

Western Pennsylvania PHA

Date: October 11, 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Location: The Clubhouse 5301 Ranalli Dr., Gibsonia, PA 15044

Agenda:

- I. Call to order Spencer Turnblacer, Melissa Kaczynski, John Ham, Casey Slabe, Stacey Enck, Adam Gray
- II. Items for Discussion
  - a. Review of events since last meeting (January 31): 2022 WPAPHA Annual Horse Show: Positive feedback from participants – specifically regarding prizes and sponsorship. Discussion of potential dates & looking into obtaining an A rating that would allow keeping it the same week and same location...hope is that USEF gives us the A rating because there's no distance conflict.
  - b. Planning for 2023 show to take place in coming months; Spencer, Stacey, Adam target discussing show with Linda November/December.
  - c. Review/Edit of Bylaws: Rulebook is in need a full overhaul. This will be conducted at the next open meeting, changes will take affect for the 2024 season. No changes have been made to the current rulebook due to lack of members attendance, aside from grammar, formatting, and clarification other than:
    1. Board specifications
      - a. Who can sit on the board? Professional status is preferred for all board members, but if no professional is nominated or willing, a non-pro can sit on board. Spencer proposed. All in favor. (This rule is taken directly from the National board – Per conversations with National board last fall.
      - b. Board member Term is 1 year, board members can succeed themselves.
      - c. Who is considered a voting member? Stacey proposed that Points Secretary be added as a voting member, John seconds, all in favor.
      - d. Roles/responsibilities of each Board member: Specified that Points Secretary will handle points, but not sanctioning. Secretary will continue to handle sanctioning & membership. Full responsibilities of each board member will be included in the By-law overhaul.
    2. Who is eligible for Financial Aid? Trainers Must be an active member in good standing. A form will be developed and reviewed at the next open meeting. This is similar to how the National PHA handles requests for assistance.

- d. Show Sanctioning • Ideas for additional sanctioned shows: Target Buffalo schooling series, Traverse City, Kentucky, Ledges. Potential to set up for shows to sanction through Paypal. Desire to create a formal document that lays out all sanctioning details.
  - e. 2022 Year-End Banquet (Sunday, November 20th @ Hampton Banquet Hall) • Ticket pricing o \$55 and \$25. Promotion: Already on the website & will start posting on Facebook, IG, etc. Stacey to run point on getting trophies engraved. A few members would like to donate Perpetual Trophy's. The criteria will be sent by the person donating the trophy & will be reviewed by the board. Spencer proposed, all in favor.
  - f. Utilize leftover prizing from show for raffles and door prizes. Melissa proposed, all in favor.
- III. Reports:
- a. Treasurer – \$16,141.74
  - b. Membership – Current membership numbers • No changes.
  - c. Points – Update on posted points • Currently 3-4 show points outstanding.
- IV. 2023 Board Nominations / Election
- a. President – Casey nominates Spencer Turnblacer, Stacey seconds – Spencer accepts.
  - b. VP – Spencer nominates Adam Gray, Casey seconds – Adam accepts.
  - c. Treasurer – Adam nominates John Ham, Melissa seconds – John accepts.
  - d. Secretary – Casey nominates Melissa Kaczynski, Stacey seconds – Melissa accepts.
  - e. Points Secretary – Spencer nominates Stacey Enck, John seconds – Stacey accepts.
- V. Other comments/concerns:
- a. Discussion followed about ways to motivate members to become more involved. At meetings, shows, clinics, constructive comments, and so many other ways. Any member who would like to share their talent, idea or desire to help is always welcome to reach out to any board member.
  - b. Also discussed was our professional members & their commitment to the riders, the students/children/clients and other professionals. The desire to provide a positive learning environment and set a good example.

Adjourn Spencer adjourns meeting at 8:40pm.