

Minnesota Youth Quarter Horse Association
Canterbury Park, Shakopee, Minnesota
MQHA Annual Meeting, 9:45 AM start time

Date: Saturday, December 3rd, 2011

Attendance: Sami Kaiser; Danielle Paulson; Ellie Schommer; Connor Crook; Lexxi Perez; Mercedes Perez; Caitlin Johnson; Megan Eckstein; Ethan Kinney; Lauren Kinney; and myself, Carah Pearson

I.) Secretary's Report: recorded and accepted

II.) Treasurer's Report: postponed until January

III.) New Business: 2012 fundraising ideas

- Banquet fundraiser for last year: the Joni's Ponies raffle of the painting
- This year's ideas: heads or tails game; Joni's Ponies painting; Sunup Ranch stay
- Have a second place prize at the banquet?
- Motion to accept the Joni's Ponies painting made by Carah, Megan seconded, motion carried

IV.) Fundraising Committees: first fundraiser is the Joni's Ponies

- Remember to sign up and organize fundraisers
- Someone needs to be in charge of the Corporate baskets
- An e-mail will be sent out for those who are interested
- Connor, Megan, Carah, and Danielle will help the Joni's Ponies banquet fundraiser

V.) NYATT Qualifications: several concerns

- Vickie had the most trouble out of everything this year with forming the teams
- Change in the bylaws: the amount of qualifying shows for the World and NYATT will have the same number of shows -- 7 and 7.
- NYATT qualifying shows: Corporate; Northwest Saddle Club; Windom; Rochester; Dist 8; Wadena Run
- As for the World, we now have team penners and cutters
- Have show committee members (not youth) sign and date a sheet stating that one of us looking to qualify was at the qualifying show
- 6 per event are allowed to go to the World; to qualify, one must be involved in 3+ fundraisers at any shows or events (ie Horse Expo)
- If national qualifiers want to get their costs deferred, they must take part in fundraisers
- The tiebreaker for any event to be allowed to go to the World is who has the most points
- We keep the two NYATT teams
- Eliminate the last possible timely entry date

- Add for deferred funds: you must serve on 3 fundraising committees and attend 2 meetings
- Documentation: ask for show committee, or 3rd party sign-off on efforts

VI.) 2012 Officers:

- President: Megan Eckstein
- Vice President: Danielle Paulson
- Secretary: Caitlin Johnson
- Treasurer: Paige Wacker
- 14-18 Board: Mercedes Perez; Connor Crook; Paige Thune; Emily Couture
- 13 & Under Board: Mara Wacker, Lauryn Thune; Ellie Schommer; Parker Knudson
- Reporter: Carah Pearson

VII.) Bylaw Committee

- Motion to accept the changes for the bylaws in 2012 was made by Carah Pearson, seconded by Connor Crook, motion carried
- Connor Crook is going to be on the bylaw committee

VIII.) Sunup Ranch: have the Sunup Ranch stay on the 29th and 30th of June and 1st of July

IX.) Discuss Year-end Awards: either give a buckle or gift card to the champions

- We are going to do gift cards for the champions and reserve champions
- 3rd-6th placers can pick out of a bucket of prizes (leg wraps, buckets, treats) or we can also give them gift cards
- \$10 each to a store in a 1,200 mile range
- Make a card to give to 3rd-6th placers
- Motion to accept the year-end awards: Megan motioned, Ethan seconded, motion carried

X.) Old Business:

- Speak at Expo or tack swap
- Clinicians and the types of clinics we will do was discussed
- Might go to Ron or Northwest Saddlery

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Megan Eckstein at 11:25 AM

Respectively submitted,

**Carah Pearson,
Secretary**