

North Country Horsemen Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Minutes for March 26th, 2022

The Annual Meeting was held at the American Legion in Middle River, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order on March 26th, 2022, by President Kristi Westlund. Kristi 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 and to please contact any of the officers if anyone is interested in volunteering their time.

Kristi 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 2021 was provided to the attendees along with the current agenda. Kristi Westlund motioned to adopt these minutes and a 2nd motion was received from Shirley Horien. Motion carried.

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

NCH General Account: \$838.29

NCH Trails To Treatments Account: \$44,001.17

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

Old business:

NCH's Youth Sponsorship Program: Honna Westlund (was not present), Laura Schmiedeberg, Reina Kraska & Silver Kraska said a few words about there trip to the state fair in 2021.

2021: 185 members, 76 memberships

2020: 80 memberships

2019:65 memberships

2018:72 memberships

2017: 72 memberships

No other old or unfinished business to go over.

Committee Reports:

Marketing Committee Report – NCH Website at www.northcountryhorsemen.com for any planned events. Facebook: North Country Horsemen Trails to Treatments.

Trails To Treatments Committee Report - Co-Chairs Mardy Anderson and Stacy Bierman reported that TTT committee members reviewed 2021 grant dollar amount will be increased from \$700 to \$800 for year 2022.

Stacy & Mardy also mentioned that TTT dates have changed this year. The horse ride & Cancer benefit will be held on two separate weekends.

The 4th annual motorcycle run will be Saturday July 30th, 2022 and registration starts at 9am from the Wheel Bar in Middle River. Contact Harlan Olson 218-689-1701 for more information.

TTT trail ride starts Friday July 29th, Fun Run, Registration starts 3pm. Saturday July 30th, 2022 Registration is from 8:30am-9:30am, ride starts at 10am. Sunday July 31, ride at 10am.

TTT's 14th annual NCH TTT Cancer Benefit will be in Middle River on Saturday August 6th, 2022. For mor information contact Mardy 218-689-2063 or Stacy 218-686-7074.

Clinic Committee – Sue Helm & Ronnette Anderson were not present, but the Spring vet clinic is April 30, 2000 from 9am – 12pm at the Ornquist arena.

Arena Committee – Shannon Peterson & Kyle Klasen (not present) mentioned new banner's and billboard are now up at the arena along with new picnic tables and old bleachers were taken down.

Food/Concessions Committee – Kristi thanked Food Committee Chair Kelly Gilland (not present), along with all of the volunteers who helped in the Food Shack along with those that brought bars. She also stated that anyone that makes bars or is willing to make bars would be great for 2022.

Trail Ride Committee – Shannon Peterson provided the names receiving Trail Riding Program awards. 2021 Trail Riding awards were awarded based on hours ridden from March 2021 to October 2021. 2022 trail ride program starts February 15th, 2022 – December 1st, 2022.

- **Bronze Award Winners (75 to 110 hours) winning grooming bags:**
Jennifer Kalkis 110.25 hours, Brynn Moen 101 hours, Aveah Hanson 80 hours, Eri Housey 80 hours, Tessany Leven hagen 79.75 hours.
- **Silver Award Winners (111 to 150 hours) winning muck carts:**
Shirley Horien 150 hours, Kylee Bolstad 140 hours, Teri Larson 139.5 hours
- **Gold Award Winners (151 and above hours) winning rolling saddle racks:** Sadie Gornowicz 287 hours, Claire Gornowicz 221 hours, Sue Helm 187.2 hours, Melissa Galland 163 hours, Amanda Tungseth 163 hours, Kristi Westlund 162 hours, Gabby Heinen 154 hours, Shannon Peterson 153.25 hours.

Show/Game Committee – Shirley Horien thanked everyone for attending and helping at the 2021 show events. She provided totals of show attendance for the 2021 Game Shows

2020 Show Participants								
Show Date	Leadline	Small Fry	PeeWee	Intermediate	Junior	Senior	Classic	Total
May 16 th	8	0	14	14	14	9	7	66
June 27 th	6	7	11	11	22	17	8	82
September 26 th	8	6	13	12	17	8	5	69
Yearend Totals	22	13	38	37	53	34	20	217

2022 show dates have been set for Sundays May 22th, June 26th and September 25th. Game Show Year-end awards were announced by Shirley Horien and presented by Kristi Westlund. Winners were:

- **Lead-line:** NCH Member Participants Colin & Winston Brons, Triton & Cyprion Jamison, Kutler Klasen, Kennedy Klasen, Keelan Klasen, Karter Kalsen & Elayna Maurstad. All received Grooming Bags.
- **Dedication Award:** Destiney Krueger received a muck bucket cart.

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

- **Small Fry:** High Point – Hadley Moen on Jake; Reserve High Point – Levi Hanson on Prince
- **Pee Wee:** High Point – Wesley Zoller on Skid; Reserve High Point tie – Aveah Hanson on Rocket & Gabby Zoller on Darla
- **Intermediate:** High Point – Olivia Tessier on Newt; Reserve High point – Laura Schmiedeberg on Spice
- **Junior:** High Point – Chisum Schmiedeberg on Spice; Reserve High point – Silver Kraska on Rowan
- **Senior:** High Point – Jennifer Kalkis on Tipper; Reserve High Point – Lily Helm on Mona
- **Classic:** High Point – Anna Zoller on Modessa; Reserve High Point – Dani Miller on Boo

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

New Business:

Kristi 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 Secretary. Shirley Horien Dani Miller and she was elected for the new secretary position.

The 2022 Elected Officers are:

- **President:** Kristi Westlund
- **Vice President:** Shirley Horien
- **Secretary:** Dani Miller
- **Treasurer:** Mardy Anderson

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

A BBQ Rib supper preceded the meeting. Prior to the meeting, Wendy Maurstad 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 Tanya Peterson, 2021 NCHSC Secretary.