

VIRGINIA CAROLINAS MORGAN HORSE CLUB

Club Minutes November 2009

The November meeting of the VC Morgan Horse Club was held at the Brier Creek Country Club. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Mitch Ehrlich, treasurer, reported a current bank balance in the club treasury of \$1,779.00
The SCRIP account (on line) has an additional \$133.63
Pay Pal Membership (on line) has a balance of \$581.73
The total club account is \$2,494.36

Fran reported the So States show cleared \$3,000.00 this year ('09). The show paid for the Hunt Breakfast (a club expense), total \$2,500 and for the \$500 donation from the club for the AMHA building fund.

Pete asked Andree to monitor the committee reports:

Awards:

Elizabeth Abernathy reported that the forms are here, on the tables, for members to sign up tonight for next season. She will be doing the tabulation this year, as Jenny, has her hands full as chair of the show co. Elizabeth proposed the \$100 check for the overall High Point Champion be discontinued for 2011. There was discussion and the members voted to discontinue the additional funds for 2010, as the budget is really tight.

Membership:

Pete reported for LeeAnne that only 4 club members do not have email addresses. There was discussion of the emails, as several members are not included on the master email list and did not receive notices of the meeting or dinner – by email.

Show Co:

Jennie Mercier reported the committee now has a full membership of active participants. They have discussed adding Academy classes to the schedule for next year (2010)

Newsletter/ Website:

Pete reported for Suzette Boiselle and Wendy Ehrlich – there is a general problem of keeping the website current. As there are no paper newsletters now, the web is our only notification, (except by afore-mentioned email). Pete recommended the club consider hiring a professional w/ Wendy as liaison, to work on the site. Pete stated that the club has paid \$600 - \$700 per year in the past for this service. Jenny Mercier volunteered to head a committee to look into this possibility.

Archives:

Pete recognized Dini Swanson as custodian of the display case in the J B Hunt arena/cafeteria. He again recognized Mary Daughtry for her work on the Scrapbook. Mary stated she has purchased some new photos for the club display, as no one has given her any new ones. She is out of pamphlets – to be replenished by AMHA. She reported on the success of the display and the fact that the hand outs are taken, particularly at the BlueRidge show in Asheville. Mary urged members not to miss out on this opportunity to have sales lists or farm advertisements distributed.

Youth:

Andree for Anne Marsh reported that Anne now has over 40 youth members in the club that meets at

Flintlock. They are working on badges and have fund raising and 'fun' events. Hailey Garbee pointed out that the youth does not have to show to be a member or to be active in the club. There are many ways to participate. All are members of AMHAY but not all are members of the VC club, as they have not seen the advantages of being members. Next year Anne plans to hold an additional YOTY contest as Flintlock Farm separate from the So States Show contest. This year the youth made hair bows which they sold and made over \$200.00.

Old Business:

Fund Raising: Andree suggested we need new ways to earn money for the club. The driving clinic at the Daughtries in the spring, with its associated auction and flower bulb sale, brought in over \$1000.00. The sales from Horse.com have brought in about \$500.00

Pete, Jennie and Andree have piloted the SCRIP program and urge all members to consider using this method for purchasing for self – or gifts! Christmas is coming – A percentage of the sale goes to the VC Club – a WIN/WIN.

Nancy Warren reminded members to turn in their So States seals from purchases of feed. The seals are on the feed bags and can be redeemed by clubs for real money! This year the seals earned the club \$101.25. Usually this amount is \$400-\$500.00.

Jenny suggested we consider making club calendars, a project Suzette has recommended.

Pete suggested we have state license plates made – there is an application which has to be approved by the legislature, but most club members would buy a tag – and maybe other horse people if the design is not specific to Morgans....The DMV gets a set fee and any amount over that (sales price) goes to the club who sponsored the plate. There must be a minimum of 300.

AMHA meeting in Raleigh in 2011:

Pete announced again that the AMHA will be holding the annual convention in Raleigh in 2011. Andree moved Pete chair an Ad Hoc committee from the club to work on planning for that meeting.

Pete reported the national club is very appreciative of the VC club for its donation of funds for the building at the KY Horse Park. Only two clubs have made such donations. There will be two bricks in the walkway, one for Southern States Show and one for the VC Morgan Horse Club.

AMHA is making 4 tickets available to VC club members to the dinner at the grand opening. There was discussion of using this as a fund raiser – raffle tickets, auction at So States, auction on E Bay. No action was taken.

New Business:

Election of officers. Andree, as chair of the nominating co, presented the proposed slate:

President – LeeAnne Jones

Vice President – Andree Vetrano

Secretary – Betsy Buchanan

Treasurer – Rob Marsh

There was a motion the slate be approved by acclamation. The motion carried.

Mary Daughtry recommended members visit the Equestrian Club on line – access is available through the USEF site.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Buchanan, Secretary