

Meeting Minutes – LCHA Membership Meeting
SEPTEMBER 2008

Date: October 1st, 2008

Board Members Present: MICHAEL KALIL
SCARLETT COLLINS
HELEN JOHNSON
CORY BOWGREN
SUSAN CHANVIN
JANE HALL
ROBBYN SELLERS
JERRY JACOBS
ERICA CLARK

Board Members Absent: All present

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Michael Kalil.

Quorum met.

Scarlett Collins presented the treasurer's report. Starting balance September 1, 2008 \$3,182.79. Ending balance \$2,988.86. Fun Show earned \$1,256 with 2 memberships \$55, expenses included Speed Show T-Shirts, Fun Show costs, Corporate Filing Fees and insurance deposit. Scarlett shared the expense for insurance would be about \$1,700 with the two day show format for the Hunter/Jumper Division. Cory Bowgren motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Jany Hall seconded.

Old Business:

Michael Kalil brought to the floor the replacement of Sherry Beuttner as Jerry Jacobs.

Michael Kalil first item on the agenda was the Fun Show. It was not as strongly attended as shows in the past years. The income was less than last year. It was agreed that everyone had fun. It was agreed that planning needs to start earlier in the year and we can be marketing the Fun Show as early as our May Shows and at the Awards Banquet.

Website Update: Discussion was had on the website and Michael shared that he has asked Lori Darr to add back on the Membership Application and show registration as well as allowing for the Paypal payment option.

Progress of handbook for By-Laws: Progress regarding the handbook for the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and class offerings for all disciplines was tabled due to the absence of Regan Burke. Michael stated he would be working with her on this during the upcoming week.

Newsletter: The newsletter had not been sent out as of the meeting. Regan Burke was handling for this month. Michael stated he would also check on this when he contacted Regan. Tammy Azevedo will be our newsletter chairperson and can be reached at 849-9611 or at the4az@embarqmail.com.

New Business:

Michael Kalil challenged each show division to improve revenue for 2008 – 2009. He reminded everyone to “Pay It Forward” and tell at least 2 friends each show to attend. That would be one of the most effective ways to increase numbers for membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Lori Darr is putting membership back online with a PayPal option.

Banquet and Awards – Nothing to report at this time. Date will be June 20th.

Technology – See Website and Newsletter

Advertising and Sponsorship – Ad was run in Everything Equine as per last meeting. We will run the same ad for the November issue. Will discuss at the November meeting the ideas for the December ad.

Cory Bowgren stated that the original corporate letters were mailed. Helen Johnson was going to mail more letters this month. Jane Hall volunteered to type up the letter for her to get into the mail.

Club Improvements and Membership Liaison – Terri Lodge was not present to make report.

Speed Committee – Jane Hall mentioned that the speed committee met and have everything in order for the upcoming show. She had the first aid box and the timers for the show from the Fun Show. Susan Chauvin confirmed that George Chauvin would be at the show and would drag for us for this show. Jane Hall stated she would create a volunteer form to track the volunteer hours for the speed riders for the end of the year. She also stated she would be tracking points on the same excel format as last season. Lori Darr stated she had updated the website to have online registrations established for the speed page.

Jane Hall brought up the request from several speed riders about the loss of the pre-registration fees. There was membership discussion regarding bringing back the discount of \$10 for pre-registration. Robbyn Sellers stated that she felt very strongly that we should have the online registration but that the \$10 discount was not as important. It was more valuable to have the convenience to sign into the show quickly rather than saving \$10. The overall consensus was that the credits were too big of a loss last year and we really could do without bringing this back. Subject was closed and all agree to hold off on this request.

Performance Committee – Helen Johnson stated that the committee did meet and things were on its way for the show for this month. She did say that the committee was told that there was no funds available for trail items. Michael stated that if the division needed trail items we would be able to get them. Jerry Jacobs stated we needed 18 poles and 2 jump standards for the upcoming show.

Conversation continued that we had Jean Gage as our judge for a flat fee of \$300. There was discussion about having her as the judge. Scarlett Collins mentioned in the past that we attempted to get judges from outside the 5 county area. Jerry Jacobs reminded everyone that in these times, we needed to be satisfied that we are able to get judges to drive down here.

The stall fee was confirmed by Lori Darr to be \$20 for this Performance season.

Jerry Jacobs started conversation about the point system. It was stated by Jane Hall that at the October meeting, it was too late to make changes to how points were being calculated. This was something that should be discussed and agreed on in the summer prior to show season, then it can be shared with the membership before show season.

Hunter/Jumper Committee – This report was tabled in the absence of Regan Burke. In addition to this the job duties for Show Manager and Show Secretary was also tabled.

Miscellaneous Business

Michael Kalil presented an idea given to him from Jane Hall regarding establishment of a LCHA Relief Fund. He suggested we earmarked a class each show and contributed the income from that class to this special fund. There was discussion as to what the fund would be and how it was managed. Scarlett Collins stated this would have to be managed very closely. Susan Chauvin motioned we establish a LCHA Relief Fund and Robbyn Sellers seconded it. All agreed. Kathy Wilson volunteered to be a part of the committee along with the executive committee.

Jane Hall asked if there was still an interest in the Fashion Show since there did not seem to be any one stepping up to help. Scarlett Collins stated that we needed to do the event as we want to expand the club and get the membership working together. The concern was the conflict with having to move speed to the next weekend in November which is the same night as the original fashion show. Discussion was held on moving the date, December was too late for the value of the vendors for the holidays. It was agreed that we should move the date to Sunday, November 16th at 1pm.

Michael Kalil opened the floor for discussion. Tammy Azevedo asked two questions:

- Can a rider do a lope class in Western and then go back to a walk trot class in English? No walk trot riders were strictly limited to riders not ready to lope.
- Could we accommodate special needs riders by adding a few walk only classes? Jane Hall motioned we add 2 walk trot classes. Scarlett Collins seconded, all agreed. Motioned moved with the addition to the Performance Prize List.

Kathy Wilson brought up that last year there was some concern that when classes were combined that sometimes they were judged separately and sometimes they were judged together. There was discussion regarding elimination of classes if there was not any rider for 3 shows. Jane Hall reminded everyone that we were trying to attract riders and by removing classes we were going against what we were attempting to do, grow membership. The rules were cited that stated that if there was no one riding in the class for 3 shows we could elect to remove it from the prize list. All agreed to reexamine this in January. Erika Clark motioned that we judge classes separately even if classes are combined until we review in January. Robbyn Sellers seconded, all agreed.

Robbyn Sellers asked if we could add a special award for speed for Most Improved Rider. Scarlett Collins stated that was no reason why we couldn't.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm