

## MPHE General Meeting

March 8, 2008

President Donna called the meeting to order. A drawing was held and Ron Hellie won the jacket given away in a drawing for those in attendance at the General Meeting.

Gina was asked to add a notation to the new stalling form regarding a change for this year. This has already been done per the previous meeting.

The treasures report was read and approved. The balance is \$12,334.95 and the Youth balance is \$1631.15. The futurity account is at \$1300 and \$500 has been added for 2008.

Kaye made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Billeye Rabbe.

John Winkleman suggested that the treasure's report include a line by line itemization as this would be more informational for our members. Sue reworked the report for us and will do it that way in the future. Information and history on the Youth CD was given by Gene Ludens. The interest is \$196.69 and the CD value is \$454.23.

Kim Dolan suggested that we support our youth in some way such as an award for each participant. Discussion followed. It was decided that one way to support our youth is to recruit friends, neighbors etc...to help the youth membership grow and to develop a mentor list for youth and all new members. Wendy took note of all of those interested in being a new members mentor and will add it to the web site. Dave Remus suggested we add to the web site an invitation for potential members to visit our booth at the Expo.

Futurity: Kelly Wroe has chosen an embroidered bag for futurity prizes. We have added 1 rainbow class for 2008. It was also decided to host an auction both spring and fall as a fund raiser for the futurity. Kim Dolan and Billeye Rabbe will be working together on mailing sponsorship letters. Each \$125 sponsorship will include a website add.

Corrections were made regarding futurity information that was in the newsletter.

The Youth did not have any business to bring forward.

Billeye will be organizing a Thursday night gathering at the spring show. The intent is to provide a social gathering for those already in attendance. Donna will follow up with the photographer that we had last year.

A discussion regarding the newsletter expense was held. At an earlier point in time it was decided to try and phase this out due to expenses. Recent discussion led to the consensus that it is great PR and to continue with the paper copy. Wendy offered to put a mass email out when the newsletter is completed. If members do not want a paper copy they can request that we do not send them one.

Miscellaneous items were noted. This includes the necessity of name changes on the Youth C.D., that judges have been hired and that menus have been chosen and will be put on the web site. All new forms for 2008 should be emailed to Wendy ASAP so she can put those on the website as well.

Donna read and reviewed the budget with us. Lisa Rixe made a motion that we approve the budget and John gave it a second.

The clothing merchandise budget was raised to \$2750.00. It was felt that this will be an in/out transaction and will not be an issue.

Donna told us that a needed upgrade for the computer will cost \$150 for the software. This will be purchased.

A short discussion was held to explain why MPHE is a WSCA member. Our membership supports those exhibitors that wish to show WSCA but that are not interested or not able to belong to another saddle club. Gina will make

sure the membership list is sent in by the deadline date of June 30, 2008. She will also contact Terri Spence regarding how they want the list sent in this year.

MPHE has been trying to book a third show. After a lot of discussion, John made a motion to book The Red Horse Ranch Arena if they waive the \$1500 fee and only require us to guarantee 50 stalls. Second by Jerry, motion carried.

Tammy and John will discuss the possibility of sharing a horse show with North Star Paints. Lisa Potter will also be part of this committee. The information will be brought to the board and the board will make the final decision. Gina mentioned that the Appaloosa club is also interested in sharing a show.

Wendy invited everyone interested in signing up on the web to receive updated information regarding MPHE. Emails will be sent to those signed up as necessary.

Rideability has requested a donation to their nonprofit organization. Lisa Potter called the company for details. Discussion followed. John made a motion to contribute \$180 and a second was given by Don. Motion carried unanimously. John made a motion that we not sponsor a WSCA class this year with a second by Mandy Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

The last item for discussion was, to ask if the membership felt it is necessary to establish guidelines for those interested in representing our club as a delegate. Discussion items included that we may want to give some thought to delegates being required to be active at the state level by working at shows and attending the general meetings. It was decided to table this item at this time.

A petition was drawn up and signed regarding our opposition to the rule change regarding points for 2009. Billee made a motion that we send this to PHBA and the second was by Dave Remus. Gina will do this ASAP.

Sue Elam made a motion that we adjourn the meeting with a second by Kim Dolan.

Minutes subject to approval.

Respectfully,  
Gina Hall, MPHE Secretary