and hall.
Suggestion Orange Hall in Innisfail. – but cost of liquor and insurance is high.
Yvonne moved that the 2013 Christmas Party be booked for the Cow Palace in Olds. Sarah seconded. Carried.
7. Annual Report to Corporate Registry: Sonja advised that the Annual Return was rejected requesting a Balance Sheet disclosing assets and liabilities. Sonja has prepared a Club inventory, and a Balance Sheet has been prepared and will be distributed with the year end financial report. Annual Return being resubmitted.
Sonja moved that Dale Crocker and Charlene Gale conduct a member audit of the 2012 financial records at year end. Erin seconded. Carried.
8. Minis in Motion: Marj confirmed dates to be July 26, 27, 28, 2013.
9. Judging: KC advised:

- a) Next year Judges are being told to penalize anyone sliding into line.
- b) Bridles must not come off before the cart in Versatility.
- c) silent auction items in Calgary were sorted out (girls vs boys) by KC with additional items being delivered later. She thanked youth for cooperation.
- d) KC thanked all those who assisted her at Worlds, and thanked Gord Crocker for a great hand at the Stampede.

Randy McG. cautioned members to not believe all rumors, assist each other at shows, cooperate. He noted a change in attitude in the years he has been absent. He thanked all Club members for their support, service, and acknowledgement over the 4 years of his recovery.

10. Newsletter Draw:

Cover: March:	Lunde
June	M. Brown
September	Imprint
December	Sklar
Back:	Circle J.

11. Membership Fees: Kendra moved that the membership fees starting in 2014

increase by \$5.00 for family and single memberships. Colleen seconded. Carried.

12. Club Shows : Cindy reported as follows:

- a) High cost for ribbons in 2012, but 95% return of flat ribbons so 2013 costs will be lower.
- b) Judges' costs are increasing.
- c) Club still subsidizing \$10 per stall cost but she will check with Olds to see if a discount can be obtained in view of Club date in June being changed.
- d) Show No. 1 – Cutters have priority in 2013 for the third weekend of June (large show), so Club dates will be June 28, 29, 30, in the Megadome. Cindy will check into the feasibility of a clinic on July 1st.
- e) Show No. 2 – Dates are August 9, 10, 11 in the Cow Palace, and Olds will address the problems of the cutting horses around the Palace, and the difficult crossing.
- f) Cindy sought input on splitting amateur classes into Levels 1 and 2, YOTE classes, and more team classes.
- g) Holly Whyte will undertake to obtain sponsors and prizes for both Club Shows in 2013.

13. Red Deer Show: Judy Lunde has agreed to organize the 2013 Red Deer Show. Dates are July 20 and 21. New staff at the Westerner again this year.

14. Stampede Show 2013: Committee meeting October 29, 2012.

15. Worlds 2012:

- a) KC thanked all Canadians who come to support. Cautioned the flag waiving.
- b) New Rule: Must have an appointment to cross the border with horses.
- c) Meeting congratulated KC on her accomplishments again in 2012.

16. Elections:

President: Yvonne Campbell stepped up from VP. Elected by acclamation.
 Vice President: Cindy nominated Bill Clarke. Elected.
 Secretary: Sonja Marinoske agreed to stand again (with Kendra's help if Needed). Elected by acclamation.
 Treasurer: Sarah Hunter agreed to stand again. Elected by acclamation.

KC and the meeting thanked Marj Brown for her two years as President of the club.

Adjournment.