

**Unapproved  
2010 Spring Celebration General Membership Meeting  
April 24, 2010**

President Walker calls meeting to order at 11:10.

Mr. Walker gave the invocation.

Mr. Walker asks if everyone has a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Ed Hiers, seconded by J. Fred Johnston, no objections, passed.

**Treasurer Report**

Mrs. Harris asked everyone to look over the P&L. She explained that in 2009 we carried over \$18,000.00 to the current year 2010 and therefore we are showing a deficit of \$14,627.00. We have \$4,200.00 in checking and \$128,000.00 in Money Market. All bills are paid for the show except KY HIO. The entry office deposits are not included in these figures.

We are also spending some money on the computers upgrading our current system. We have changed to a new accounting system, quick books. The monthly audit and corporate return will be done with an outside firm. We will be able to do our payroll taxes, and quarterly taxes in house.

We will owe \$15,000 to Products Mart in July, and another \$15,000 in December. We have the \$150 monthly paid to Products Mart for electric.

We need to increase our memberships and registrations, and to promote the breed. Everybody is upbeat; the show has been great, very few complaints, and hopefully the fall show will be even better. There will be no more waiting a year or two to get your registrations

Ed Hiers made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Roy Garzarek, no objections, passed.

**Personnel and Property**

Mr. McRoy states things are running a lot smoother and he has heard very few complaints. There are a few people I would like to thank: Dorothy Jones, Aleisha Grubb, Glenda Barrow, Debbie Morris, and Chase Hurst. They have all helped in the office and if you see any of these people, I would appreciate it if you would thank them. We have two full time employees, and they have done a fantastic job in the office.

**Membership and Promotions**

Mrs. Beaver was unable to be with us today.

Mrs. France states that Mrs. Beaver has worked very hard to get back a lot of the shows that we have lost. She is sending information to past members, trying to get them involved again. Some of the shows she is working with in Kentucky and West Virginia are very positive about affiliating with us. We need help in other areas to get some of these shows back. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on what we can do to get some of these shows and people back, please let us know. The Breeders have set up a facebook account, it is a way to communicate among ourselves, and get information back and forth. It has acquired 187 friends in a week. We are working on the website diligently.

### **Show Committee**

Mrs. France states our entries are up for each night; our gate money is coming in fairly well. The front gate has been a volunteer position I would like to thank Jeff Phillips and Bill Harris for their help. We have had someone patrolling the barn passes and golf cart passes, so they are up this year as well.

Mr. Walker is hopeful in the near future, we will be running like a true business. We do not want to run people off, but we have to get our income up in order to continue standing. Without cash flow and profits, we are a dinosaur. So, whenever we skip out on paying for our golf cart pass and slide in here and there, we are robbing from no one but ourselves. We have no right to complain that we can't do this and we can't do that if we are not doing our part and paying our way. So, we are going to be making some changes. We will be meeting in June and coming up with a growth plan. We will try to have some of those ideas put together before World Celebration. Please help this board to get the word out that change must come for a more business like atmosphere.

### **Judges & Breeders Committee**

Mr. Hooker states we are slowly getting everything put back together. There were problems when it came time to relicense, and we will have a validated list of judges that have met their requirements and their classifications. We also have in the office a list of judges willing to judge for expenses only, and some who will judge shows for free. I think that will help us get back some of these shows that we have lost.

We are trying to come up with a structure to help with grandfather some of the judges and Commissioners back in. We are going to old lists and contacting people, letting them know we would like them back. If you know people that we need to contact, let us know.

We did have a commissioner meeting yesterday, which was the first time in years we have done that. It gave the people an opportunity to make up for not being able to come to the Winter Meetings. We are at least giving them the opportunity.

Everything is now DNA, there are going to be instances that we are going to have to handle on a one by one basis. In some cases we may have to send you a blood kit in order

to verify the parentage. But all in all, DNA will be so much easier and simpler. You will not have to pay that vet to pull hair, you can do that yourself.

Since I have been down here, I have been in that office looking through papers. These girls have dug things out that we have been looking for, for years. There are 2 big drawers stuffed with old pending registration files, and it is all I have done since I have been here is go through these files. We had already discarded stuff that was more than 10 years old. I know we have had a lot of problems with the office, but not all of it is with that office. If you send in a registration on a horse and all that is left to do is send them a copy of the blood typing or DNA that is on you. The rule book states that when you send that paperwork in, you have a year to complete it. If you don't complete it, we will send it back to you and you will not get your money back. I assure you that if you send your information in properly, you will get your papers back promptly.

Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Hooker for the good job he has done with the Judges and Breeders Committee's. The Judges Committee certainly consists of a lot more than I ever dreamed. Ronnie has done a super job going back on all those papers. He has to do a lot of things that are behind the scenes and done a great job.

We have had a lot of things going our way. I came in at a good time, there has always been conflict in the past and one thing that will push us forward more than anything else is that we are in one mind, one accord. We have got a really good board that is on the same page. We are always going to have differences of opinions, that's healthy. The end result is that we are trying to work together. This entire board is looking out for the interest of the membership, and they are doing a good job. I appreciate what Ronnie has done as well as the rest of the board members.

### **Advisory Committee**

Mr. Lawrence is at the horse sale.

Mr. McRoy states that he has nothing to report.

### **Trail, Field, and Pleasure**

Mrs. Harris states that trail, field, and pleasure should be a very good growth area. This is something that the outlining areas can get involved in. Our Pleasure Association, our Rack Across America program has gone really well. We need to promote our trail, field and pleasure, a lot of them do not really like the show ring. They may do a lot of small shows around their area. There are a lot of trail things out there now that people are involved in and all sorts of walks of life. We need to recognize those people, but we need their memberships. So if anyone has any ideas there, please let us know. We are going to do some promotion for that, we need to advertise in trail rider magazine, etc.

Mr. Walker states there have been a lot of people inquiring about a novice class for the fall celebration. We will be putting our heads together and trying to design a class for new people.

### **Rules & Enforcement**

Mr. Hiers states that we do not have any cases pending. The only thing that we have done, the board has approved the motions for the polygraph examinations. These motions are posted for the general membership to look at and let your director know how you feel about it, whether or not you are in favor. If you are not in favor, let them know how to vote when we meet again.

### **Exhibitor Status**

Mr. Andy Roberts wasn't able to be here today.

Mr. Ed Hiers states that the number for the show cards is up.

Amateur cards are about the same.

Juvenile cards went from 67 last year to 80 this year.

Trainer's cards went from 36 last year to 45 this year.

A total of 465 last year to 483 this year.

2009 Pedigree Registrations we had 33, this year so far we have 77.

2009 Commission Registrations we had 104, this year so far we have 107.

This is only the registrations that have been issued; this number does not include the pending applications in the office.

### **DQP**

Mr. Toler states there have not been any real issues. We went with Kentucky HIO for this show. That is probably the direction it is going to go from here on out, but it will be a show to show basis.

Mrs. France states the DQP came and talked to her and said they have never checked a cleaner horse show.

Mr. Toler states that we received the same basic report from the fall celebration. If we police ourselves things are going to go a lot smoother and we are not going to have all the issues that some people are going to have. When it gets around that these people are running a clean show, it keeps a lot of pressure off. Let's keep it up, all good news, no bad news.

Kentucky HIO is charging \$200 per day, \$2 per horse, and their mileage.

In 2008 fall, the DQP fees were roughly \$18,000 or \$19,000.

In 2009 fall, the DQP fees were roughly \$9,000.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Walker mentions the polygraph for the Judges. At the Winter Meeting, we voted to implement the requirement of the polygraph for the judges to be put on their contract. The parameters have been submitted in the form of a motion and that will go on public notice and voted on in June. These will be posted on the website by the end of this week. If you have any feedback, you can certainly call your state representative and voice your opinion.

We have had a great show, and of those that are here now and will be here tonight, I expect we will have a great show tonight as well.

Leslie Blaylock made the Motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Hall, motion passed.