

New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
13 July 2014
Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

CONFIRMED

Present

Denise Wilson, Margaret Miller, Jasmine Harrison, Bronwyn Van Roon, Jo Duke, David Crow, Shona Milsom, Karen Wilson, Tom Cooper

In Attendance

Jane Sharps, Joanne Kriletich, , Dave Sando, Gaylene Williams, Abby Duke, Garry Colquhoun, Bill Bell, Robyn Bell, Shirley Gollan, Karen Thyne, Brittany Brown, Amanda Wilson, Melinda Miles, Alyssa King, Jackie Krzyzewski

Apologies

Daniel Miller, Marilyn McRae

Moved that the apologies be accepted

Margaret Miller/Jo Duke

Carried

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Page 3 – Mainland Miniature Horse Show should be Miniature Horse Club of Canterbury.

Moved that the minutes of the meeting held 20-21 April 2013 in Christchurch with the correction to Page 3 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Heather Lough/Karin Wilson

Carried

Matters Arising

Bronwyn Van Roon confirmed the agreement with the Interislander and circulated to meeting.

Luke Perrin – Tom Cooper has tried to contact him without any success. Meeting agreed a letter to be written to him expressing disappointment at lack of action. Secretary to write to Mr Perrin and asking for the details of the medical certificate to be completed so the claim for a refund can be actioned and completed.

Judges for NZMHA Miniature Horse Show - deferred until later in the meeting.

Bronwyn Van Roon to confirm the RDA for Showcase 6. Mrs Van Roon advised the meeting that members unhappy it is outside and she reminded the meeting it is the same time as the Standard bred sales. Further discussion deferred until later in the meeting.

NZMHA Website – has been upgraded and signed off, will go live in the next couple of days.

Equidays – confirmed is going ahead as schedule but NZMHA will not be participating.

Moved that the meeting move into committee

Denise Wilson/Jasmine Harrison

Carried

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Carried

Correspondence

Inwards

- Egmont A & P - Newsletter and Annual Report
- Alpha Design Website Development Agreement
- Egmont A & P membership invoice
- Trevor Burge
- D Sloan
- Marlene Schroder
- Beth Knight/Don Knight – resignation from judges list
- John Newfield – query of breeders award of merit

Incoming Council will deal with Mr Newfield's query.

Denise Wilson confirmed that Remits were already in for the year at time of receipt of the email from Mr Newfield. The meeting agreed that the Incoming Council will discuss at the next meeting. Council was reminded that if the remit to remove the show rules out of the constitution goes through the incoming Council can treat as housekeeping and change.

- Karen Bethell
- Letter from Kingsland Print – query was forwarded to Jane Sharps.
- Christine White
- Denise Jones
- Alpha Design
- American Shetland Association of NZ – offering to make a \$500 donation to assist with judges expenses on agreement that the judge stays for another week. Jo Duke reminded the meeting the judge would have finished judging our show and conducted the seminar.

Denise Wilson advised that if Council decide to accept the offer a contract should be signed off. Council agrees in principal, subject to contacting American judge and them being in agreement.

Outwards

J Thacker

- Malloch McClean Chartered Accountants
- NZMHA Judges
- Judges Seminars and Exam
Linda Jackson
Sharon Neville
Cara Murtagh
- T Berge
- Hawera Group Riding for the Disabled
- D Sloan
- Marlene Schroder
- Beth Night
- National Show Thank you Letters to:

S Mollison & K Kelly
B & R Bell
G Williams
Showtime Tack
K Dance
A Wilson

Moved that the inwards/outwards correspondence be accepted
Margaret Miller/Heather Lough **Carried**

Financial Report

David Crow advised he has set up on MYOB and loaded all opening balance from last year and worked forward. He pointed out that there were a number of things were accrued for \$6,000 and some that should have been accrued and were not to the value of around \$5,000

He advised that at the End of March 2013 there was a loss of some \$10,220 (\$15,000) and that the National Show made a small profit of \$693 but reminded the meeting that there was significant sponsorship obtained for show.

He advised there was a \$7,500 loss on Showcase shows and not one made a profit. He advised that nothing being done wrong and the numbers of horses entered in the shows was well down on previous years.

He advised that the Year to date to was showing loss of \$7,800. He advised this was normal for this time of the year as it was a recognised no income period with no registrations and limited transfers.

He advised that Council has been saying for years to members that there is a need to save money. He advised that Council can say they have done everything possible to save money. Everything has gone up but Council has trimmed and trimmed. Members are now expecting Council members to dig into their own pockets to fund the association and this is wrong.

Melinda Miles advised she takes exception to this statement as she as a member she does not agree. David he can only speak about the majority of members but Melinda's point is noted but the majority of members have not agreed with times Council has tried to cut costs.

David Crow reminded the meeting that the Showcase shows are run by NZMHA with budgets set in conjunction with the Regional Delegates. Every NZMHA member deserves the same service

regardless of area they live. Shows are done on a budget but without the knowledge of how many entries will be received. Clubs do not pick the venues for the regional shows, this is done by the Council.

David Crow advised that there is very little more that Council can do to save money on meetings. Need to look at airfares and would like to suggest when the meeting date is set for a Council meeting, Council members must make bookings within 7 days and any bookings made after 7 days can only seek reimbursement of this figure.

Moved that council members need to book their ticket within 7 days of the date of the Council meeting or AGM being set and to print off a copy of a quote for the value of the ticket at that time and that is the maximum they can claim.

David Crow/Margaret Miller

Carried

David Crow said his recommendation to the AGM for fees is that they increase. He reminded the meeting that fees have not increased for several years and suggests a small increase to recoup funds and reduce the loss. The majority of the members and Council agreed that there should be an increase.

David Crow said he would like to suggest the fee for a Regular Membership should increase by \$10

Moved the recommendation to the AGM is regular membership fee increases from \$60 to \$70

David Crow/Margaret Miller

Carried

Several members voiced their opinions of the increase of fees and ways to generate income.

David Crow advised the meeting it is a decision that would be made at the AGM, but it was good that the members present are recognising the need to increase fees.

Moved that the recommend to the membership that we lift the Certificate of Stallion costs to \$200.

David Crow/Jasmine Harrison

Carried

Discussion followed on this and it was pointed out that it is cheaper to get a Stallion Certificate than geld a cost and perhaps the fee needed to be higher.

David Crow withdrew the motion.

Moved that the Stallion Certificate fee be moved from \$120 to \$350.

David Crow/Jas Harrison

Carried

Moved that all the other fees be increased by \$5

David Crow/Jas Harrison

Carried

David Crow then recommended that Council members share rooms at meetings and if they chose not too they must pick up the difference.

Moved that Council members share rooms

David Crow/Margaret Miller

Carried

Moved that the expenses for Council members for this meeting be approved

Denise Wilson/David Crow

Carried

Moved that the accounts for the AGM, accommodation etc be paid.

Denise Wilson/David Crow

Carried

Moved that retrospective payments be approved

Denise Wilson/David Crow

Carried

Moved that Alpha Design is paid

Denise Wilson/Karin Wilson

Carried

It was noted that once this is paid the new website will go live.

Reports

Regional Delegates reports – none were circulated.

Karin Wilson – nothing to report but have run a couple of training days. Auckland club has run a camp. Dates for both clubs are on their website.

Heather Lough – had training days at the Lawtons and camps.

Jasmine Harrison – local club had a seminar at the local vets.

Bronwyn Van Roon – very quiet but have run a fun raising show.

Tom Cooper – Went to affiliated club AGM where a motion was carried it went into recess. SGM called for on the 11th August. Club has decent amount of money in its bank.

LOC:

Judge approval applications for new season starting to come in. Clubs to be reminded there is a 14 day period for approval. Meeting noted it was good to see few clubs attending to this matter early.

Probation judges – working with a senior judge being used and thanks to the four clubs who did this. 2013 Judge renew exam – 18 exams were returned from the 56 on the list. Council set a 95% pass mark and gave LOC a discretion to pass anyone who attained 90 – 95%.

List will be revised and posted on the website.

Denise Wilson advised that there was an LOC meeting held last night to discuss judges list. She advised that 16 judges had passed the exam. LOC had decided that at this stage they will be the judges that will be confirmed as being part of the NZMHA judges list. However, those judges who did not complete the exam will be advised if they complete and pass they can be put back on the list.

Several judges asked to be removed from the list.

Denise Wilson confirmed it was an open textbook exam apart from the conformation section all the answers to the questions were contained within the rule book itself. The total score was out of 110. It was divided into four sections and was quite extensive and all of it, apart from the conformation

section was an open exam. She confirmed the judges were given three weeks to complete. Denise Wilson advised she believes in some cases the performance horses are not judges as well as they might be.

Denise Wilson advised that not all the senior judges have passed with 100% or 99%, they did however all pass with the required mark of 95% or over. Most of the approved judges scored 90-95% and the Probationary Judges did well.

She confirmed that those that have resat the exam would not need to resit for another two years.

RAS report

Incoming Secretary needs to contact Debbie Cameron and correct the NZMHA name as they currently have NZMHA listed as a Society.

Affiliation fee they are looking at doing based on a set figure. NZMHA needs to complete feedback form and keep checking on the RAS website.

RAS Conference – Denise Wilson has sent her report sent to all Council. She advised that NZMHA prepared a discussion paper on the measurement of miniature horses at A & P shows. She advised that those present at the RAS conference had completely missed the point of the paper.

Denise advised she wanted dialogue between NZMHA and the Horse Stewards Council and that she had put the question to the RAS measuring co-ordinator if there was no mention of the horses height in the schedule would they still require the miniature horses to have a measuring certificate but no answer was forthcoming.

Passports – huge backlash - officially on hold will not happen for the next show season. Previous minutes showed that miniature horses were not going to be part of it. Discussion papers coming out of this subject and NZMHA needed to keep a check on the RAS website.

She advised the meeting that all the remits went through except the one regarding the measuring fees. The Yellow card system now applied over whole show and not just to the equestrian sections. Denise advised that NZMHA still need to keep a good working relationship with the RAS.

Equidays/Promotions

Any Council member going to A & P shows should be doing promotion at the show. Information flyer could go out with the RAS schedules.

Showcase Shows 2014

Jo duke spoke to the meeting on arrangements made thus far. She advised there were a few hiccups with dates, especially in Regions 1 and 2. Clubs already getting approvals in for shows.

She further advised she has quite a few SC judges in the pipeline but needs to wait for new Council for decisions. Jo Duke will pass information onto new Council if she is not voted back on. Venues have been confirmed and she has spoken to most of the clubs through the delegates and they are all happy to run their premier shows alongside the Showcase shows. She advised that the incoming council need to look closely at the budgets and be strict. She also felt the incoming Council need to adopt a more streamlined approach to these shows.

The meeting confirmed the incoming Council would not reduce the number of showcase shows.

National Show 2014

It was confirmed that the Venue has been booked and confirmed and the 1 American judge and 2 Australian judges confirmed but contracts were still to be signed. Work needs to be done on a fair system of reimbursement/expenses to the individual judges.

Jo Duke advised the meeting that the Council would be applying for funding for gates for all the pens at Hawera. Jetstar was also suggested as someone to approach for sponsorship.

2013 National Show Photographer

Denise Wilson advised the meeting she was aware of members having difficulty in getting copies of photos from the show. People have been buying photos and are still waiting. Photos were not good quality photos.

Denise Wilson advised she had organised a professional photographer but this name was put forward and she was very concerned that members had paid and still not received their photos.

Letter to go to photographer stating the NZMHA members are concerned about on receipt of their ordered photos and the other problems they are experiencing.

Meeting broke for lunch – 12.45pm

Meeting reconvened – 1.30pm

Moved that the meeting move into committee

Denise Wilson/Margaret Miles

Carried

NZMHA Competitions.

A & P Awards – Denise Wilson advised there were low entries for this award. 7 in Category A and 8 in Category B. Incoming Council to make sure members know of the award.

Rookie of the Year Award:

Shona Milsom presented to the meeting an entry form for the competition. Council agreed to it being placed on the website.

Registry:

The meeting was advised of the clarification of the NZMHA horse lease. If there is an end date on the lease form there is no need to lodge a signed termination of lease form.

NZMHA regions:

Jo Duke spoke to the meeting regarding the possible amalgamation of Region 1 and Region 2. She reminded the meeting that Council had already tried to do this which resulted in many members in the regions being upset due to what they saw as a lack of consultation.

She advised that Regions 3-4 were not resplit.

She advised that Council believes it is now time to revisit due to the low membership numbers in Regions 1 and 2. She advised it could save council around \$3000 per year as it is one of the most expensive regions to get a delegate to meetings from.

Joanne Krietich advised she would like some discussion on the current NZMHA boundaries should go.

Judy Henderson – understands what is being said – don't see anything changing. SC are committed too. Affiliated clubs will not be affected. Nothing will change except NZMHA will save money.

Melinda Miles advised that when the regions were joined last time there was an overwhelming number of members who were not happy with the merge.

David Crow advised the funds are NZMHA funds that would be saved and not Regional funds and any merge would be in the interests of all members.

Melinda Miles felt the region would be too large for one Regional Delegate to cover. Heather Lough advised that the region she covers is also huge and it can be done.

Jo Duke advised the meeting she would like to put a recommendation to the AGM tomorrow that Regions 1 and 2 be combined and the boundaries are looked at over the next term of Council within the Structures Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed 2.30pm