

TWHBEA of WA

General Meeting

January 24, 2009

Present: Sue Carroll, Kirk Peters, Rebecca Carroll, Kim Widner, Karen Lanpher, Marilyn Phegley, Kirk Schlemlein, Cyndy Schlemlein, Shelli Mehaffey, Ronny Clark, Sharon Miller, Michelle Clark, Bill Cody, Sandra Cody, Terry Jerke, Dennis Izzi, Eddylou Izzi, Dorene and Howard Hand, Robert A. Hand, Susie Bray, Jill Schropp, Angela Patterson, Judy Bickford, Linda Arnold, Cathy Kinnaman, Cliff Kinnaman, Kyle Elliott, Elaine Elliott, Bruce and Betty Chalfant, Pat, Ken, and Kevin Porter, Fran Cole.

Meeting opened at 12:57pm by Kirk Peters by welcoming everyone and introducing the Board: Shelli Mehaffey, Kurt Schlemlein, Sue Carroll, Karen Lanpher, Rebecca Carroll, Marilyn Phegley, Angela Patterson, and Kyle Elliott as our WA State Junior Rep. Kirk stated, the TWH is the most versatile horse in the world. Everyone needs to work together in support all aspects of this great breed... and challenged everyone to put a new person in the saddle of Walking Horse.

Minutes of the last General Meeting and the last Board Meeting were read and approved.

Kirk explained about the "Ask the Vet" feature on the website. Anyone can send questions to the vet via the website and his assistant will answer immediately if asked between 8:00am and 5:00pm during the week. (Currently in development)

By-laws sub-committee report out: Kirk Schlemlein is heading up the sub-committee. He asked that everyone look at the by-laws (which are on the website) and give feedback. Kirk's email is on the website. Also let Kirk know if you'd like to be on the committee. Each amendment will be voted on separately by the general membership. The proposed by-laws will go out to the membership 45 days prior to the next general membership meeting which is on March 28th.

Clinic report out: Kirk S. reported on a clinic that would be for the club, but open to others. Tentative dates are June 13th and 14th. A full calendar of events will be on the website this week. The proposed clinic will be with Brendon Carpenter on starting a colt. Kirk would like to know what kind of sessions you'd be interested in. Please let him know your ideas. Kirk will send out emails to all members. Eddylou asked if we could have this clinic earlier in the year. (Currently in development)

Trail ride report out: Cyndy talked about the trail rides. She passed out copies of events and proposed dates. The Burke Lake ride will be May 1st thru 3rd. It's a great ride for any horse, including a green horse. The Inland Empire Club will be asked to join our club at the ride. You'll need a Dept. of Fish and Wildlife permit to camp there. Burke Lake is also a great place to fish. The Redhook Brewery Ride will be Sept. 12th. You can leave from either Bridal Trails State Park, or Farrel McWhirter in Redmond.

WA. Jr. Representative report out: Kyle Elliott is captain of the Enumclaw Equestrian Team and they are having a horse show on Feb. 7th at the Enumclaw Fairgrounds. It's an open show with classes for TWHs. TWHBEA of WA has given a sponsorship. We have two new banners to display at this horse show, plus any of our events. Going to this show would be a great opportunity to show off the TWH.

Kirk Peters challenged all of us to get a person who has never ridden a TWH to get on one for a ride.

WIWHA Election of Representatives: The Slate of Officers was presented by the Board and nominations were taken from the floor. Election was done by written ballot. The 2009 WHIWA Reps are as follows: Rebecca Carroll, Shelli Mehaffey, Sue Carroll, Karen Lanpher, Elaine Elliott. The alternate is between Kirk and Cyndy Schlemlein.

WA. TWHBEA National Representative Report out: Kirk Peters introduced Fran Cole from California. They talked about supporting the Breeders, and their national initiatives. The TWH is the most versatile horse in the world. Everyone needs to work together in support the breed. Kirk went over his written report of his Tennessee meetings. If you're not familiar with his report, you can view it on the website at twhbeaofwa.com.

TWHBEA National Trail Ride in the Park: Bruce reported that Saturday, June 6th is National Trails Day. Bruce would like to see many of us out there to help fix the trails. We will count your time as trail hours in the saddle if you participate. Suggest double hours for participating. The Breeders have developed a five year partnership with the National Parks.

National Horse Show Rulebook: will be on line at the end of the month. Check it out on the NHSC (National Horse Show Commission) website.

TSN Dhow report out: Kirk explained about double point shows. In order to have double points, you need to have two judges. The entry fees for TSN will not be double, but the points will be. TSN will be a versatility show included throughout the show. The Judges have not been hired; Show Secretary, Announcer, Photographer have been hired.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

Note from WIWHA Meeting:

DQP Clinic: will be held March 14th. Contact Ross at 360-273-8611 with questions.