

## AREA VII MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 19TH, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 12:06pm by Jacob Elliott.

Members in attendance on Zoom: Michele Nelson, Jacob Elliott, Melissa Berschens, Susan Browning-Wroe, Jim Curry, Robert Blackwell, Lynne Blackwell, John Gracey, Julie Mabie, Becky Horat, Morgan Crouch, Rinda Pullen, and Erin Henson.

Verified quorum.

Approved minutes from January 2020 meeting with one typo fix, Linda Anastasio was listed as treasurer, and it is actually Jim Curry. Michele Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction and Julie Mabie seconded the motion.

Memberships are due, they are \$20. You can sign up online on the club website at [www.areaviiclub.com](http://www.areaviiclub.com).

Donations can also be made on the website by using a credit card or Paypal.

National Area Show Update: Rinda Pullen

We are using the same class list that we came up with last year for the National Area show.

Judge: Margo Shallcross (\$350 per day ) + \$25 per diem

Show Steward: Keri Kinghorn (\$250 per day ) + \$25 per diem  
Announcer:  
Kati Wilson (\$150 per day ) + \$25 per diem

Airfare - credit for Judge and Keri (\$825.80) Rinda will verify.

Discussion on Stall fees: Facility charges club \$78 per stall, discussion was on what we should charge exhibitors for stalls. Move in is on Wednesday afternoon checkout is 8pm Sunday night.

Jim Curry raised the question if extra days could be purchased and the answer was yes, but needs to be done ahead of time and they need to work that out with Rinda.

Exhibitor rate: Contact - Anna or London regarding hotel rooms (four rooms minimum)

Going through Ribbons will be done sometime soon meeting at Casey's.

Michele Nelson moved that we place the stall fee back to \$80 for the week. Robert Blackwell seconded the motion. m/s/c

Wheel of Names was spun for free memberships.

Winners: Robert Blackwell, Melissa Berschens, John & Shelia Gracey, Morgan Crouch

Rinda reported that she would file for approval again with the corrected dates in the premium and will send it in for approval.

Rinda also reported she is working on getting online entry functions setup for this show where you can enter online and pay with a credit card. A question was asked by Melissa Berschens if we can still enter by mail and the answer is yes.

# Approved

Michele Nelson mentioned it is time for people to send in memberships and our membership is down from last year. We need to let people know about our club and you can enter online on the club website.

Morgan Crouch suggested we add open unregistered classes (46" and under) to the Area National show including mules and mini donkeys. Discussion will be held further at the upcoming show committee meeting. If you are interested in joining the show committee, please contact Melissa Berschens 408-621-4173 and she will get you more information about the committee.

Jim Curry gave a update on the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR organization and the new president is Rob Crater. He also mentioned that the new journal will be coming out soon by mail and online.

Michele Nelson presented a draft treasurer report (see report for more details).

She mentioned that our club insurance will be renewed soon and be effective by our show in April, 2021.

Michele Nelson mentioned that if we'd like to use Zoom for our meetings it is \$149.90 for the year. Jacob moved that we switch to Zoom virtual meetings due to Covid in 2021 and Jacob Elliott made a motion to purchase the Zoom account for our virtual meetings. Lynne

Blackwell seconded the motion. m/s/c.

Jim Curry suggested that we have one meeting in person when it is safe to do that and he suggested we have a social event to draw more people. Jim also suggested a schooling show. The show committee will meet to discuss.

Jacob Elliot said we normally have a nomination meeting, but COVID prevented that from happening. We can take nominations for open board positions at this meeting.

Richard Erickson nominated Erin Henson as an area director.

Susan Wroe nominated Robert Blackwell as an area director.

Jim Curry nominated Linda Anastasio as an area director.

Ballots will be sent out in January and will need to be returned by January 16th, 2020.

Ballots will be sent to Melissa Berschens and she will count them due to COVID.

Next general membership meeting is scheduled on Zoom for January 27th at 7pm.

John Gracey moved to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Nelson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Approved