

Big Wyoming Appaloosa Horse Club
Year End General Membership Meeting
OCT. 30th, 2011 11:00 a.m.

Clarion Inn
1450 Riverbend Drive
Douglas, WY 82633

President Colt Rodeman called the meeting to order at **11:20** a.m.

Roll call sheet was passed. It showed present: 3 officers, 5 board members and 13 of the general membership.

President's Report by Colt Rodeman. Colt started with we had some pitfalls but we made it through and we did it with style. All the comments he heard were positive on the Expo and he then thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts. He expressed his opinion on keeping the horse show in Douglas and that we need to keep it up and to keep everything moving forward. Let the past be the past. He then expressed his desire to retire from office and that he would not be running or accepting a nomination to office. Would still be here and will help where he can. It has been a good run and he thanked everyone again.

The Secretary's report was passed out by Taylor Rodeman. Colt asked if everyone had read the report and if anyone had any comments or corrections. A motion was made by Sorrel Burris; to approve the minutes as written. Connie Taylor; seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor (16). 3 member had not arrived yet. Reports stand approved as written.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Patricia Hales. Our Beginning Balance was \$5,877.50 on October 17th, 2010. We had Deposits of \$24,878.83 and Checks & Fees of \$19,821.19 which gave us an Ending Balance of \$6,137.13. A motion by Tanna Rodeman; to accept this report as read. Karen Hiatt; seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept the report as read (16). 3 members had not arrived yet. Motion carried.

Old Business

Patricia Hales presented the profit/loss statements for the Horse Expo and the Horse Show. She reported that as of this point in time the Expo made \$8,374.75 and the annual Horse Show made \$4,514.12. However there are still outstanding bills and receipts for both events. Which means we can expect to see those profits shrink, but hopefully by not a lot.

The meeting proceeded to the Horse Expo and Colt asked for comments and / or thoughts from everyone. We Started with Tanna and she said we needed to increase the number of vendors, that she dealt with a few disgruntled vendors but most were positive and that there was very positive comments on the Clinicians. Sorrel said she thought things ran better, the weather was a little better but not by much and our sound guy did a great job. Tom stated he heard a lot of positive comments over the next month and that Colt did a good job adlibbing as announcer and talking with Vendors. Helen stated the Clinicians were excellent and we need to keep it up. She also stated what a great job our youth volunteers, Anastacia, Tricia and Taylor did. Especially with the 50/50 and colt raffles. Anastacia said while working the Expo she heard plenty of positive comments by Vendors, Clinicians and Participants. Sue said the drill team was happy, the clinicians were good, and the comments she heard were positive. Art said it was a very costly Expo for him, he bought a Kubota tractor but Karla uses it most. Karla stated that a contact made during the Expo yielded the sale of one of their horses within a few weeks. Patty stated she had spoke with a vendor in Texas, who had heard about the Expo and was going to check us out. Also that Amy McLean with UW was staying in contact and want to continue to be a part of the Expo, that Bill Gentile had resigned as president of the WY Horse Council and wanted to also thank Helen for the idea of the 50/50 raffles. Connie said pretty much everyone had mentioned what she was thinking but one additional thought on what a success the drawings at the end of the Expo were. Tanna added one additional comment on how quickly and what a good job the girls had done helping to pack out Show Me Twice.

Colt added hats off to everyone and then asked Cindy and Linda if they wanted to add anything. Linda said her and Cindy had made it up for one day and that they enjoyed the clinicians, especially Keith Thomas, Rick Gaudreault, Glenn Ryan. They also bought a couple of caps and did a little looking around.

Next we proceeded to comments and feedback on the Horse Show. Colt started off this discussion saying it was a wise decision to move the show to the State Fair/Douglas, and that he liked the facilities better. Tanna brought up the sound system for the state had some holes and poor sound in several areas. At this time, 12:15 p.m. we broke for lunch as our meals were being served.

The meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m. with the drawing for some door prizes. The first five winners were; Connie, Sue, Sam, Art and Michelle. Sorrel got us back on the show discussion with, we should have done well with the 2 judge/double points type of show. She then jumped into all the hoorah to do with the trail course and how it was not right for people to be jumping Sam. She had seen on one of the online chat/posting blog, that they were really getting with it. She commented with the judges having approved the course after doing their walk through and having given everyone more than a fair chance to ride the course, no one really had a right to complain. She went on to state she probably knew some of them, and would have a talk with them. Tom commented it would be nice if we can fix it so we do not have to share the Indoor Arena and that the fair provided us with a good ground/pit crew. Anastacia said she had fun and preferred this facility and location to the show in Torrington. Helen spoke next saying she thought the show was great, that we should have made money this year, that there were some hiccups but all in all everything came off well. Helen also said the Kevin learned a lot, had a pretty good time and that the judges were both pleased with the job he did, even to the point of saying they were signed off on his ring steward certification. Sue had no comments as she had a prior commitment with the Pony Express and could not make it. Linda went next and stated most went well but she was displeased with the show photographer as the galleries were still not up. Also that the young horses were very fidgety having to wait so long to get started. Sorrel responded to this comment saying there had been a problem with the mic, not just disorganized. On we went to Jordy who said she thought the show was good but she only could make it to one day. Michelle stated that those she had talked to in Colorado that had come to the show had told her it was a good show and a lot of fun. They also told her she should have come. Lastly she had heard comments about the trail class but did not elaborate. Connie went next saying she thought it went well. The last comments came from Taylor. She said her horse was having some challenges but she had a good time and that even though it rained she still got to ride the trail class. All were in agreement, that for being basically a new show, because we moved it, it went well and gave a good start on building our show back up.

New Business

First item brought up was the P2P but it was decided to discuss it later.

Discussions turned to the Expo for 2012. A little discussion took place but then went right to a motion, to have a 2012 Big Wyoming Horse Expo. The motion was made by Tom Burris and it was seconded by Connie Taylor. A little discussion took place and then the vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion passed. From the prior discussions came our second motion, which was the dates for 2012. A motion was made by Patty for the Expo to be a full three days and to be on April 20, 21 and 22. Karen seconded the motions. Discussion issued as to why was it going to be earlier? All were reminded that we had originally pick the third weekend in April, which made it as late as possible in April but ahead of the start of the rodeo season which is around May 1st. Also that we had only moved it in 2012 because the Expo would have fallen over Easter. Previous decision had been that for 2012 it would be better not to be on Easter than to worry about being over the 1st of May. A little more discussion took place and then the motion was put to vote. The vote was a unanimous yes and the motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was the 2012 Horse Show. Some preliminary discussion took place and then a motion was made by Sorrel to hold the 2012 BWApHC Show during the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas, WY on the last weekend, August 18 and 19. Tanna seconded the motion and just a few comments were made before the vote took place. Once again all were in favor and the motion passed.

The last 3 agenda items were touched on briefly. The first was the need to keep trying to get articles and news published, as well as having club newsletters posted on the web site. That led us into the next item, the clubs web site and we need someone to volunteer to give being our webmaster a try. Linda said she works with their web site and would be willing to give the clubs ago. She also said she uses face book and would work to get something up there as well. Michelle suggested if she needed info or a hand, maybe she could contact Barbara Prisuta, who handle the MPApHC web site. Last comment was Patty could try and get Linda some files to work with, so she could get things worked out and then start working on updating for 2011 and putting knew info up for 2012. Last item fell under other new business and was brought up by Michelle. She brought up the new walk-trot adult classes and if the BOD would consider adding them to our 2012 show. It is from personal experience and a desire to show more that she stated there are plenty of people who are not comfortable looping and who would enter more classes if these were offered.

Patty jumped in here to say she had one more item and that was the releases of 3 checks, one to Tanna Rodeman concerning ribbons, one to Shannon Lakner for refund of overpaid show fees and one to the ApHC for the show buckles. All were in favor of these checks being sent. Patty said she would get them out this next week.

With no further business President Colt Rodeman gave his meeting recap. The meeting recap was very short. He stated he appreciated the good turnout. Then he asked a question 'should we change the by-laws to allow out of state members to sit on the board of directors for the BWApHC? This was an item that had some history with a number of club members and without much discussion the answer was NO. Colt went on with his wrap up saying he believes the Horse Expo and the Horse Show are both good projects and he wanted to again give a big thank you to all for their hard work and that we will continue to need every ones help to keep them going in future years. He commented that better communication is needed and hopefully this will be kept in mind as the club goes forward. Lastly that he had accomplished what he wanted to with the club and was pleased with where things were at.

The meeting then progressed on to election of 2012 officers and directors. At this time Patricia Hales was asked if she had received any nominations via email. She replied yes, for the position of President Tom Burris, for Vice President Sam Hales and Karen Hiatt, for Secr./Treas. Patricia Hales and Tanna Rodeman and for the open 2 Board slots Sam Hales, Tanna Rodeman and Karla Clapper. With that info out there, the office of President was first. Tom Burris said he would accept the nomination. Colt asked if there were any nominations from the floor? With no other nominations, okay by Tom, Connie motioned to close nominations and a verbal vote should all were in favor. Tom Burris is the 2012 President. WE proceeded to Vice President with a call for open nominations. There was a pause and then Sorrel motioned for nominations to cease. Karla Clapper seconded the motion. Sam and Karen both accepted their nominations and were then asked to leave the room. The vote was done through secret ballot. Paper was handed out and then collected. Tanna and Tom did the count. The vote yielded 7 votes for Sam and 10 votes for Karen. Karen Hiatt is the 2012 Vice President. Next was the office of secr./treas. , each accepted their nomination and a call to the floor for open nominations yielded no additional. At this point paper was passed, vote taken and then collected. Tom and Sorrel did the count. The result were 7 for Tanna and 12 for Patty. Patricia Hales is the 2012 Secr./Treas. We then proceeded to elect directors to fill the 2 expired terms of Tanna Rodeman and Sam Hales. Call to the floor yielded no other nominations. Each was asked if they would accept their nomination, Karla said yes, Tanna said yes and after some thought Sam declined his nomination. With 2 up for vote and there being 2 slots to fill, a motion was made by Karen, seconded by Sue for Karla and Tanna to be our 2012 selectees. All were in favor. The motion passes.

2012 Big Wyoming Appaloosa Horse Club Officers

President	Tom Burris
Vice President	Karen Hiatt
Secr./Treas.	Patricia Hales

2012 Big Wyoming Appaloosa Horse Club Directors

Helen Norcross	term expires yearend 2012
Thom Seymour	term expires yearend 2012
Sue Apel	term expires yearend 2013
Sorrel Burris	term expires yearend 2013
Karla Clapper	term expires yearend 2014
Tanna Rodeman	term expires yearend 2014

More drawings were done.

Our new President Tom Burris, asked if the officers and board members would gather for a few minutes after the meeting closed to pick a date for the first BOD meeting and to discuss a on what all we need to get done at the meeting.

Helen Norcross made the motion to close this meeting. Patricia Hales seconded. All were in favor (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain). The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

After the meeting was adjourned Tanna did the presentation of year end awards. Due to a problem with her order with Smith Brothers, most received Gift Certificates to use on what they want. Michelle said it was going to be a whole lot easier to haul them back for other winners in Colorado. Tanna said they are a lot easier and less expansive to ship then the prizes in the past were.

APPROVED AS READ

Officer

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Short meeting after close of year end meeting yielded discussion on photographer from horse show and how members show photos were still not available. Tom said he would check on this and the disc. of photo for club use. Next was on items for the P2P, importance of getting the Expo organized quickly and then a calendar was produced and dates for our 1st Board of Directors meeting for 2011 were discussed. Chosen was November 19th, 2011. The time set is 11:00 am and the location is the Agriculture Resource and Learning Center in Casper. We That decision made, Tom said see you in a few weeks and everyone headed out.