

North Country Horsemen

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

I. Call to order

Vice-president Tanya Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the North Country Horsemen Saddle Club at 7:00 p.m. on August 20, 2019. Location of the meeting was at the Food Shack at the Ornquist Arena near Middle River, MN. Present: Tanya Peterson, Shirley Horien, Sue Helm and Scott Driscoll.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary's report was provided by Shirley Horien. Sue Helm motioned to approve as read. Tanya Peterson seconded it. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report: Kristi Westlund as per Mardy Anderson

- a) General Account: \$ 3,597.65
- b) Trails To Treatments Grant Account: \$ 50,527.42

IV. Old Business (Action Items):

- Get payment ready for Lucas Cater and send to Sue Helm to include with thank you – Mardy Anderson
- Purchase stain for underside of bleachers – Sue Helm
- Bring an additional mailbox so other one doesn't have to be moved – Tanya Peterson.
- Make extra show equipment storage shed keys for show committee – Shirley Horien or Kristi Westlund
- Sponsorship Plaques to be finished, cameras and signs installed and mailbox moved/set up, a coating applied to sponsorship plaque – Kristi Westlund & Shannon Peterson
- Purchase red paint for white signs – Shirley Horien
- August 25th Clean-up Day: Clean bathrooms for TTT weekend; put up signs, cameras, repaint red writing on white signs, finish staining underside of bleachers and hang banner on old crow's nest.
- Revise Youth Sponsorship Application – Tanya Peterson
- Verify that Madelyn Westlin is NCHSC member and is on the "helpers" list for horse shows – Shirley Horien
- Establish criteria for Community Sponsorship Requests - ?

V. Committee Updates – It was discussed that Committee Chairs should either be present to give a committee update or submit a report to the President prior to the monthly meetings

- a) **Trails To Treatments Committee (Co-Chairs: Mardy Anderson and Stacy Bierman)** – No chairperson present for an update. Sue Helm suggested another email blast be sent out.
- b) **Arena Committee (Co-Chairs: Mardy Anderson and Roy Ness)** – No chairperson present for an update but the Old Business Arena Action Items were discussed. Sue Helm said that only the staining remaining is the underside of the boards. A clean-up/work day has been set for Sunday, August 25th at 2:00 pm at the Arena to finish up some of the remaining action items: put up signs and cameras; repaint red writing on white signs; finish staining underside of bleachers and hang banner on old crow's nest. Tanya Peterson said she has an extra mailbox she can bring to put in applications and would check with Kristi to see if she still had

the information for a lockable mailbox and if she had ever ordered it from Amazon. This would be for people to put money/checks in for a membership payment. Shirley suggested just having preaddressed envelopes with the applications instead in the same mailbox for people to mail then no one has to worry about money/checks being stolen. Tanya said she would check with Kristi about going ahead with ordering the lockable mailbox. Sue Helm, Tanya Peterson, Shirley Horien and Kristi Westlund now have Food Shack keys.

- c) **Food/Concessions (Co-Chairs: Sharon Holmstrom and Kelly Gillund)** – No chairperson present, but Sharon Holmstrom texted that she was not aware of any issues or discussion items. She said the request for bars has gone out and she could help with cutting of bars or other food at the cancer ride.
- d) **Trail Ride Committee (Co-Chairs: Sharon Holmstrom and Melissa Galland)** - No chairperson present. Sue Helm said she thought there had been 4 riders at the Fertile Sandhill ride.
- e) **Show/Games Committee (Chairperson –Shirley Horien)** - Shirley Horien reported that the June 30th show went well. Next show is GooseFest so it will be discussed at the next meeting. Shirley that Mardy Anderson said he would be available to help at the GooseFest Show.
- f) **Clinic Committee (Co-Chairs: Sue Helm and Ronnette Anderson)** – Sue Helm stated there had been discussion regarding a possible dental, farrier and chiropractic clinic using the Ornquist Arena. This was declined since the saddle club would have to purchase insurance. A suggestion was made to the clinic presenters of possibly including these with the NCH Spring Vet Clinic since insurance is already booked for that day. Sue also mentioned we should have a young kids grooming clinic in the spring.
- g) **Media/Marketing Committee (Chairperson: Shirley Horien)** – Updates continue to be done on the website and Facebook as they are received. TTT Auction Items are being posted as received. Minutes are up to date. Sue Helm suggested the additional TTT Event flyers get put on the website also. Shirley said she would do this.

Other Business:

- a) A **Youth Sponsorship Application** was received from Madelyn Westlin. Shirley Horien motioned to approve and Tanya Peterson seconded it but approval was with the stipulation that it would be only approved after Madelyn’s membership and helping at shows was verified. Shirley will do this. A couple of concerns were brought up regarding the Youth Sponsorship Application. Tanya Peterson was going to revise it for 2020.
- b) **Newfest Rodeo sponsorship request** was received. A discussion was held regarding Newfest vs Newfolden Rodeo. Sue Helm felt we already give since we give to Newfest.. Shirley felt these are two different organizations for a community event “Newfest”. Sue said we need to have criteria for community sponsorships set up. Shirley motioned to approve a \$100 donation to the Newfolded Rodeo, Tanya Peterson seconded.

Adjournment – Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shirley Horien seconded it.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shirley Horien, NCHSC Secretary.