**YRHA Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2019**

**Erie County Fairgrounds**

In attendance = Kelly Hedges, Duke Dygert, Kirby Dygert, Karen Schmitz, Sarah Judkiewicz, Travis Pufpaff, Serafina Gagliardi, Karli Morill, Vincienzo Santos, Jennie Mancino

Absent = Courtney Craig

Guest = Kim Hedges

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.
2. Approval of the minutes – motion by KD, seconded by SJ, all were in favor.
3. Treasurer’s Report:
   1. Checking - $35, 662.33; Savings - $2, 191.82; Total = $37, 854.15.
   2. YPS = $37, 875.66.
   3. Tax returns are in the process of being completed – the software and the forms have been ordered.
   4. The May show is set.
   5. DD made the motion to approve the report, KD seconded, all were in favor.
4. President’s Report – nothing to report.
5. Vice President’s Report – nothing to report.
6. Secretary’s Report:
   1. KD completed the affiliate form and submitted it to NRHA.
   2. Calendar was sent to all of the YRHA members and contributors. Final product was well received. A full financial cannot be provided at this time, but can be at a future meeting.
7. Committees:
   1. Sunshine Committee –

A thank-you note was received from the Reddings.

* 1. Nominating Committee –

Nominations have been established and voting will be concluded by the end of the banquet.

President – Kirby accepted the nomination.

Two appointed Directors and 2 elected Directors as well as the Vice President positions need to be filled. Karli Morill, Keith Hofner, Katie Redding, Duke Dygert, and Courtney Craig have been nominated for these positions and accepted their nominations.

KS put forth a motion to accept the nominations, TP seconded, all were in favor.

* 1. By-Laws – nothing to report.
  2. Youth – nothing to report.
  3. Marketing/Sponsor –

VS to approach Gentile and Bowman for sponsorships.

Promoting the 7-Up Shoot-Outs.

Thank-You notes for 2018 sponsors.

Looking for snack sponsors and someone to assist with dinner arrangements.

* 1. Affiliate Committee – nothing to report.
  2. YPS –

Stallion auction – 120 stallions to buy – largest in the world! Projected to be our most successful, yet.

Fifty-seven for the 2020 Futurity and 70 for the 2021 Futurity

* 1. Drag/Grounds – nothing to report.
  2. Awards/Banquet –

Banquet will be on March 2nd at the Fairgrounds.

Would like to have Jonathon Redding’s band play at the banquet.

Interested in having a potato bar at the banquet.

* 1. Horse Show Committee –

Reviewed CC’s amended Horse Show Secretary contract for the 2019 season – DD put forth a motion to accept the contract, KS seconded, all were in favor. A request was made to have the paperwork distributed ahead of time, so the BoD has more time to evaluate the details.

Need a second judge for the May Show – TP put forth a motion to have a second judge for the whole show rather than just for the 7-Up, VS seconded, all were in favor.

A second judge is needed for the September show – KD put forth a motion to have the second judge present for the entire show not just for the 7-Up, TP seconded, all were in favor.

Photographer, videographer, and announcer tentatively hired for 2019. The announcer increased the fee for services due to charges incurred for custom music and arrangements for the exhibitors – TP put forth a motion to approve the increased announcer fee, KS seconded, all were in favor.

Seven-Up Series of 3 – Smart Spook will donate the money from the second YPS breeding to cover the awards for the 7-Up Circuit Awards. We need a sponsor for the July Show. VS put forth a motion to have the September’s show to match that of July - $2k added to the Open, $1k added to the Non-Pro and for them to run concurrently, TP seconded and all were in favor.

Series of three 7-Ups – 1 stallion ID’d as the sponsor of each (Smart Spook, Footworks Revolution, Lil Dreamin’ Magnum). Rider to be a member of YRHA to qualify for circuit awards. Circuit awards based on money earnings – 1 champion for Open and 1 for Non-Pro.

Interested in a hiring a local judge to have a 3rd judge for the July show – TP put forth a motion, VS seconded; motion was amended to not restrict the search to local judges and to have 3 judges for the July and September shows – KD put forth the motion, TP seconded, JMG abstained, all others were in favor.

Considering a class to memorialize Ed Trueman – think of some ideas for a class and present them at the next meeting.

1. Old Business – see notations about the calendar under the “Secretary’s Report”.
2. New Business – Secrets of the NRHA Clinic/Boot Camp – March 30-31st in Gerry, NY – Ann Salmon. There is a form ready to go for application – $30-50 to attend. Boot Camp fee = $125 for the Youth and $250 for all others. Would like a clinic for more advanced riders, too, and if this is arranged soon enough it could be advertised in the March Reiner – KS put forth a motion, TP seconded, all were in favor. The facility is being donated. Meals for the Boot Camp will be provided. Trainers to volunteer time.

CNYRHA Affiliate 10/2019 Youth Event – requested $300 donation for awards – DD put forth a motion, KD seconded, all in favor.

Saddle for the Green Class for sure – need to order ASAP. Saddles for the Futurity and Derby – will they arrive on time?

Approved $500 for a FB boost to promote our events – KD to do. Consider Instragram, too?

1. JMG made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm, TP seconded, all in favor.
2. NEXT MEETING = 2/12/19!

2019 Meetings:

February 12th June 11th October 8th

March 12th July 9th November 12th

April 9th August 13th December 10th

May 14th September 10th