

North Country Horsemen Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Minutes for February 29th, 2020

The Annual Meeting was held at the American Legion in Middle River, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order on February 29th, 2020, by President Kristi Westlund. Kristi welcomed everyone.

Secretary's report: The NCH Annual Meeting Minutes from January 2019 was an attachment to the agenda. Chuck Hickman motioned to adopt these minutes and a 2nd motion was received from Sue Helm. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: NCH's 2019 year-end bank balances were provided by Mardy Anderson:

NCH General Account: \$261.54.

NCH Trails To Treatments Account: \$42,261.47.

Motion to approve made by Wendy Maurstad and a 2nd motion was received from Shelly Guzek. Motion passed.

Old business:

NCH's Youth Sponsorship Program: Eleven \$100 youth sponsorship grants were awarded in 2019. Grant recipients were Kinzie Melvie, Reina and Silver Kraska, Paige, Faith and Hope Lyberg, Ruthie and Taylor Finney, Honna Westlund, Chisum Schmiedeberg and Madelyn Westlin. Faith, Madelyn, Honna and Chisum spoke about how the \$100 benefited them when they attended the Minnesota State 4-H Horseshow this past September and thanked NCHSC for their grants.

Committee Reports:

Marketing Committee Report – Shirley reported that information regarding NCH events are continuously being posted on the NCH Website at www.northcountryhorsemen.com and also posted on the North Country Horsemen and Trails To Treatment Facebook Pages.

Trails To Treatments Committee Report - given by Co-Chair Mardy Anderson. The 11th Annual NCH Cancer Benefit & Ride raised \$108,304.00. This amount includes TTT Team donations. In 2019 the Thief River Falls Eagles Team took home the Traveling Trophy which is presented to the Team that raises the most money.

TTT has issued 966 Grants from Oct 5, 2011, through February 29th, 2020 totaling \$545,500. Grants were issued to 795 Cancer Patients of which 121 of these patients received more than one grant. The highest number of grants issued to one patient is 7. The number of declined applications is 12. The average number of grants issued per month within a specific year are: 2011 = 2; 2012 = 4.5; 2013 = 4.6; 2014 = 6.1; 2015 = 7.5; 2016 = 9.9; 2017 = 13.7; 2018 = 13.8; 2019 = 17.8 and 2020 = 13. At the end of 2019, the committee voted to leave the grant amounts at \$700.

The Second Annual TTT Motorcycle Run will be held August 22nd, 2020. Registration starts at 9:00 am with the ride leaving the American Legion in Middle River at 10:00 am. Harlan Olson is the contact for more information.

The 12th Annual NCH TTT Cancer Benefit & Ride fundraiser will be held again in Middle River on Friday and Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, September 4th and 5th. A Burger Night Fundraiser will also be held at the American Legion in Middle River on September 30th.

Clinic Committee – Sue Helm reported that the Spring Vet Clinic will be held at the Ormquist Arena from 9:00 am to noon on Saturday, April 4th. A May 9th Miniature Horse Program Clinic is scheduled for May 9th at 3:00 pm and will be presented by the Angel Yonke Family.

Arena Committee – Mardy Anderson stated that the Annual Fundraiser is important since that is where the necessary funding comes from for repairs needed for the Food Shack, Arena Equipment and any future arena updates

Food/Concessions Committee – Kristi Westlund thanked Sharon Holmstrom for her past contribution as co-chair since she has decided to step down and mentioned that Kelly Guillund will now be the Chairperson of this committee.

Trail Ride Committee – Kristi Westlund thanked Sharon Holmstrom and Melissa Galland for their past contributions as Trail Riding Committee Chairs since they had elected to step down. The new co-chairs are Shannon Peterson and Terhya Nyegaard. Kristi reminded everyone that NCH sponsored trail rides, including riding in parades, count as double hours and if anyone enrolls this night of the Annual Meeting, they will get to record 5 free hours.

2019 Trail Riding awards were awarded based on hours ridden from February 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019.

- **Bronze Award Winners (75 to 110 hours):**

Teri Larsen 75 hours, Tyla Tungseth 76 hours, Kristi Westlund 91.5 hours and Michelle Hickman 101 hours.

- **Silver Award Winners (111 to 150 hours):**

Melissa Galland 120 hours, Kinzie Melvie 129 hours, Madelyn Westlin 135 hours and Lily Helm 139.25 hours.

- **Gold Award Winners (151 and above hours):**

Sue Helm 151 hours, Shannon Peterson 151.25 hours, Shirley Horien 151.25 hours, Christine Foster 160 hours, Amanda Tungseth 191 hours and Sadie Gornowicz 345 hours.

Show/Game Committee – Shirley Horien thanked everyone for attending and helping at the 2019 show events. She provided totals of show attendance for the 2019 Game Shows. June 2nd had 77 participants, July 30th had 77 and the September 29th had 61. There were a total of 47 lead-line kids for all three game shows. 2020 show dates have been set for Sundays May 31st, June 28th and September 27th. Game Show Year-end awards were announced by Shirley Horien and presented by Tanya Peterson and Kristi Westlund. Winners were:

- **Lead-line:** Member Participants Evelyn and Levi Gibson; Claire Gornowicz; Levi Hanson; Karter, Kember, Kennedy and Keston Klasen; Ayla Lindstrom; Elayna, Isaac, James and Kenny Maurstad; Trapper McGregor; Hadley Moen; Gunner and Jace Sands; Jace Tungseth and Matthew Warne. All received grooming kits with their name on them.
- **Dedication Award:** Paige Lyberg received a wither strap.

The remaining winners each received either a buckle, wither strap or a headstall.

- **Small Fry:** High Point – Tyla Tungseth on Cowboy; Reserve High Point – Gabby Zoller on Skid
- **Pee Wee:** High Point – Aveah Hanson on Prince; Reserve High Point – Brynn Moen on Sparky and Gilford Finney on Cordelia
- **Intermediate:** High Point – Faith Lyberg on Tazz; Chisum Schmiedberg on Spice
- **Junior:** High Point – Silver Kraska on Sarah; Reserve High Point – Lexie Benke on Hank and Kinzie Melvie on Salsa
- **Senior:** High Point – Amanda Tungseth on Sky; Reserve High Point – Hope Lyberg on Roanie
- **Classic:** High Point – Christine Foster on Gracie; Reserve High Point – Shirley Horien on Marley

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

New Business:

There were no new nominations submitted prior to, or during the meeting for any of the officer positions. The Election of 2019 Officers was held and officers remained the same.

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

After asking for any further new business, Kristi asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stacey Nelson made a motion to adjourn and that was seconded by Wendy Maurstad.

A BBQ Rib supper preceded the meeting. Prior to the meeting, Sue Helm supervised 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.