**YRHA Meeting Minutes**

**April 17, 2018**

**Erie County Fairgrounds**

In attendance = Kelly Hedges, Travis Pufpaff, Kirby Dygert, Duke Dygert, Karen Schmitz, Frank

Schlossin (as of 7:34pm), Vincienzo Santos, Serafina Gagliardi (as of 7:49pm), Courtney Craig, Sarah Judkiewicz, Jennie Mancino

Absent = None

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:23pm.
2. Minutes were approved from the prior meeting DD put forth the motion, KS seconded, all in favor. Only the only alteration that needed to be made was the spelling of SG’s name.
3. Treasurer’s Report:
   1. $31, 276.96 in checking; $2, 191.00 in savings, $63, 375.32 in YPS. CC motion to approve the financials, TP seconded, all in favor.
   2. Transferring funds to the savings for interest is not worthwhile because will not make enough interest to make this lucrative. A CD will not work because the funds will not be liquid when we need them to be. A CD may work for YPS, though.
   3. Electronic access for 1 YPS committee member through Community Bank of North Collins would cost a $50 set-up fee and $15 monthly for maintenance. TP put forth a motion for 1 YPS member to have electronic access, KD seconded, all in favor other than FS that abstained.
   4. Someone in the Show Office on Saturday needs to ensure there is a W-9 on file for each rider and each owner.
   5. KS was informed of a sensitive IRS situation. The Show Secretary was apprised of the situation and will ensure everyone working in the Show Office is aware of the situation and will follow the proper procedure for dealing with said situation.
4. President’s Report:
   1. As the President, KH wanted to know he thinks we are a good board due to our eclectic collection of individuals.
   2. BOD should NOT micromanage the committees.
   3. Expenses of >$1000 need to be approved.
   4. A suggestion was made to improve the organization at the end of the year.
   5. Try not to be afraid of new things.
   6. A proposal was made to institute a Finance Committee to consist of KS, BD, FS, and KH; KH will be able to pursue this in the near future.
5. Vice President’s Report – nothing to add at this point.
6. Secretary’s Report:
   1. JM to complete the Tool Kit through NRHA when classes at Medaille have concluded.
   2. JM to help CC at the next show.
   3. JM to keep track of the lectures the BOD members attend because NRHA does not keep track, this way we can receive Affiliate Credit.
7. Committees:
   1. Sunshine Committee –
      1. Money collected through the “Round-Up” for Whitey will go towards his medical expenses rather than his children at this point
      2. JM to construct a storyboard – members please e-mail pics of Whitey from his YRHA days.
      3. KH to contact Lori Shaw regarding Ed Truman next week; KP already contacted her about YPS.
   2. Horse Show Committee –
      1. Reimbursement for manning the gate:
         1. Whole day = whole stall
         2. Half day = half stall
         3. $50 for those without a horse
      2. Reimbursement for farrier services:
         1. One whole stall
         2. Randy 1st, Dustin 2nd
      3. July Show:
         1. Open Class on Thursday?
         2. FS came up with a cost analysis
         3. Pattern 8 instead of 7 for July on Thursday – FS offered to judge the Mens & Ladies on 7/26/18 if it is at night.
         4. FS proposed having warm-ups all day on Thursday with a combined Novice Horse/Derby and Open/Open Derby in an effort for these horses to run twice rather than once.
            1. Put forth a motion to change the July class slate, there was no second.
         5. KS put forth the motion to put the Mens & Ladies at the end of the day, TP seconded, CC – nay, all others in favor.
         6. CC put forth a motion to leave the showbill as is, therefore an Open class was NOT going to be added to Thursday; TP seconded, FS abtained, all others agreed.
      4. In response to delegating some responsibility CC sent an e-mail to the Sponsorship Committee outlining specifics.
      5. As always, we will need help setting up the shows.
      6. The photographer we are considering has worked with Shane before.
         1. Committed to all 3 shows.
      7. Confirmed added money for the Open Futurity and Non-Pro Futurity
         1. Added $4000 total – $1000 for Level I, $1000 Level II, $2000 Level IV
         2. Added a Level II
      8. FS put forth a motion to approve the September showbill, KS seconded the motion, but FS decided to remove the motion at 9:10pm.
      9. FS put forth a motion to remove the Green Horse class on Sunday of the September show, SG seconded, TP abstained from the vote, all others agreed.
      10. CC put forth to take the Youth classes out of the slate on Friday of the September show, VS seconded, SJ – nay, all others agreed.
      11. CC made the motion to move the Green Rider class to the Youth slot on Friday and for starting the classes at 7am on Friday of the September show. VS seconded, all in favor.
      12. VS to send CC a list of concerns regarding the shows.
          1. Overnight dragging – DD is presently addressing.
          2. Warm-up and stall charts being posted sooner.
             1. CC explained we have lost revenue in the past by doing this too early.
      13. Big ribbons for the 7-Up? Had hats made last year…
      14. Bernie to help in the office - $100/day and $10/hr for every hour over 10-12h.
      15. Dana’s Trophies – KD made a motion to decline, FS seconded, all in favor.
      16. Roseanne Steinberg is interested in sponsoring a circuit for the 7-up class – 3 Horse show circuit – EPRHA (Heather), CNYRA (FS, SG), and YRHA. Should we entertain this and if so, what kind of timeframe do we need?
   3. YPS –
      1. Money is set for the year – certificates need to be made and sent out.
      2. Added money – shifted more to the Open.
      3. Ed Truman arm bands – VS to sponsor.
   4. By-Laws – KH nothing to report.
   5. Youth –
      1. Youth Slider Series a go.
         1. Raffle a stall for the next show.
         2. Halters from Valley Vet are available for awards.
         3. April-May = EPRHA; July = YRHA (3 slates)
         4. Jamie Murphy to provide a sponsorship of $200 and $125 for a donated stall.
   6. Affiliate – Kim Hedges – nothing to report.
   7. Drag/Grounds –
      1. Overnight Drag – DD to make a schedule for May and July shows.
   8. Awards/Banquet –
      1. KD will not be here for the May show other than for the set-up.
      2. Budget of $1500 for all show; KD would like an increase to $2000-2500 (purchased vs created)
         1. $2500 for better prizes; would like a sponsor to provide awards deeper into the class.
         2. KS motion to increase the show award money to $2500, VS seconded, all were in favor.
   9. Marketing/Sponsor –
      1. Things are going well – VS has some heavy verbal agreements.
      2. Calendar idea for 2019 – JMG to send out an e-mail with the details so we can start advertising at the May show.
      3. VS asked for a list of past sponsors with the dollar amounts they have donated.
      4. KH to donate awards again – will discuss with KD the specifics.
      5. With regards to apparel, FS made a motion to budget enough for 2 shows worth of merch wear (NOT sponsorship t-shirts). Okay to go with KD’s best judgment – CC seconded, all were in favor.
      6. On 7/28, would like to have a Texas Dance Hall Party after the Derby – Wendell’s to cater? KD to ask Jess if we can pursue this.
   10. Nominating – nothing to report.
8. Old Business:
   * 1. Round-Up for Whitey – JMG to make a storyboard for Whitey.
     2. KH has the banner from Equifest as well as leftover hats.
     3. Affiliate Show – concentrate inwardly now.
        1. Affiliate Committee for 2021.
        2. SG is concerned our warm-up pen is too small.
        3. KS – 2 people with a vested interest in the Affiliate Show should do some research – KS and FS volunteered to do the research.
9. New Business:
   1. KD makes a motion to change up the logo design; VS seconded, all in favor.
   2. The website has not been updated – JMG to reach out to Kim Hixon regarding the updates.
10. On Facebook, Love/Wow all of YRHA’s posts so they are sent to 12 more people.
    1. Billy to set-up wires outside the rings for the shows?
11. 85 stallion banners – at stall set-up; do we need ladders?
    1. Random bit check to be adopted.
    2. Who’s Who sheet for YRHA – TP (pic and a brief profile) at the office; FS mentioned an introduction at the beginning of the show.
12. TP made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10pm, JMG seconded, all in favor.