



East Tennessee Saddlebred Association Minutes – Horse Show Committee Meeting

Date: March 4, 2010

Location: Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center, Jefferson Federal Room

Present: Lisa Bible, Ray Bible, Scott Byerley, Carol Coffman, Jon Hermes, Heath Hughes, Heather Jones, Terri Larkins, Becky Larkins, Cissy Mayo, Tammie Moore, Dianna Pearson, Nancy Phillips, Sharon Rhoton, Deborah Richardson, Shannon West

Jon Hermes, president, called the meeting to order.

Dianna Pearson, secretary, read the minutes from the February 11, 2010, meeting held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Morristown, TN

Motion to Approve: Lisa Bible

Second: Ray Bible

Motion Carried

Tammie Moore, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Motion to Approve: Heather Jones

Second: Becky Larkins

Motion Carried

Members questioned what is done with the footing (shavings) from the ring following the horse show. Lisa Bible explained that it is hauled out and dumped in the place where the Expo Center dumps all used shavings. A suggestion was made to allow someone to come get the shavings to use if they wanted them. Deborah Richardson mentioned how many shaving Dixie Stampede goes through in a short time and said she would contact them to see if they would want to get them hauled to Pigeon Forge for their use.

Jon Hermes announced that 2009 taxes are being done on schedule and that so far they have not had any questions on any of the returns filed.

Results from the judges ballot were Maria Gilman and Euchee Matthews tied for first, Gayle Lampe-3rd; Merrill Murray-4th; and Jimmy Womble, Suzi Day, Raymond Shively, Bret Day, Johnny Jones, and Larry Hodge all tied with one vote each.

A roll call vote was taken from the show committee with the final vote being Maria Gilman with 8 votes and Euchee Matthews with 7 votes.

Due to the number of sessions held during the show, the idea was suggested to have a separate judge for academy. Sandy Trail was recommended as a first choice for the academy judge. The committee approved to pay the academy judge up to \$250.00, but said to see if the judge would volunteer their services. Dianna Pearson volunteered to talk to Sandy.

Motion to Approve: Heather Jones

Second: Debbie Richardson

Motion Carried

Carol Coffman made a motion to offer the show manager to Tammie Moore if she would accept. Tammie said she would like to be show manager.

Motion to Approve: Carol Coffman

Second: Becky Larkins

Motion Carried

Lisa Bible requested that the air be cleared about a meeting that was to have been held prior to the show committee meeting. Jon Hermes explained that he formed a committee that would be responsible for setting up policies and procedures for the horse show. Clear policies and procedures had never been set up and Jon and three former presidents, and the current vice president were to have made up the committee. Somehow, numerous rumors were circulated as to what the meeting was to be about, so it was cancelled. Discussion from former club presidents explained that the horse show and organization is getting larger each year and that it is time that policies and procedures need to be established to define responsibilities to make the horse show and club run smoother. It was suggested that the committee be formed and build a draft to bring back to the show committee for completion. No action was taken regarding the committee.

The jobs of ring master, announcer, ribbon girls, gate keepers, and refreshments for center ring were discussed. Heath Hughes said since helping with the show is no longer required for high point, that the girls from his barn who normally hand out ribbons would most likely not be interested in helping this year. Questions arose about the possibility of using 4-H girls, girl scouts, or possibly high school students who need to do some community service projects. Nancy Phillips said she would make some calls to the schools and the committee said the girls should be at least 13 years old.

The addition of another session on Thursday was discussed, but tabled until the next meeting when the committee looks at the schedule of classes.

Betsy Webb has requested the addition of 3 gaited and 5 gaited pony classes. The question was raised as to when we stop adding classes. The committee suggested that no classes be added after the beginning of the first horse show session.

Motion to Approve: Heather Jones

Second: Terry Larkins

Motion Carried

Members suggested that new classes for this year be listed under the title of "New This Year" on the web site and in the prize list.

The possibility of paying prize money in qualifying classes was discussed. Jon Hermes said he would prepare a financial study to see what it would cost to offer money in those classes.

Tammie Moore received an e-mail requesting that ribbons be awarded to dogs placing in the dog show. Carol Coffman has been buying the toys that were given as prizes to the dogs and she said she would check on the cost of ribbons and report back to the committee.

A new design for the presentation background in center ring was discussed. Dianna Pearson passed around photos from the National Racking Horse Association World Jamboree as a possible option for Midsummer Classic. Heath Hughes will check on plants for center ring. It was suggested to see if ETSA could make a donation to the nursery or pay for delivery and pick up of the plants if they were willing to loan plants again this year.

Jon Hermes will check on the cost of a professionally printed sign for the presentation background.

The next Show Committee Meeting will be Thursday, March 11 at Mrs. Helen Catron's in Morristown.

Exhibitors have asked about keeping the arena open later at night and opening earlier in the mornings during the show. Tammie Moore will check with John Baldy at the Expo Center about the possibility.

The spring social will be held Sunday, April 18 at Debbie and Leon Richardson's in Lenoir City.

Terry Larkins made a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Approve: Terry Larkins

Second: Heather Jones

Motion Carried