



FISHERS PEAK HORSE ASSOCIATION

Fishers Peak Horse Association Minutes February 22, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:22 pm by President Roylynn Hill,

Board of Directors present: President Roylynn Hill, Treasurer Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, Secretary Susan Schneider, Adult Director at Large Joette Counts, Past President (s) Cary Nelson, Dennis Schneider, and member Anna Nelson. Vice President Brad Long excused due to severe road conditions / weather.

Each of the 2013 FPHA Board of Directors were given packets containing FPHA By-Laws 2012, What to do the day of the horse show, FPHA entry forms, Membership form, Partner/Sponsor form, numerous past years minutes, FPHA Horse Show flyers, schedule of events, fund raisers and other FPHA info to acquaint the new Board Members with FPHA.

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting December 16, 2012 were read. A change to minutes under heading Reserve Champion Halter, Example: Then the 2 yr old Mare is Reserve Champion Mare, and earns ½ point. (changed Grand Champion Mare to Reserve Champion Mare.)

FPHA BY-Laws section: change a new secretary elected 2014 (2014, 2015, 2016=term.)

Motion to approve minutes by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, Second by Cary Nelson, motion passed.

Treasurer report given by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald. She read the Financial Summary, and reported that according to Bank Statement (Feb 2013) and checks outstanding, Balance is \$1827.30.

Motion to pass Treasurer Report by Susan Schneider, Second by Roylynn Hill, motion passed.

The Tentative Show Dates was next on the agenda. (see attachment) Secretary Susan Schneider had reserved dates at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds for tentative events...Clinic, Fun Day, and Horse Shows, as so done in previous years. Discussion regarding the Las Animas County 4-H Fair, has changed dates to the week of July 29, 2013 instead of Labor Day as in the past. FPHA shows do not conflict with this change.

Discussion regarding the FPHA 2013 Show Dates...the dates are same weekends as previous years...tradition and the dates will be on Saturdays, as voted upon by General Membership 2011, 2012. Shows to begin at 9 AM

May 25, 2013
June 8, 2013
July 12, 2013
August 17, 2013
September 14, 2013

Motion to pass the FPHA 2013 Show Dates by Cary Nelson, Second by Roylynn Hill, Motion Passed.

Schedule of Events for the FPHA Shows was the next topic to discuss. Susan Schneider suggested to change the TRAIL CLASSES to be held after the English Classes, to allow more warm up for the Western Pleasure Horses, and any tack changes if contestant rides English and then Western.

Motion to pass by Susan Schneider, Second by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, motion passed.

Discussion to do FPHA Horse Show Entrys online by President Roylynn Hill. Jennifer Sanchez McDonald stated that was a good idea, however you would need more people in the FPHA Office the day of the show for onsite entrys, class changes, and from past experience in FPHA Office...finding help could poise a problem, and may cause more delay in show, and errors. The FPHA entry system has been good for many years, the contestants need to take entry forms home, so that when coming to show they have them ready to hand in to FPHA entry office...

Secretary Susan Schneider asked how long FPHA needs to keep past year(s) Horse Show Entry forms, as these are like receipts of income for the association. After discussion, the FPHA Board decided to check with a Tax Accountant to see how long to keep the FPHA Entry Forms.

The FPHA By-Laws was next on the agenda:

Past President Cary Nelson spoke about the Awards Banquet and General membership Meeting 2012, and how the agitation of members at the General Membership Meeting made the members and guests feeling not at ease and that it clouded the Awards Banquet, which should have been a bright day for all those members receiving awards for all their hard work during the year. He suggested to have the FPHA Awards Banquet in December of the calendar year. Then have the General Membership Meeting and Election of FPHA Board of Directors in January of the new calendar year. This would enable those receiving awards to have a great day, and then those that wish to voice concerns, may do so at the General Membership Meeting, and not spoil the day for others.

President Roylynn Hill agreed with that idea, and made the motion:

The FPHA Awards Banquet shall be held in December of the calendar year, and the FPHA General Membership Meeting and Election of FPHA Board of Directors shall be held in January of the new calendar year. Motion was second by Joette Counts, motion passed.

Secretary Susan Schneider spoke regarding the Code of Conduct for Members and FPHA Board Members. She brought up the unsportsmanship conduct at the FPHA Horse Shows by a 2012 FPHA Board Member, and how it affected the other Members and another FPHA Board Member. Susan felt that some of this animosity by the 2012 FPHA Board Member also carried over to the FPHA Awards Banquet / General membership Meeting 2012. This matter was discussed by the 2013 Board of Directors, and the motion by Susan Schneider to amend the FPHA By Laws to add the following:

Article II. Membership

- F. FPHA Member(s) shall refrain from conduct that is detrimental to the interest of FPHA, its programs, policies, objectives, and harmonious relationship of its Members/Board of Directors.
- G. Should unbecoming / offending behavior occur towards any FPHA Member(s) the following shall occur:
 - 1. The incident shall be reported immediately to a member(s) of the FPHA Board of Director(s).
 - 2. The FPHA Board of Directors shall meet and go into executive session and listen to the incident report.
 - 3. During the FPHA Board of Directors executive session, the FPHA Board of Directors shall determine the appropriate course of action if any.
 - 4. If any action shall be taken, the FPHA Board of Directors shall determine if the offending party is banned from the Fishers Peak Horse Association for the remaining year or lifetime.

Motion was second by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, motion passed.

Fishers Peak Horse Association Board of Directors Meetings / General Membership Meetings had been once a month in previous years, during the summer only as needed. The 2013 FPHA Board of Directors asked how many members actually attended meetings other than the Annual General Membership Meeting.

Susan Schneider, secretary for the past years, stated that maybe 2-3 members attended, and that last year the 2012 FPHA Board of Directors only met 4 times last year, did use e-mails for some business, and FPHA had a very successful year. She also mentioned that other organizations AQHA, APHA, RMQHA have Annual General Membership Meetings, and separate Board of Director meetings to conduct business of the organization.

Motion by Dennis Schneider (Past President) to change:

Fishers Peak Horse Association Board of Directors Meetings shall be held (quarterly) 4 times during the Calendar year. If the occasion should occur for other FPHA Board of Directors Meeting(s) to discuss Business pertaining to the organization, a special Board of Directors meeting shall be called for.

If FPHA Member(s) should have an issue pertaining to the FPHA organization, he/she shall contact the FPHA Board of Directors in writing, to have that item addressed by the FPHA Board of Directors in a timely matter, or at the next scheduled FPHA Board of Directors meeting.

Motion was second by Roylynn Hill, motion passed.

Secretary Susan Schneider will amend the FPHA By Laws with all of the changes, Reserve Champion Halter. Membership / Board of Directors Code of Conduct, Annual Awards Banquet, General Membership Meeting / Election of Officers, Board of Directors Meetings, and send to each FPHA Board Member for approval.

FPHA Membership Application:

The FPHA Membership Application was changed in 2012, and it was brought to the 2013 FPHA Board of Directors attention by Joette Counts, that it did not state that each FPHA Member needs to volunteer at one of the FPHA Horse Shows or FPHA event during the calendar year.

Motion to change/ add to the FPHA Membership Application by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald:

FPHA Member(s) needs to volunteer at one of the FPHA Horse Shows of sanctioned FPHA event during the calendar year.

Second by Joette Count, motion passed.

Next item of business Kevin Waggoner Clinic.

FPHA postponed clinic from 2012 due to lack of interest and economy. 2013 FPHA Board of Directors decided that the Kevin Waggoner Clinic would Not be feasible for 2013 either. Economy again was one of the factors for this decision, and President Roylynn Hill, would like to have informative clinic(s) for members for a small fee. (similar to how RMQHA has done) This would enable members to attend, and maybe get someone (Jimmy Daurio, AQHA Trainer, RMQHA Director) to donate their time to FPHA. Clinic could be held at the Hill Ranch in Walsenburg for no fee, and possible attract new members....

Roylynn will check with Mr. Daurio , to see if available, and 2013 FPHA BOD will then schedule a clinic.

FUN DAY 2013

A Fun Day 2013 will be held at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds (Expo).

Saturday April 6th, 2013

\$10 per horse

1—4 pm

Events: Western Riding Versatility, Barrels, Pole Bending, Roping the Hot Heels, and ??????
Reining??

The events offered are the same as Fun Day 2012, rental of the Expo is \$90 for the 3 hours. Insurance is already paid from FPHA 2012 policy.

TRAIL RIDES 2013

Discussion regarding Trail Rides for the year, Joette Counts & Susan Schneider rode the Trinidad Lake State Park Trail Ride in 2012. They thought that it was a good ride, scenic, and good for everyone, any horse, and the ride was about 1 ½ hours so not too long. 2013 FPHA BOD decided to have another Trail Ride at the Trinidad Lake State Park. May 4th, 2013, (Saturday) 11am – 1 pm. Riders will be asked to be saddled and ready to go by 11am, as so done in 2012. Susan Schneider will check with Trinidad Lake State Park if date is ok and send flyer to members..

FACEBOOK

The 2013 FPHA Board of Directors discussed the addition of FPHA to FACEBOOK. Most organizations have a Web Page and Facebook. Jennifer Sanchez McDonald thought that by adding FPHA to Facebook, it would increase interest in FPHA. If the content is kept professional, the information about the organization will travel to so many people...friends. Jennifer will create / monitor the FPHA Facebook site.

Motion by Susan Schneider to have FPHA FACEBOOK site, and to have Jennifer Sanchez McDonald create / monitor the site.

Second by Roylynn Hill, motion passed.

RIBBONS

Susan Schneider stated that ribbons need to be ordered after inventory of ribbons. FPHA gives ribbons 1st to 6th place and participant ribbons to all others in the class. Susan also proposed changing points to 8th place..reason for the proposal, is that a contestant shows all 5 shows, and always gets a participant ribbon. This would give that contestant incentive to keep showing, and get points. It probably would not affect the All Around.

2013 FPHA BOD discussed the idea, and it was decided to leave point system as is. Contestant should be more motivated, practice more, thus improve... They also discussed giving a “MOST IMPROVED AWARD”, for the FPHA Horse Shows, condition of horse to be considered for this award. This was tabled to next meeting...

LEADLINE

The Leadline (5 & Under) is for contestants just beginning. 2013 FPHA BOD discussed changing the Leadline to (6 & under), but everyone agreed to leave it how it has been for 24 years.

FUNDRAISER

Fishers Peak Horse Association does a Fund Raiser each year. Past years have been Clinics, Barrel Races, Team Roping, Ranch Rodeos, Silent Auction. This years Fund Raiser ????????? will be discussed at next meeting..

JUDGES

FPHA Judges are contacted in April of the calendar year, by the Vice President, and then their name and address is forwarded to the Secretary. They will then receive JUDGES PACKETS from the Secretary 10 days prior to the show that they are judging. FPHA in past years has tried to use judges from other Countys / New Mexico, so that the judging is fair for all contestants. FPHA also follows AQHA guidelines for the shows, and judging where one cannot be trained or have horse trained by a judge. FPHA judges are paid \$125.00.

Susan Schneider has a list of judges, and FPHA always welcomes new judges if anyone knows of one.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, second by Joette Counts, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Schneider
FPHA Secretary