

New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
15-16 August 2014
Jet Park Hotel, Auckland

UNCONFIRMED

Margaret Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Council members. She enforced that Council members are here for everyone and not for clubs or personal agendas.

Present:

Leanne Stringer, Joanne Krileitch, Robyn Bell, Shona Milsom, Margaret Miller, Colleen Sands, Joan Coppel

Apologies:

Aaron Harrison, Michael Goodwin, Jackie Krzyzewski for Saturday morning. Margaret Miller advised the meeting it was disappointing that two new members were not at this first meeting of the new council. She advised that there was a possibility of a quorum not being reach which would result in decisions unable to be made at this meeting. At 10.30 am meeting able to proceed when two council members arrived.

Moved that the President is to contact these two council members and speak strongly to them about meeting attendance.

Joan Coppel/Colleen Sands

Carried

Additional Items for General Business

Mel Skinner Remit
Trophies

Housekeeping:

Margaret Miller advised that all Council expenses must be signed by herself as President first before going to the Treasurer. She confirmed to the new Council that a \$25 daily allowance payable and car parking costs can be claimed. Airfares must be booked as soon as possible after the meeting date announced and Insurance should be purchases where possible the carry on baggage allowance only should be utilised.

John Newfield and Bill Bell arrived at the meeting 11.20am

Confirm Minutes of July Council Meeting

Registration Delays – add the works “by members” after processing of paperwork.

Moved that the minutes of the meeting held 19 July 2014 at the Chateau on the Park Hotel, Christchurch with the amendments as noted are a true and correct record

Robyn Bell/Margaret Miller

Carried

Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

Ratification of email motions.

Letter as circulated to Council be sent to the Mr & Mrs Sloan
Carried unanimously.

Financial

Confirmed that the Gelding Incentive and Futurity payments had been done and are ready to be sent out.

The other financial business deferred until Jackie Krzyzewski in attendance.

Correspondence

Inwards:

D Sloan – Receipt of letter noted.

D Wilson – Trophy to be located and reallocated.

Small Horse Breeders Association - read to the meeting.

It was noted that some of the SHBA dates were advertised before NZMHA had approved their dates. Letter to be acknowledged and they are to be advised the NZMHA look forward to working with them on the dates in the future.

Margaret Miller advised the meeting of a suggestion made that NZMHA and like minded Associations work together with a view to working together in the future. The meeting agreed there was a need to open up fun days to non registered horses. This needs addressing and clarification.

After discussion it was agreed by Council that as fun days/training days/ ribbons days are important to encourage new members NZMHA affiliate clubs are encouraged to hold open fun days for their members as long as the horses entered fall within the height categories.

Outwards

D Sloan – Refer ratification of email motion.

Photo Competition

The two photos that were received are to be given to the TinyTales Editor for inclusion and voting in the next issue.

Sportsmanship Award

Joanne Krileitch spoke to meeting about a new criteria for the award.

The meeting agreed that nominations by members are to be sent to Council via delegates for discussion at Council level and a decision on the award will be made by the Council at the time.

The meeting broke for Lunch 12.30pm

The meeting reconvened at 1.20pm

Club Shows

Shona Milsom asked Council for a ruling on a the West Coast MH Club holding its first premier show alongside a showcase show.

Moved that the West Coast Miniature Horse Club application for a Premier show be declined for this coming season and until it has proven that the club are able to run a successful B rated Show.

Joan Coppell/Joanne Krileitch

Carried

The number of B rated shows held by any one affiliated club was discussed and whether or not it was necessary to limit the number of B rates shows clubs were able to hold in a season. This was due to the limited number of dates available in the show calendar.

Moved that due to the recent boundary changes and in the fairness to all clubs they are only allowed to apply for two B rated show dates per season.

Joan Coppell/Leanne Stringer

Carried

National Show Update

Robyn Bell advised the meeting that Richard Petty would like to officiate at the show but the \$1500 allowance is not enough to cover the cost of the airfares. She asked the meeting what the feeling was for increasing the allowance.

It was confirmed the judges for the National Show in 2015 were to be made up of Two American and one Australian judge and the advantage this year was that we should be able to fly them straight into Christchurch as there will be no internal travel costs.

Moved that the allowance for flights for the American judges be raised US \$2,200

Robyn Bell/Margaret Miller

Carried

Moved that Shona Milsom be appointed Show Manager for the 2015 National Show

Moved Margaret Miller/Robyn Bell carried

The meeting confirmed the show would run Thursday through to Sunday.

A condition to be added in the front of the schedule advising that harness horses /driver combinations must have completed at least two shows prior to the show.

The show to be run along similar lines to the show held previously in Christchurch – with the activity days held on the Thursday/Friday.

2016 National Show

Robyn Bell advised that Lewis McQuinn is available to judge at the 2016 National Show. The meeting agreed that Robyn Bell to contact him and to pencil him in for the 2016 show.

Showcase Shows:

Letter from Miniature Horse Club read to the meeting.

Margaret Miller advised the Council that this show was moved to Oamaru as it was felt it was a more central location and was based on the financial reports available at the time. It was also felt that MHCOS did not support the show last year.

Jackie Krzyzewski welcomed to the meeting 2.45pm

The meeting noted that it was unfortunate that the Regional Delegate from that area was not at the meeting as there was no representation from that area.

Moved that this meeting endorse the past Councils recommendations of the location of SC5
Joan Coppell/Shona Milsom **Carried**

Joanne Krileitch spoke to the meeting about the location and dates of SC2 regarding reconsideration of the venue.

The meeting discussed various options and the reasons for both venues. Margaret Miller asked that the matter was deferred until Sunday morning and asked all Council members to think on the matters presented and be prepared to make a decision on Sunday.

Financial

Margaret Miller asked John Newfield what his concerns were with the with the annual accounts that were presented to the AGM. Mr Newfield advised he felt some of the figures were wrong and as an example the postage for Tinytales appeared to only be for one issue. The Meeting agreed that John to advise Jackie Krzyzewski and Jackie to work with Abby to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Jackie Krzyzewski advised that do date she has not received any records but further advised that Abby Duke had advised previously that she would finish the period for GST before handing them over.

Moved that the Council expenses and the hotel costs for this meeting plus the two overdue two sound system accounts be paid
Margaret Miller/Colleen Sands **Carried**

Fundraising

The meeting agreed that another on line auction to be run later in the year Leanne Stringer agreed to run this and a notice to be put in Tinytales asking for donations.

John Newfield offered his help to Jackie Krzyzewski for the completion of funding applications.

Moved that John Newfield be co-opted to Council to help Jackie with the funding applications.
Colleen Sands/Joanne Krileitch **Carried**

Tinytales editor's contract

Jackie Krzyzewski confirmed she now has a copy of the contract and that she would discuss with Jane Sharps on Sunday when Jane would be in attendance.

Signatories

Margaret Miller advised that they will remain as the President, Treasurer and Secretary as cannot be changed except at an AGM.

NZMHA Assets

The following assets and their location were confirmed:

TV and DVD player – Shona Milsom

Timber yard – John Newfield

Gazebo/Fake Grass – Julie Bailey

Measuring Sticks – Leone Stables to be contacted for a list of where they are located.

Banner/Flag – Julie Bailey

MYOB Programme - Treasurer

Region 3 Delegate

The meeting agreed that this position needs to be filled and nomination forms to go out to all Region 3 members in the next couple of weeks.

Trophies

The meeting agreed that now the number of Showcase shows have been reduced there will be some double ups in trophies. The meeting agreed that all Showcase trophies are to be recalled and a notice to go into Tinytales recalling them.

Revoked Horses Amnesty

Shona Milsom advised the meeting that as the previously held amnesty had resulted in horses coming back onto the registry she would like to see another one offered.

Moved that an amenity be offered for revoked horses be offered from 1 September 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Shona Milsom/Robyn Bell

Carried

LOC problem

Margaret Miller advised Council of a problem the LOC had with an application for a judge at a show. One judge doing two days and one judges doing the A's and one the B's. Problem was the judge was related to two of the competitors. LOC believe it is too close.

Council endorsed the LOC decision that the judge concerned be turned down for judging at the show.

Meeting Dates

The following dates were confirmed for Council meetings for 2014/2015 – with the venues to be confirmed.

6th & 7th December – Wellington – 10am - Brentwood

28th & 29th March – Christchurch – 10am – Sudima

18 & 19th July - Auckland

Drug Testing

Procedures were discussed and the list to be taken from RAS and published to membership and clubs and in Tinytales. Both Margaret Miller and Shona Milsom to talk with their respective vets to make sure the list is appropriate.

The meeting closed 5.10pm

Sunday 16 August

The meeting reconvened at 9.30am

Sasha Gilliland, Jane Sharps and John Newfield welcomed to the meeting.

Judges Seminar

Margaret Miller updated Council on the judges seminar. She advised that as Wayne Hipsley will be at Equidays the North Island seminar will have to be at Labour Weekend. (25-26th October) and will be based in the Waikato as Wayne has accommodation arranged. Wayne is also available for harness lessons.

The meeting agreed that any Judges who came off the list will be asked to do the course and come back on board.

The South Island venue to be decided 29-30th November but it was felt Christchurch will be the area this is held.

The course will be promoted with members and the RAS judges and grants will be applied for to fund.

Moved that the course fee for Wayne Hipsley is set at \$50 which will include lunch and tea/coffee for both days

Colleen Sands/Leanne Stringer

Carried

Margaret Miller to talk to Wayne regarding judges coming for a refresher course.

Measuring:

Michael Goodwin's emailed report was tabled.

The procedure for measuring days was confirmed as the Clubs send applications to their regional delegate who then forward onto the co-ordinators. RD's advertise the dates to every member.

Joanne Krileitch to make sure the trainers know about the Measuring training record booklets and would like to publish all the North Island dates in Tinytales. Joanne to email Michael Goodwin to see if he wanted to publish the South Island dates. Joanne also agreed to update forms and policies and forward to Shona for updating .

Life measures

The meeting agreed that once a horse is measured for its life measure, the height certificate and registration certificate must go to the Registrar for stamping and for her records. Form to be developed and placed on website for people to download, fill out and send to the registrar. It was confirmed there would be no cost involved.

Venues for measuring.

The meeting agreed that all measuring days should be held at a place that is accessible to all members and at a place where all members can freely attend.

The meeting agreed to Jane Sharps being added to a trainer for measurers.

Moved that Crystal Schwass and Jan Jackson be approved to enter the measuring training programme.

Shona Milsom/Joanne Krileitch

Carried

Joanne Krileitch to send measuring record books to them.

Margaret Miller read an email to the meeting from someone who was wanting to enter the training programme. It was felt that this person was not suitable to be a measurer at this time.

Moved that the person be written to decline her application to be a measurer to say that she has been taken off the list as it was felt that scribing she has done is not up to a suitable standard.

Jackie Kyzyzewski/Robyn Bell

Carried

Moved that Chole Van roon and Penny Carmody, be approved provisionally to enter the training programme on the proviso that the correct paperwork is received.

Colleen Sand/Leanne Stringer

Carried

Any updates to measuring list to be send to Shona for updating.

Wychwood Cup

The meeting thanked Jackie and Tony Krzyzewski for their continued sponsorship for a further year.

Showcase Shows:

The meeting once again discussed the location of Showcase 2 and after a considerable amount of time was spent on this decision it was felt that Franklin was considered the preferred venue for this but when the futurity classes were taken into account it was deemed necessary to go with the status quo and continue with the show in Cambridge with the February dates.

The meeting therefore agreed that in 2016 SC 2 will be held in Franklin. The Council wishes that the council for 2015-2016 will respect this decision.

It should be noted that clubs running the premier alongside the showcases need to respect that it is privilege not a right and they are expected to fully liaise with the Regional Delegates in the running of these shows and provide the support required. It should be noted that any clubs not providing adequate support may jeopardise the future running of their premiers alongside SC shows.

Entries for Showcase Shows

Margaret Miller advised the meeting she would like to see the regional delegates taking the entries for the shows and being responsible for the catalogues. The meeting agreed to this and advised the Regional Delegates they are to be responsible for making sure this is done.

Tinytales editor's contract

Jackie Krzyzewski advised the meeting she had spoken to Jane and was happy with the contract.

Moved that the contract be renewed for one year

Jackie Krzyzewski/Margaret Miller

Carried

Stallion Soundness – DNA

Jackie Krzyzewski spoke to the meeting and advised she was keen to get some form instigated in a slow way. Her suggestion is that the \$250 stallion service fee include (no extra cost) for DNA testing of horses. Good way of introducing DNA testing. DNA testing results belong to the owner and NZMHA would retain a copy. NZMHA would manage the process as part of the registry.

Jackie Krzyzewski agreed to write an article for Tinytales and confirmed this would only for new stallions and to protect our registry and included on the on line survey.

Robyn Bell queried if NZMHA can afford the funds required for the DNA and are existing stallions still going to be afforded the opportunity. Meeting agreed they could be.

Online survey

Shona Milsom suggested to Council that an on-line survey could be put together for members to have their say. The meeting agreed this was a good idea and Margaret Miller and Shona Milsom to put questions together and bring to next meeting for approval. Council members asked to submit questions for inclusion.

Additional Correspondence

Colleen Sands tabled a letter from Karen Thyne regarding Multiple Hitch classes.

The Meeting agreed that this activity should start at club level and it was agreed the Secretary to write to Karen and respectfully suggest that she contact her local club for the inclusion of the show and that the National Show schedule is currently being worked on but it was looking likely that a suitable time slot would not be available for a display.

Membership

Margaret Miller advised the meeting of the membership drop and asked the meeting for ideas for encouraging members.

The meeting agreed that communication was very important and that this year emphasis on communication would be worked on.

Constitution

Margaret Miller advised that it vital that the Constitution gets worked on this year and that there was a need for this to be simplified and rewritten.

The meeting agreed that Jackie Krzyzewski, Shona Milsom and Margaret Miller to work on this.

Rookie of the Year

This competition to receive more input and advertising to encourage members to enter. To be advertised in Tinytales.

Youth

Margaret Miller to contact Miniature Horse Association of Australia re an invitation for a New Zealand Youth Team to attend the show next Easter

Photo competition:

Photos to go into next issue of Tinytales voted on by the members by a tear off strip and sent to the Secretary.

Financials:

Accounts are subject to a by annual review and once reviewed they will be released to the general members.

Margaret Miller thanked the Council for a good positive meeting and the hope that this would continue throughout the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed 3pm