

Area VII Shetand Pony & Miniature Horse Assoc., Inc.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

11/16/2023

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Prepared By: Vicki Veiga

Officers Present:

Camryn Day, President
Michele Nelson, Treasurer
Vicki Veiga, Secretary
Susan Browning-Wroe, Director
Jill Wright, Director
Robert Blackwell, Director

Members Present:

Jacob Elliot
Tonya Pearsall
Becky Horat
Julie Mabie (National Director)

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Camryn Day. Guests were welcomed and greeted. Expressed gratitude for the members who took the time to join meeting. Reminded members to renew memberships for 2024.

Previous minutes from January 2023 are currently unavailable, but the club will make a stronger effort to keep minutes up to date.

Financial report was presented by Treasurer Michele Nelson,

Our website remains up to date, Michele has been updating show dates of other local clubs as they become available. Facebook is being used for general announcements.

Our two events planned this year were successful. Our Mini Madness Play Day in Orangevale drew a large crowd of observers as well as participants. Lots of rescue horses and non registered horses came and were pleased with the event. The "Hoofbeats and Haunts" Schooling show was also very successful. Becky Horat commented that she really enjoyed the show and appreciated how well run it was.

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Club is working on membership involvement, Julie Mabie commented that this is a common issue for many local clubs.

Member recommendations for club involvement:

1. Local 4 H involvement has been successful in drawing in participants but not much keeping them interested or motivated. More help and guidance should be available but hard with the small amounts of local trainers. Clinics/playdays where members can help each other may be successful in keeping new members engaged in shows and activities.
2. More clinics and non rated fun shows offer members a less stressful environment to gain experience
3. At rated shows, offering novice classes
4. Jacob Elliot suggested fun classes being offered at shows to give something to offer members at clubs. This suggestion was greatly welcomed during the meeting.

There was conversation about the possibility of doing a dual show with Norcal Miniature Horse Club. There was information provided that the larger local trainers would not be interested in another dual show. At this time, it was decided that a dual A/R show with another local club will not be possible for April 2024.

Norcal Show update from Brenda and Bob Kane: Norcal will not be doing a show in April due to no available venue and conflicting show dates with Touch of Class in Scottsdale. Their show dates will be updated on the website when available.

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2024-2026

Board presented a slate of candidates who will be running for officer seats for the following term. The candidates are:

- President: Camryn Day
- Vice President: Robert Blackwell
- Secretary: Vicki Veiga
- Treasurer: Michele Nelson
- Director: Susan Browning Wroe
- Director: Lynn Blackwell

Our third Director Jill Wright is not up for re-election as her term runs from 2023-2024. She will continue to fill her director spot.

We asked for nominations for alternative candidates and there were no suggestions offered from the members.

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Official secret ballots will be sent out via postal mail to members. Please return them as soon as possible.

Next date was chosen for our next general membership meeting and will take place January 10th, 2023 at 6:30 pm via whereby.com.

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