

Area VII Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Assoc. Inc.
Annual Meeting December 1, 2018 Round Table Pizza - Fairfield

Attendance Officers: Jacob Elliott, President; Susan Browning-Wroe, Vice President; Michele Nelson, Treasurer, Robert Blackwell, Director; Melissa Berschens, Secretary; John Gracey Director, Richard Radulovich, Director.

Members present: Richard Ericson

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm on December 1, 2018.

Roll Call - sign in sheet used.

January 2018 minutes were approved by Michele Nelson and seconded by Robert Blackwell.

Election of Officers

The only two officer positions are area Directors. Robert Blackwell and John Gracey terms are up for renewal. Michele Nelson nominated Robert Blackwell and Richard Ericson 2nd the motion. Elliot Jacob nominated John Gracey and Robert Blackwell 2nd the motion and nominated.

Postcards need to be sent out with envelope with return stamps. Melissa Berschens Ballots need to be returned by January 5th so they can be counted for the January 12th Area VII meeting. Melissa will be sending them out mid-December.

Jacob Elliot made a motion to hold the next meeting January 12th at noon. Susan Browning-Wroe seconded the motion to hold the meeting at Round Table Pizza in Fairfield.

Review of Progress on Shows /Timelines

California Classic Updates

Show Location: Rancho Murieta Equine Center. The deposits have been submitted for both shows and the dates and locations have been secured.

Announcer: Jacob let the club know the initial announcer we had lined up was contacted to let him know we have changed our minds to use Candace Taylor because she has more experience with congress shows. Rate is \$150 per day plus mileage plus \$25 per diem. No hotel will be needed because she lives nearby. It was asked by Michele Nelson if we should hire her and send contracts for both shows. It was decided to have her announce both shows.

judges/steward

Maryan Baker is the ASPC Steward.

Richard Petty is a judge that is confirmed. We are looking at Rob Crater but he is checking his

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schedule.

It was suggested to add the Western Stock Division for minis only. We will be adding a chariot class for minis. We had a discussion to drop the hunter jumper and obstacle classes for the ponies and it was decided to leave them in the class list. Michele Nelson will be sending the premium to Rinda Pullen.

Hotel: Michele Nelson mentioned the Murieta hotel has been hard to get a hold of and difficult with billing and issues getting refunds. Jacob Elliot will be contacting the hotel to make arrangements and get a group rate and deal with the issues that we faced last time we used the hotel.

It was discussed by Michele Nelson to have another show committee meeting before the next club meeting starting at 11am on January 12th. This was decided to have a show meeting and it will be before the regular meeting at 11am.

Summer Show

Show will be a 2 Day show June 22-23, 2018

Judges/Stewards, etc.

Jacob Elliot reported that we have no judges yet. The show manager will be finding the judges and will be contacting the judges and securing them.

Maryan Baker will be the show steward for the summer show.

Show Manager - will be Karen Torosian out of Oregon. It was discussed to have the club book the flights for the judges for the summer show and the show manager will not have to do that for this show. Michele Nelson made a motion to pay the Show Manager \$500 for a flat fee for the 2 day show. Susan Browning-Wroe seconded the motion and the club voted to approve this fee. Michele Nelson will write a contract for Karen Torosian and send it to her and get it taken care of.

Jacob Elliot opened the floor up for discussion for which judges to have at the show. Richard Erickson suggested we look into Austin Vanwyck. Cindy Weight Carter from Lakeside California was also suggested both judges have Modern cards. It was also suggested we find 2 additional judges in case these judges are not available. It was suggested to look into Kathleen Grimes, Sammy Scheuring and Syndi Kanzler.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Melissa's Proposal

(Banner advertisement in exchange for sponsorship)

Richard Radulovich has connections with wine companies and they might be interested in advertising with banners. It was suggested by Michele Nelson that we make it clear that the sponsor banners will be provided by the vendor. It was suggested that vendors should bring their banners at 4pm to the show office on Friday afternoon before the show starts.

Charges for stalls, etc.-

Stalls have increased by Murieta to a flat fee for the show for \$60 per stall it used to be \$47. There a motion by Robert Blackwell to change the stall fees and break it out for Members and Non-Members so we can not lose money and give some break to our members. We can't loose money on stalls since Murieta is charging more for stalls now. The motion was to change the fees for stalls for Members to pay \$60 for Tack Stalls and \$65 for regular Stalls. For Non-Members \$65 for Tack stalls and \$70 for stalls. Michele Nelson seconded the motion and it was approved.

Richard Radulovich mentioned the DMV registration on the club trailer is out dated. Richard Radulovich went to the DMV and renewed it and changed the address on the trailer go to our Treasurer, Michele Nelson. The current registration and pink slip is now in the trailer.

It was discussed that Jacob Elliot talk to Shady about the shavings, there was an issue there wasn't enough shavings and people who paid for shavings did not have shavings for their show.

Member Benefits – Class Fees

Michele Nelson made a motion instead of having the same fees for all entries, there would be Member show fees would be \$10 Youth \$20 Amatuer/Cool fees \$25 Open/ Stakes For Non Members the fees would be \$15 Youth Am/Cool \$25 Open Stakes \$30. The motion was seconded by Melissa Berschens and approved.

Update on pairing with Norcal (AMHA Club)

The logistics with trying to pair the show with Norcal is not working out. It was decided to have this show be a 2 day show for 2018.

Update on Non-Profit Status

Jacob Elliot worked with Biz Central USA that will be filing non profit status. The process has been started and filed and it is underway we are waiting the IRS. It was discussed if the club should be a 501C3 or 501C7 and the company handling this will be determining which status the club will be set up as.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jacob Elliot and seconded by Melissa Berschens.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.

Notes taken by: Melissa Berschens Secretary/Treasurer Area VII SP&MHA

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