

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 26th, 2011

12:00pm

Introduction of Board Members: Burt Caron, Steve Roseberry, Carrie McBride, and Karen Wood

Important Dates: Youth Silent Auction to end at 8pm Saturday June 26th

Stall Raffle to end at 8pm Saturday June 26th

Mark Matson Clinic Saturday July 22nd starting at 5pm

Summer Spectacular August 26th – 28th

Youth Fundraiser Show September 10th

Green Report: A bulletin board is posted in the make-up pen with information.

Sherry Thatcher is head of this committee.

Membership Report: 166 paid for 2011 (268 total – active and inactive members)

All members, active or inactive, still receive updates.

Janet Carter is head of this committee.

Treasurer Report: Financial Reports were passed out. No further discussion.

At this time the floor was opened to new business.

Karen Wood made a suggestion, that for the 2012 show season, all Non Pro exhibitors be eligible to show leased horses. This would affect three ORCHA classes. No decision was made.

Roger Smith took the floor to discuss his educational program and the students he teaches, specifically Matt Fraley. Roger Smith stated that Matt Fraley has a private tutor that comes to the house one day a week to help Matt with his school, and the other six days he rides horses and works hard around the farm. Matt carries a high GPA. Roger does not pay any of the kids in his program, Matt Fraley included. Roger suggested anyone concerned should put their \$100.00 protest fee up to NRCHA or quit complaining. The board's response to this was that they are required to report any suspicious activity that does not follow NRCHA rules. It is no longer in the board's hands. It is up to NRCHA to make a decision. Matt Fraley will still be allowed to show.

Scott Fraley, Matt's father, requested that anyone who has a problem or complaint about Matt to please take it up with him, not Matt. It was the Fraleys' decision to take him out of public school and put him into this program. Matt is still a youth.

Dave Phillips says we need to support our youth, not complain about them.

Marissa Vetula would like to see officers and committees within the association. The board members stated that there are officers within the board of directors. Normally there are 5 board members but one has stepped down leaving a space available. According to the by-laws this is not an election year. A board member may be appointed during the year of 2011. The board may appoint whom they choose. Each director position is a four year term. This is only the third year for ORCHA. The directors' terms are alternated so not all terms are up in the same year.

Donna Garrison's concern is communication. She said she emailed all board members about a possible clinic and judge for 2011 and never a got a response. Not everyone on the board received her email. Judges are set for the year by April.

Steve Roseberry said this is a positive equine association and we need to abide by the NRCHA rules.

Sam Knowles said this is a new association with growing pains. This happens to every association, we just need to find a way work through it.

Karen Phillips said we need to keep a general structure. The more rules and committees we have the harder it becomes to have a successful horseshow. Exhibitors should be thankful that they have such a nice horseshow to attend.

Allison Walker asked for volunteers at the horseshows. She believes everyone needs to take personal responsibility.

Elaine Spear would like to see an organized warm-up pen before someone get hurts.

Steve Roseberry stated there is a suggestion box at the entry office. Your input will be discussed among the board.

Carrie has posted a volunteer job list at the entry office.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10