

VIRGINIA CAROLINAS MORGAN HORSE CLUB

Club Minutes November 2008

The year-end meeting of the Virginia Carolinas Morgan Horse Club was held November 15 at the Brier Creek Country Club in Raleigh. Pete Jaeger, President, called the meeting to order at 4pm.

The minutes were approved as corrected. Mitch Ehrlich, Treasurer, reported that all current club bills have been paid and there is \$2,337.11 in the treasury as of 11/15. He further reported the Tristanne Weber Childress Fund has \$7,229.08.

The committee chairs reported:

Awards: Jennie Mercier requested members send their points in as early as possible during the season. The last minute rush is taxing. She showed us her spread sheet of point tabulation – impressive!

Membership: Leanne Jones reported the numbers for '08 were down – total of 135 of which 23 are youth. People can join through the website. Per the by laws, membership is Jan 1 – Dec 31.

Website: Wendy Ehrlich reported she will be meeting with Suzette in the coming week to have the website 'turned over' to her (Wendy) as editor. She proposes the club 'go green' by not mailing issues. There was a motion made that hard copies be sent to members without computers. There was considerable discussion including sending post cards as reminders to members. As these numbers are so few, the motion was amended that the membership chair should send copies of the newsletter to the non-computerized as needed. The motion passed.

Show Committee: Jennie Mercier re-summarized the 2008 success. Fred Nava will be show manager for 2009. He has been down to Raleigh for a visit. This year there will be a "Pink Ribbon" Class – the Ladies English Pleasure – on Friday night. The committee also sponsored a T-Shirt contest – the artwork for which will be voted on tonight with the winner announced at the banquet.

Archives: Pete Jaeger - Mary Daughtry has put together a club scrap book which is here tonight and will be taken to the February AMHA meeting for the scrap book competition. Photos from today's events will be included. She made a request for candid photos to be sent to her for inclusion. Everyone expressed thanks to her for doing such a great job.

Dini Swanson is in charge of the Morgan showcase at the Hunt Horse Complex. It needs some attention.

Sport Horse – Suzette Boiselle not present
Youth – Anne Ebbert-Marsh – not present

Related to youth, Pete reported that the presentation of the Tristanne Weber Childress Award at Nationals was a wonderful success. Gael reported that the youth luncheon had 100's in attendance and took over two hours for the presentation of awards. There were many youth judging teams who were not Morgan owners or members. All winners were very excited. Sharon and Bill Weber were there to present Tristanne's award and it was a very emotional event.

Pete also reported Mark Bodner, who owns Corcel, donated \$10,000.00 to the Youth of the Year at Nationals – each YOTY contestant received \$715 from these funds! Mark plans to make this an annual donation.

Old Business:

After some discussion, a proposal for the club to 'go green' was tabled.

Fund raising – Nancy Warren says she is still collecting Southern States Feed Seals – we get about \$500 a year from this endeavor. Andréé Vetrano encouraged members use Country Supply (www.countrysupply.com) for supplies as the club receives 5% of each sale. Our club code is VCMHC.

New Business:

Nominating Co: for board members for a two year term, the following slate was presented:

Fran Pugh

Mary Daughtry

Wendy Ehrlich

The slate was approved by acclamation.

AMHI: The World Equestrian Games will be held in Kentucky in 2010 and the Morgan Pavillion should be completed. Pete handed out a beautiful promotional brochure which shows the plans and proposals. There was discussion of the plans and the location, which should be very advantageous as it will be on a lovely hill across from the hotel.

It was announced that Elizabeth Abernathy has arranged for door prizes to be awarded tonight at the banquet in addition to the prizes and silent auction events.

Gael Jaeger announced Flintlock will host a holiday Open Barn on Dec. 7 in Chapel Hill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Buchanan, Secretary