**YRHA Meeting Minutes**

**March 20, 2018**

**Erie County Fairgrounds**

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

Schlossin, Vincienzo Santos, Serafina Gagliardi, Jennie Mancino

Guest = Kim Hedges

Absent = Courtney Craig, Sarah Judkiewicz

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:16pm.
2. Minutes were approved from the prior meeting KD put forth the motion, KS seconded, all in favor. There was a statement made that financials were okay to include in the minutes.
3. Treasurer’s Report:
   1. $35, 665.24 in checking; $2, 990.90 in savings, $58, 405.57 in YPS.
   2. There have been no transactions.
   3. Transferring funds to the savings to make some money via interest was mentioned. Right now our checking is free. KS will look into having a checking account with interest.
   4. DD made the motion to approve the report, KD seconded, all approved.
4. President’s Report:
   1. As the President, KH is automatically a member of all of YRHA’s committees.
   2. All of the present committees need to report back to the board with meeting minutes, especially at the beginning of the year, i.e. Horse Show Committee.
5. Vice President’s Report – nothing to add at this point.
6. Secretary’s Report:
   1. Members mentioned affiliate dues and updating our board information with the NRHA.
   2. JM offered to help with the secretarial duties at our shows.
7. Committees:
   1. Sunshine Committee –
      1. Ed Trueman passed away – card was sent. The family had a quiet funeral for him. KD put forth a motion for $300/yr for an award to be given to the highest scorer in the Novice and Open Derby in Ed’s name. TP seconded the motion, all agreed. Will call Lori to discuss our pending motion.
   2. Horse Show Committee –
      1. We need a photographer because Shane cannot stand for long periods any longer. KD put forth a motion to keep Shane as our videographer, but to hire a new photographer. VS seconded the motion, all agreed. Mentioned reaching out to Elaina Eppinger.
      2. All shows were approved by 2/1/18.
      3. YRHA should be listed in the NRHA website in order to provide people with as much info about our club as possible to in an effort to increase patronage, especially from outside our area.
      4. TP put forth a motion to have showbills approved 120 days prior to each show. FS seconded, and all agreed.
      5. KH thinks it would be a good idea for the HSC to meet within 2 weeks of each show to discuss the show – the good, the bad, and the ugly.
      6. VS complemented YRHA for the many great things we do, but did state the patrons have had some concerns. VS will create a list of areas where YRHA can improve and will give the list to KD.
      7. May Show – Youth Rookie Class to be added to each day for this show and all of the others. CC is aware.
      8. July Show – Add another day. VS put forth the motion to add the day with a 2wk concession to the 120d amendment to amend the July showbill. TP seconded the motion, all agreed.
      9. September Show – Increased the added money to the Level II and IV Open Futurity ($2000). FS made the motion, TP seconded, JMG abstained, all others agreed.
   3. YPS –
      1. Ed Trueman dedication for all contributions – YPS in memorium – futurity? Arm bands?
      2. Next meeting will be the Monday following our meeting.
      3. Certificates will be mailed out.
      4. Doing well financially.
      5. Keep documents for 7 years.
      6. 30d window on Paypal payments.
   4. By-Laws – KH nothing to report.
   5. Youth – SJ nothing to report.
   6. Affiliate – Kim Hedges – nothing to report.
   7. Drag/Grounds –
      1. Working on overnight dragging every 1-2h (DD, KH, FS, VS are members)
      2. FS and VS to help during the shows and at night as well.
   8. Awards/Banquet –
      1. KH would like to join.
      2. Open Bar ticket sales affected – too expensive. Should the award winners be admitted for free?
      3. KD put forth a motion for novel ideas within our budget for the banquet every year. KS seconded, all in favor other than TP whom was absent for the vote.
   9. Marketing/Sponsor –
      1. VS has ideas to revise the packet – will send out to everyone prior to the next meeting.
      2. Budget goal? 10k? VS will come up with this.
   10. Nominating –
       1. Kim Hedges contacted JV – JV will continue to preside over this committee.
8. Old Business:
   1. Round-Up for Whitey – JMG thought it would be nice if people could share stories about Whitey at the May show.
   2. TP brought up the topic of granting more than one person access to YRHA’s accounts. KS is concerned about security and changing passwords. YPS funds could be separated out and given a separate tax number. JMG mentioned KH stating he would reach out to an accountant and/or attorney at the last meeting. KS will contact the bank to see if Amber can have access to YPS’s accounts. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.
   3. DD put forth a motion to compensate the present Treasurer with #1 free stall per YRHA show, which will be addressed again should the position be passed on to another individual. KD seconded, FS abstained, TP voted “nay”, all others agreed.
9. New Business:
   1. Equifest is this weekend. FS made the motion to give anyone who paid for a membership at the event a free ballcap. Otherwise, the caps would be sold for $15. KS seconded, and all agreed.
   2. Discussed the bids for the affiliate show which would be for 2y and would take place at our September Show. SG mentioned CNYRHA lost a lot of money the first year and made a bit the second year. Need to pay everyone who runs the affiliate shows. A task force needs to be appointed and a budget of costs needs to be put together. CC needs to be involved with this decision, so the motion was tabled until the following meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm – FS put forth the motion, TP seconded.