

## North Country Horsemen Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Minutes for April 24th, 2021

The Annual Meeting was held at the American Legion in Middle River, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by Sue Helm since President Kristi Westlund was unable to attend. Sue welcomed the large crowd and extended a big thank you to all the NCH Officers, Kristi Westlund, Tanya Peterson, Shirley Horien and Mardy Anderson and to everyone else that supports NCH Committees and activities. She stated that NCH has 7 committees with hardworking people taking on the many tasks that keeps NCH active. Volunteers are always welcome so to please contact any of the officers if anyone is interested in volunteering their time.

Sue reported that North Country Horsemen was established in 1974, however, we have only recorded memberships since 1997. 2020 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest membership year on record with 80 memberships and 186 members. The previous highest years were 2016 with 83 memberships and 214 members and 2015 with 81 memberships and 193 members. She stated that tonight is NCH's biggest fundraiser of the year, and everyone's support is appreciated.

**Secretary's report:** The NCH Annual Meeting Minutes from February 2020 was read by Shirley Horien and provided to the attendees along with the current agenda. Ronnette Anderson motioned to adopt these minutes and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was received from Shannon Peterson. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Current bank balances were provided by Mardy Anderson:

NCH General Account: \$638.83

NCH Trails To Treatments Account: \$61,905.28

Motion to approve was made by Melissa Galland and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was received from Sharon Holmstrom. Motion passed.

### Old business:

**NCH's Youth Sponsorship Program:** Due to Covid, most of the 4-H events were cancelled, therefore there were no sponsorship requests in 2020.

### Committee Reports:

**Marketing Committee Report** – Shirley reminded everyone that there are two Facebook pages and to look for information specific to TTT on the Trails To Treatments page and for NCH on the North Country Horsemen page. Information regarding NCH/TTT events are continuously being posted on the NCH Website at [www.northcountryhorsemen.com](http://www.northcountryhorsemen.com) so to check there for any planned events. Shirley asked if anyone might be interested in taking pictures at our area shows and downloading them on the NCH Facebook page to contact her.

**Trails To Treatments Committee Report** - Co-Chairs Mardy Anderson and Stacy Bierman reported that 1010 grants have been given out to date, totaling \$646,300. The TTT committee had been concerned about the 2020 TTT Benefit and Ride due to Covid, but the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual NCH TTT Cancer Benefit & Ride along with the TTT Teams, raised the biggest amount yet, totaling \$121,819.00. At the end of 2020, the committee voted to leave the grant amounts at \$700.

The Third Annual TTT Motorcycle Run will be held August 21st, 2021. Contact Harlan Olson at 218-686-1701 for more information. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NCH TTT Cancer Benefit & Ride will be held again on Labor Day Weekend, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be back to our normal weekend activities holding Karaoke and goat milking Friday night. A Burger Night Fundraiser will be held December 29<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Middle River.

**Clinic Committee** – Sue Helm reported that the Spring Vet Clinic with Dr. Mattson from Greenbush, was held at the Ornquist Arena on April 17<sup>th</sup> and had over 50 horses participating during the 4 hour scheduled period from 9:00 am to noon. A May 15<sup>th</sup> Kids Grooming Clinic will be held at the Ornquist arena to provide kids with the opportunity to learn

how to groom horses and participate in some painting also. The clinician will be Terhya Nyegaard and assisted by Honna Westlund and Hanna Bergsnev. It starts at 2 pm and is at no charge. Horses will be provided.

**Arena Committee** – Sue reported that tonight’s Fundraiser is important since this is where the necessary funding comes from for all the things that need to be done at the Ornquist Arena. Co-chair Shannon Peterson, stated that new bathrooms are being built, rope around the arena grounds perimeter will be replaced and flag pole holders will be hung. Sue reported that lights and sound system will be updated also. A Burger Night Fundraiser at the American Legion in Middle River is scheduled September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Food/Concessions Committee** – Sue Helm thanked Food Committee Chair Kelly Gilland, along with all of the volunteers who helped in the Food Shack along with those that brought bars. She stated that these Concessions are a big money maker for our shows.

**Trail Ride Committee** – Shannon Peterson provided the names receiving Trail Riding Program awards. 2020 Trail Riding awards were awarded based on hours ridden from March 1st, 2020 to October 31, 2020.

- **Bronze Award Winners (75 to 110 hours) winning horn bags:**  
Lily Helm 76.25 hours, Brynn Moen 88 hours, Keira Gornowicz 85 hours, Tessany Kalkis 76.25 hours and Jennifer Kalkis 76 hours.
- **Silver Award Winners (111 to 150 hours) winning rope halters with attached leads:**  
Lilly Heinen 123 hours, Kylee Bolstad 111.3 hours, Tyla Tungseth 111 hours.
- **Gold Award Winners (151 and above hours) winning embroidered jackets:** Anna Zoller 397 hours, Smantha Zoller 390 hours, Gabrielle Zoller 345 hours, Sadie Gornowicz 320.75 hours, Natalia Zoller 297 hours, Wesley Zoller 297 hours, Amanda Tungseth 261 hours, Curtis Zoller 260 hours, Claire Gornowicz 200.25 hours, Shirley Horien 191 hours, Sue Helm 187.2 hours, Gabby Heinen 182 hours, Michelle Hickman 178.75 hours, Melissa Galland 162.35 hours, Shannon Peterson 157.25 hours and Teri Larson 151.5 hours.

**Show/Game Committee** – Shirley Horien thanked everyone for attending and helping at the 2020 show events. She provided totals of show attendance for the 2020 Game Shows

2020 Show Participants								
Show Date	Leadline	Small Fry	PeeWee	Intermediate	Junior	Senior	Classic	Total
June 28th	12	3	9	13	12	2	7	<b>58</b>
July 19th	16	3	6	9	16	9	5	<b>64</b>
September 27th	11	5	12	10	22	5	3	<b>68</b>
<b>Yearend Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>190</b>

2020 show dates have been set for Sundays May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>. Game Show Year-end awards were announced by Shirley Horien and presented by Tanya Peterson, Shannon Peterson and Sue Helm. Winners were:

- **Lead-line:** NCH Member Participants Evelyn and Levi Gibson; Levi Hanson; Karter, Kember, Kennedy, Kutler and Keston Klasen; Elayna, Isaac and James Maurstad; Hadley Moen; Jace Tungseth; Avery, Cyprian, Triton and Zey

Jamison; and Colin and Winston Brons. All received Trails To Treatments Aluminum Water Bottles and a leather feather with their names painted on them.

- **Dedication Award:** Mckenzie Mock received a muck bucket on wheels.

The remaining winners each received either a buckle, muck bucket or a NCH Gaming Jacket.

- **Small Fry:** High Point – Claire Gornowicz on Dodge; Reserve High Point – Eri House on Buddy
- **Pee Wee:** High Point – Laura Schmedeberg on Spice; Reserve High Point – Brynn Moen on Sparky
- **Intermediate:** High Point – Reina Kraska on Betty; Reserve High Point – Emily Hanson on Daisy
- **Junior:** High Point – Silver Kraska on Sarah; Reserve High Point – Chisum Schmiedberg on Spice
- **Senior:** High Point – Jessica Hanson on Daisy; Reserve High Point – Amanda Tungseth on Sky
- **Classic:** High Point – Sadie Gornowicz on Dodge; Reserve High Point – Shirley Horien on Marley

After asking for any further old business and committee updates, Sue moved to the new business.

### **New Business:**

Sue Helm started the election process. There were no new nominations submitted prior to, or during the meeting for the positions of President or Treasurer. Kristi Westlund remained President and Mardy Anderson Treasurer. Tanya Peterson stepped down from the Vice-President office. Shirley Horien was nominated for Vice President by Shannon Peterson and was elected. Shirley Horien nominated Tanya Peterson for Secretary and Tanya was elected secretary.

#### **The 2021 Elected Officers are:**

- **President:** Kristi Westlund
- **Vice President:** Shirley Horien
- **Secretary:** Tanya Peterson
- **Treasurer:** Mardy Anderson

After asking for any further new business, Sue Helm asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Peterson made a motion to adjourn and that was seconded by Melissa Galland.

A BBQ Rib supper preceded the meeting. Prior to the meeting, Ronnette Anderson supervised the kid's games which included stick horse barrels and pole weaving; pop ring toss and the breaking of the piñata. Silent and live auctions followed the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shirley Horien, 2020 NCHSC Secretary.