

General Membership Meeting, held in person @ 3485 Vicki Ave Las Vegas, NV 89139

9/20/23

1. Call to order: Time: 6:08 by Kristin Kidney

2. Roll call:

Members : Kristin Kidney, Thea Williams, Rachael Rosenthal, Pam Kaiser, Eric Coons, Marta Newman, Christine Burbank, Todd Van Duinen, Pat Van Duinen, Amanda Wright-Gates, Rocki Battrick, Tonya Skinner, Jessica O'Neil

Non-members: None

3. Meeting Minutes from 7/16/23

- Motion made by Pam Kaiser to change: "Past President" from Lisa Gaboldon to Ebony Clark
- Motion made by Amanda Wright-Gates to change: "Ebony Clark and Kathy Obenhaus reiterated the purpose of retaining Attorney Stephanie Zinna was to ensure compliance with the NSHA V Bylaws and Competition Rules and the Board's fiduciary duties of the Board for this process." To attorney could not confirm why she was hired."
- Motion made by Eric Coons to vote on corrections with second by Amanda Wright-Gates.
- Vote passed unanimously

4. Treasurers Report:

- Current Balance: \$21,973.56
- Youth group: \$4383.00
- Expenses: \$136.00
- Plus \$1549.00 in pre-paid show fees that haven't been added yet.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Todd Van Duinen

Seconded by: Amanda Wright-Gates

5. Special Committees:

- Show Committee Report: Amanda Wright-Gates:
The Show Committee has met 6 times since June. A lot of behind the scene work has been done since the change of Board to help get the fall series current and ready to go. All of our awards are in compliance with our By-Laws, premium has been updated, ALL of our fall Buckles have been sponsored, our show high points have been ordered, several new ideas for 2024 have been discussed, including: potential ride all day fees, show dinners before/after the show, demonstrations and clinics held before/after show, and including ponies in our miniature horse division. We meet again October 4th, please feel free to join us in recapping our Sept Show, prepping for our Nov Show, and gathering all potential rule changes and suggestions for the 2024 show year
- Sunshine Committee: none
- Braggs and Celebrations: none

6. Old Business:

In May, several general membership members reached out to the previous Board of Directors asking for clarification on several club changes, awards, and rules. The previous Board ignored many requests for information and eventually refused to cooperate with general members when asking for transparency.

By the end of June, the previous Board decided to quit as a whole. They resigned from their Board positions, volunteer positions and their family members resigned from their volunteer positions.

The new Board was elected on July 16th 2023. The new Board was directed to pick up club property the next couple of days. There was no passing down of policies/procedure instructions, no documents in editable formats and no show information. There has been minimal assistance from the old board to ensure a smooth transition to the new board.

All that being said, the new board has worked well together and we are ready for our show this weekend and hope you are too. We would like to thank you for your patience and bearing with us as we navigate our new positions and responsibilities for NSHA.

New board as elected: President: Kristin Kidney, Vice-President: Todd Van Duinen, Secretary: Rachael Rosenthal, Treasurer: Pat Van Duinen, Director: Rocki Battrick

- **New Website:** The new website is www.nshalv.com It will mirror the information on the old website, but will be more user friendly, more compatible, easier to navigate. The new website will go live after the September show and will also automatically direct from the old website address. The new website will be set up with position specific emails for all of the officers which will be passed along by office, not by person.

7. New Business:

- **Nominations for Treasurer/Vice President** open in November, hoping current members stay in the positions.
- **2024 show dates:** Kristin Kidney has an appointment tomorrow at 2:30 to lock down dates. EEM was confused about receiving emails from previous board members using their NSHA email about procuring dates for their new club.
 - We need to decide about holding western dressage shows next year, will see how this weekend goes and make a decision after that.
 - Tonya Skinner will remind WD riders that there has to be more participation in volunteer/staffing positions and meeting attendance if the shows are to continue.

8. Other Business:

High point Awards: Thea Williams has done a wonderful job with the new high point awards. September awards are done. November awards are almost done. Very excited about the new awards.

9. Next Show Committee meeting date: Oct 4th 6:00pm 3485 Vicki Ave Las Vegas NV 89139

10. Next General Membership meeting date: Wednesday Oct 11, 2023 – 6pm

11. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Kristin Kidney at 6:52
Seconded by Amanda Wright-Gates

Board Meeting 9/27/23

1. Call To Order

6:01 Kristin Kidney

2. Roll Call

Amanda Wright-Gates, Kristen Kidney, Rachael Rosenthal, Pat Van Duinen, Todd Van Duinen, Rocki Battrick

3. Meeting Minutes

4. Old Business

Show went well, some small hiccups but nothing major. Good job everyone.

* Paid position of the announcer 150/day per show – Bonny happy to come back for the November show.

* Speakers were not working the whole show, sound issues were all technical difficulties. Should be better for next show.

*No music during dressage as per the judge

* Perhaps looking into purchasing a headset for callers if we continue to have dressage.

Amanda Wright Gates motioned to approve Bonnie for final show of the year

Pat Seconded

- Tina Malcom to continue as show secretary
 - Did an excellent job, was able to create unexpectedly requested lists very quickly, and sort out issues due to her familiarity with the system.
 - Was super friendly, everyone seemed happy with her.
- Rachael motioned to keep Tina for November
Amanda Wright Gates Seconded

5. New Business

- Youth incentive award: No information has been available to explain how it works. Seems like it's a log that each youth is responsible for tracking things they do with their horse(s) or to talk about the club to people who might be interested in joining.
- Youth earn points for completing these tasks.
- End of the year their points earn them money
- Old board did not pass along any current youth members' logs enrolled in the program.
- One youth lost last year's check, found it after the 90 days, the club will reissue the check when they receive old check back.

For 2024 possibly not have a youth incentive program until we can find out more information on what it entails.

Come up with a game plan for it at the next show committee meeting.

Amanda Wright Gates will reach out to Lizzie to see if she has any insight as to what the youth initiative is.

6. Other

Show made: 3107.00 money/checks, square 1581. 3008.37 paypal

total income from show: 7696.37

expenses

1910 Horseman's park

2900 pay staff

Total after expenses:

2886.37

3% charge by Square can we pass that fee along to the person paying by CC.

All payments went through with no issues

Pam and Amanda are going to sit down soon, do the audit and add the points from this show.

Thea has done a great job with high point awards

7. Next Meeting Date

8. Adjourn

6:30. Kristin Kidney motioned to adjourn, Todd Van Duinen seconded it.

General Membership Meeting: October 11, 2023

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 6:09 Amanda Wright Gates
2. **Roll Call:** Rachael Rosenthal, Rocki Battrick, Thea Williams, Amanda Wright Gates, Kristin Kidney, Pat Van Duinen, Eric Coons, Jessica, Ty and Ryan o'Neil, Christine Burbank, Marta Newman, Jacqueline Shuberda
3. **Meeting Minutes from 9/20/23:**
Motion to Accept by Amanda Wright Gates, seconded by Christine Burbank
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
Current balance: 24,019.51. 4383.00 youth balance
Pat van Duinen requested that we hire a CPA to help make sure we are in compliance with the new tax laws.
Rachael Rosenthal motioned to accept, Eric Coons seconded
5. **Special Committees:**
 - Show Committee
 - November show prep:
Rocki Battrick is doing food vendor, will reach out to Flattops to see if they're available
 - Need to audit the previous shows... can we make an awards committee to take over the auditing. Christine Burbank and Marta Newman have volunteered to do the auditing, will also do banquets/baskets/etc
 - Volunteers: looking for additional scribes, PM in-gate, out gate all day.
 - Rule Changes submitted to show committee:
 1. Allow ponies in the mini division
 2. Allow any aged horse in snaffle in western
 3. Restrict Ranch/WP cross entering
 4. Reword walk/trot crossover rule to comply with the rule's intended meaning
 5. Ride all day fee
 - Sunshine Committee
 - None
 - Brags and Celebrations
 - None
 - Youth Group: maybe get back to lunchtime games like: Boot Race Stick horse class, bouncy horse races.
Hoping to have a class for November.
6. **Old Business:**
 - Nominations for Treasurer/VP open
 - 2024 Show dates: Dates are still not confirmed. Kristin Kidney will meet with Justin tomorrow. EEM will finish Dec 31st New company will start Jan 1st. Dates can't be confirmed until the new company starts. There are conflicting dates, but hopefully the prior submissions will count. The new company will send out contracts once they're in place, and once the contracts are sent, we can send in payments. Justin feels confident that we will get our dates, based on request times. Kristin Kidney will continue to follow through until the dates are confirmed.
 - Deciding whether to hold WD shows next year: DISCUSSION
 - Sept show went well, however there is concern that we are spread too thin volunteer-wise to put on the shows. If the WD riders can take over some of the tasks/burden the club is happy to continue to host the shows. Talk of having a spring show and a fall show instead of a 6 show series.
 - Thea Williams has done well with the high point awards. Tina Malcom had to fix changes in horseshowtime due to missing and deleted information but should have the high point awards posted soon. Ask Tina Malcom about heading the new audit/awards committee.

7. New Business:

- Current openings for VP/Treasurer (2 year term) will be open for nominations
- Western Dressage for 2024:
 - Kristin Kidney submitted a request for 2 day dates next year.
 - Sept show had 38 rides, good turn out.
- Rule change addition:
 - Specify either hunt seat/saddle seat leaving dressage saddles not allowed in the English pleasure/equitation classes
 - Open classes not to count in youth high point awards
 - Add a ranch trail to the working western horse award and remove the horsemanship.

8. Other:

- Awards banquet place ideas?
- General Membership meeting place ideas

9. Next General Membership Meeting: Olive Garden November 15th 5:30

10. Next Show Committee Meeting: Dean's Place November 1st 5:30

11. Adjourn: 8:01 Motion made by Jackie Shuberda, seconded by Thea Williams

NSHA V General Membership Meeting 11/15/23 @ The Olive Garden

1. **Call to order:** by President Todd van Duinen @ 5:45PM
2. **Roll Call:** Rachael Rosenthal, Jessica o'Neil, Sheryl Schmalz, Rick Schmalz, Pat Van Duinen, Christine Burbank, Marta Newman, Amanda Gates, Carson Gates, Jolene Gates, Elizabeth Beers, Hayden Beers, Janet Reidhead, Todd Van Duinen, Leslie Browder, Val Porter, Kathy Obenhouse, Jessie Bonneau, Rocki Battrick, Amber Primm, Eric Coons, Pam Kaiser, Tonya Skinner, Thea Williams, Jodi Sterling
3. **Brags and Celebrations:** Todd van Duinen: "Congrats to everyone who worked so hard to make the Sept and November shows a success! Great job everyone."
4. **Secretary Report** by secretary Rachael Rosenthal. Amanda Wright Gates motioned for approval, Seconded by Todd Van Duinen.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** By Treasurer Pat Van Duinen
 - Balance 10/11/23: 24,019.51 (including youth: 4383.07)
November 11, 2023 show brought in: 7294.07, expenses were 5364.86 with office expenses of 659.41, leaving us with a new total club balance of 25,289.31
6. **Reports from Officers, Board of Directors and/or Special and Standing Committees:**
 - i) Sunshine committee: Diana Avery sent a card to Lisa Ericson on the loss of her husband. There is a gofundme set up for her.
 - ii) Show Committee chair Amanda Wright Gates
Rule changes to be discussed and voted upon:
 - Allow ponies under 46" into the mini classes
 - Motion by Amanda Wright Gates, Seconded by Todd van Duinen. Motion passed unanimously with the caveat to not use the word "Pony"
 - Allow aged western horses to be show in a snaffle (Or only in W/J division)
 - Bylaw change, will postpone vote
 - Restrict crossover between ranch classes and western pleasure classes
 - Bylaw change, will postpone vote
 - Add Ranch Trail
 - Motion to vote Jessica O'Neil, Seconded by Todd van Duinen. Vote passed providing it doesn't require a bylaw change regarding crossover issues.
 - Eric Coons has offered to donate real logs for the the class
 - Add Ranch Trail to the working western division and remove Horsemanship and Western Trail from it.
 - Motion by Pam Kaiser, Seconded by Eric Coons. Motion passed
 - Clarify the W/T and W/T/C crossover rule to read "No same horse and rider combo may cross enter between W/T and W/T/C"
 - Motion by Jessica O'Neil, Seconded by Christine Burbank. Motion passed
 - Remove dressage saddles from English classes
 - Bylaw change, will postpone vote
 - Require 4 meetings for year-end awards again
 - Motion by Janet Reidhead, Seconded by Marta Newman. Motion Passed

 - Don't count open classes for the junior Rider division
 - Motion by Jessica O'Neil, Seconded by Amanda Wright Gates. Motion Passed
 - Discussion included about only open classes for breed awards. Motion passed.
 - Remove "Gait of Choice"
 - Motion by Pam Kaiser, Seconded Eric Coons. Motion Passed
 - iii) Youth Group chair Amanda Wright Gates
 - No meetings during lunch at horse shows, add some fun youth classes like we used to. Send youth incentive forms to Amanda.

7. Unfinished/Old Business:

- Western Dressage: Want to keep it if we can work it out with WD riders. Perhaps a WD committee takes over the show? We will meet with Jessie about feasibility.

8. New Business:

- Horseshowtimes.com not phone friendly, have Tina check with the site about that.
- Discussion: Elizabeth Beers: Expand ranch classes to all division youth/Am/Open/WT, add a second judge for ranch classes and trail with block format judging
- Motion made by Eric Coons and Seconded by Pam Kaiser for storage unit for club stuff so it's all in one place. Motion passed.
- Discussion on making sure the general membership meetings were on the same day/week every month.

9. Election of Officers:

- 2024 Officer Elections for Vice President and Treasurer
 - New Vice President: Rocki Battrick
 - New Treasurer: Pat Van Duinen
 - New director: Thea Williams

10. Other: Next general membership meeting: Dean's Place Dec 20th 5:30PM

11. Motion to Adjourn: Rocki Battrick motioned to adjourn at 7:47, Janet Reidhead seconded it.

NSHA General Membership Meeting: December 20, 2023 @Dean's Place:

1. Call to order: by President Todd van Duinen at 5:41PM

2. Roll Call: Rachael Rosenthal, Amanda Wright Gates, Sheryl Schmalz, Rick Schmalz, Elizabeth Beers, Janet Reidhead, Marta Newman, Christine Burbank, Thea Williams, Jessica O'Neal, Kathy Obenhaus, Amalia Rainey, Rocki Battrick, Eric Coons, Pam Kaiser, Debbie David, Ira David, Leslie Browder, Jeffrey Goldstein

3. Brags and Celebrations: Big thanks to everyone who came out to the Horseman's Park management meeting at the county commission meeting yesterday to stand up for NSHA and the other local clubs.

4. Secretary Report: Read by secretary Rachael Rosenthal. Motion by Janet Reidhead to change the name: "Linda Alvey" to "Diana Avery". Correction noted. Motion to accept amended notes: Amanda Wright Gates, Seconded by Thea Williams.

5. Treasurer's Report: read by Rachael Rosenthal

Balance as of 11/15/23: \$25,289.31

Expenses: \$3053.41 the majority of which were: Ribbons – \$1467.26, and EEM- \$878.00

Balance as of 12/20/23: \$22,235.90 Youth: \$4383.00

6. Reports from Officers, Board of Directors, Special and/or standing committees:

i) Sunshine Committee: A reminder that if we think of anything for the Sunshine

Committee to let either Janet or Lizzie know, and they will contact Diana so she can send something out.

ii) Show Committee: The following changes are to be voted on in the meeting.

- Aged horses to be allowed to show in a snaffle in western walk/jog classes:
Thea Williams motioned for a vote, with Rachael Rosenthal seconding:
Vote passed.
- Add ranch trail to working western horse award and remove western trail and western horsemanship.
Thea Williams motioned for a vote, with Jessica O'Neal seconding:
Vote Passed.
- Disallow dressage saddles in English pleasure/equitation classes.
Thea Williams motioned for a vote, with Shery Schmalz seconding:
Vote did not pass.
- Change fee for youth classes to 5.00 (move youth classes to before the respective jackpot class)
Amanda Wright Gates motioned for a vote, with Christine Burbank seconding
Vote Passed

iii) Banquet Committee: Christine Burbank reported that Dean's place had multiple

dates open in Jan/Feb and gave a few different cost/buffet options. She will also look into Via Brazil and see if any of their packages/dates might be an acceptable second option for us.

iv) Youth Group: two youth members turned in their forms for the youth awards

7. Old Business:

* the year end/auditing committee will work on getting the points audited as soon as possible.

8. New Business:

* Dates for next year's shows are: 3/16, 4/6, 5/4, 9/21, 10/26, 11/16

9. Other:

Todd van Duinen will research a more central location for the meetings.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn at 7:54 by Elizabeth Beers. Seconded by Sheryl Schmalz.