

## North Country Horsemen Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Minutes for January 26th, 2019

The Annual Meeting was held at the American Legion in Middle River, Mn. The meeting was called to order on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, by President Kristi Westlund. Kristi welcomed everyone said it was another great year with 71 memberships and 168 members.

**Secretary's report:** The NCH Annual Meeting Minutes from January 2018 was an attachment to the agenda. Barb Swenson motioned to adopt and a 2nd from Sharon Holmstrom, motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** NCH's 2018 year-end numbers from Mardy Anderson: General Account: \$227.67. TTT Account: \$50,432.80. Motion to approve by Tanya Peterson and 2nd from Wendy Maurstad, motion passed.

### Old business:

**NCH's Youth Sponsorship Program:** Ten \$100 youth sponsorship grants were awarded in 2018. Grant recipients were Madelyn Westlin, Kinzie Melvie, Chisum Schmiedeberg, Paige, Faith, Brooke and Hope Lyberg, Alexie Horner, Ruthie Finney and Tessany Blazek. Several of these sponsorship recipients commented on their experience at the Minnesota State Horse Show and thanked NCHSC for their grants.

### Committee Reports:

**Marketing Committee Report** – North Country Horsemen contains pages for Trails To Treatments and can be found at [www.northcountryhorsemen.com](http://www.northcountryhorsemen.com). Shirley reported that these pages along with Facebook are continuously being updated.

**Trails To Treatments Committee Report** - given by Co-Chair Mardy Anderson. TTT had a record breaking fundraising year in 2018, raising \$111,192.66. Since Oct 5, 2011, 739 grants have been given out totaling \$386,600. As of January 1, 2019 the committee voted to increase the grant amounts to \$700. A person doctoring with cancer can apply for a grant every 12 months. Teams are a huge factor in the TTT fundraising results. New in 2018 was a Traveling Trophy presented to the Team that raised the most money. The Gentilly Rocky Ridge Riders took home the trophy in 2018. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NCH TTT Cancer Benefit & Ride fundraiser will be held again in Middle River on Friday and Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. TTT's walleye supper fundraisers will be held on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Arena Committee Report** - given by Co-Chair Mardy Anderson. The siding and the door were replaced on the Food Shack. \$600 was required for tractor repairs and a new storage unit will provide storage for the tractor. A donation by Deb Kajava will provide money to purchase this second storage container.

**Food/Fundraiser Committee Report** - given by Sharon Holmstrom. Sharon expressed appreciation to all who have helped with food!

**Trail Ride Committee** – given by Co-Chairs Sharon Holmstrom and Melissa Galland. Sharon reminded participants that NCH sponsored trail rides, including riding in parades, count as double hours. Anyone enrolling tonight will get to record 5 free hours.

2018 Trotting the Trail awards were awarded based on hours ridden from February 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018.

- **Bronze Award Winners (75 to 110 hours):** Honna Westlund 76 hours; Erin Sullivan 79 hours; Jennifer Kalkis 93 hours; Sharon Holmstrom with 97 hours.
- **Silver Award Winners (111 to 150 hours):** Michelle Hickman 112 hours; Kristi Westlund with 113 hours, Teri Larson 117 hours; Shirley Horien 121 hours; Kinzie Melvie with 129 hours, Lily Heinen 139 hours.

- **Gold Award Winners (151 and above hours):** Deidre VanCamp with 152 hours, Christine Foster with 153 hours, Madelyn Westlin with 156 hours; Lily Helm with 158 hours; Shannon Peterson with 159 hours, Gabby Heinen 161 hours; Melissa Galland with 162 hours, , Sue Helm with 168 hours; Amanda Tungseth 170 hours; Tom Blazejewski 177 hours; Tehya Nyegaard 299 hours; and Sadie Gornowicz with 439 hours.

**Show/Game Committee** – Shirley Horien thanked everyone for attending and helping at the 2018 show events. She provided totals of show attendance for the 2018 Game Shows. June 9<sup>th</sup> had 44 participants, July 1<sup>st</sup> had 60 and the September 30<sup>th</sup> had 52. There were a total of 29 lead-line kids for all three game shows. Shirley announced that due to other saddle clubs trying to start providing shows we would only have 2 shows this year. Show dates will be June 30<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>. Game Show’s Year-end awards were announced by Shirley Horien and presented by Tanya Peterson and Kristi Westlund. Winners were:

- **Lead-line:** Member Participants Brody, Colin and Lauryn Brons; Claire and Keira Gornowicz; Isaac, James, Kenny and Elayna Maurstad; Adley and Trapper McGregor; Jace Tungseth, Levi Hanson, Hadley Moen and Ireland Klasen.
- **Dedication Award:** Lily Helm received a halter with a leather decorative nose band.

The remaining winners each received either a buckle, a halter with leather decorative nose band or a breast collar.

- **Small Fry:** High Point – Aveah Hanson on CoCo; Reserve High Point – Brynn Moen on Sparky
- **Pee Wee:** High Point – Olivia Tessier on Ice Man; Reserve High Point – Emily Hanson on Prince
- **Intermediate:** High Point – Chisum Schmiedberg on Spice; Reserve High Point – Honna Westlund on Silver
- **Junior:** High Point – Alexie Horner on Nova; Reserve High Point – Lexie Benke on Hank
- **Senior:** High Point – Terhya Nyegaard on Jade; Reserve High Point – Kitty Suronen on Tuff
- **Classic:** High Point – Kathy Johnson on Copper; Reserve High Point – Ronnette Anderson on Cash

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 2018 Officers was held and officers remained the same for 2018 as 2017.

- **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, and following the meeting the activities included kid’s games and silent and live auctions.