

VIRGINIA CAROLINAS MORGAN HORSE CLUB

Club Minutes August 2010

The summer meeting of the Virginia Carolinas Morgan Horse Club was held at Flintlock Farm in Chapel Hill NC on 8/7/10 and was called to order at 2pm by the president, LEEANNE JONES. Following her introductory welcome, the minutes were called for. Betsy Buchanan, secretary, made a motion that rather than reading the three pages of minutes, they be posted on line and corrections be sent to her by email. The motion was seconded and carried.

The treasurer's report was delayed until the treasurer could be present.

Committee reports were made:

AWARDS: LEEANNE reported for Elizabeth Abernathy that there are currently only 7 entries in the Awards program. Elizabeth requests everyone send points (and activities for youth members). The date for the Awards Banquet has been tentatively set for Nov 20 and details will be sent out.

BY LAWS – no changes

PROGRAMS – Gael Jaeger – requested anyone with ideas, please let her know.

MEMBERSHIP – LEEANNE reported 73 paid memberships to date. There are 7 new adult individuals and two new members today – we welcome Craig and LaVaughn Bartholomew from Winston Salem. AMHA sends an updated list of Region 10 members/owners each month to LEEANNE – she contacts new prospects.

PROMOTION – Mary Daughtry reminded members that they are missing out by not sending her farm pamphlets/fliers and photos which she takes to all the (many) shows she attends with the club booth. She has been to 11 shows this year so far and the response is rewarding. There was applause by the membership for her efforts.

SPORT HORSE – Suzette

YOUTH – Hailey Garbey reported that Laura Lee helped with the Youth of the Year contest at Southern States which had 7 sr participants and 6 in the junior division this year. Hailey will be representing Southern States at the Grand National in October. The club expressed thanks to Brooke Mercier and Laura Lee for their help.

Hailey also reported there are 10 youth in the Flintlock Farm club who are participating in the AMHA Youth Horsemasters program. The members expressed appreciation to Hailey for her win and her hard work. This is Hailey's final year as a competitor in the youth division, and the VC club offered her financial support for the trip to the Grand National (\$1,000.00) for which she expressed her appreciation. She had to leave early to try to get home before dark.

WEB/PR/ROSTER – Wendy Ehrlich – said she will add the minutes to the website. She will also work on keeping the site updated. The show now has its own site with a link from the club.

SOUTHERN STATES – Suzette Boiselle reported that with 200 horses this year, the show came out in the black. The Sport Horse division grew, so we had to hire an additional judge and use an additional ring this year. She commended the committee for their hard work and thanked the

volunteers. Next year we will need even more volunteers and requested they contact Nancy Warren or Suzette.

TREASURER's REPORT – Rob Marsh reported the club currently has \$2,828.95 in the club account. \$735.28 is in the PayPal account and there is an additional \$74.98 in the Fund Raising Account (which was originally set up for Tristanne's memorial account). The total today is \$3,636.16. This figure included \$150 prepaid towards food and two recent deposits for membership.

The '09 report to the club accountant was:

Income	\$6,506.25
Expense	\$6,202.04
PROFIT	\$ 304.21

In 2009, approximately \$1,149 was membership.

Rob recommended combining accounts as the Fund Raising account could be a line-item in the club account. Also, there is a fee of about \$200 each time we change signatories and have new checks printed. Pete Jaeger moved to this effect, but withdrew his motion until the Board could discuss.

Nancy Warren still collects the Purina Feed Seals which brought in about \$125 last year.

REGION 10 REPORT – Barbara Hewitt (by Leeanne)

The AMHA is moving its offices in Vermont, and the new situation is quite nice. The Museum is moving to a store front in Middlebury and will be maintained by the AMHI (the Institute – a tax deductible entity). AMHA is hopeful the Shelburn Museum will purchase the old AMHA building.

Fran reported that the Morgan building is up at the Kentucky Horse Park. Additional funding is still needed for completion. (\$1.5 Million). One fund raising project is the sale of memorial/honorary bricks for the walkway. Pete Jaeger commented that the VC club and So States show both have bricks (or tiles) already.

MORE on Southern States:

The VC Board of Directors recommended the CJ Epperson Award, presented annually at Southern States to a deserving youth exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship, be continued. This was approved by the membership. The current recipient in 2010 was Jamie Clark, from Georgia.

Various member comments:

Pete commented what a tremendous show we had this year – last year So States was the UPHA National Show of the Year – for the second year. There is a photo of the banner in the scrapbook. Craig Bartholomew said this was their first big show and they were so impressed. Suzette expressed appreciation for all the efforts that make the show a 'well-oiled machine'.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Someone recommended we have a 'club photographer'. Wendy requested photos be sent to her for the website. She also suggested having an archive of old photos – perhaps for a 'Can you ID this?' contest...
- 2) Pete noted that we expect Raleigh to be the host of the AMHA convention in 2013 (2011 = Boston and 2012 = Orlando). Volunteers will be needed!
- 3) Rebecca Jones is this year's president of the AMHA Youth Club! We know she will do a superb job!
- 4) Andree Vetrano is chair of the Nomination Co. This year the club's Board of Directors will be elected.
- 5) Barb Hewitt will not be seeking re-election as our Regional Representative to the AMHA

Board. Dave Bramley has stepped up to say he will run. He will send out the requisite forms requesting your support.

6) Pete suggested the club sponsor Special Horse License plates as a fund raiser for the club. Each would sell for \$30 and the club would get a \$15 (of that \$30). 300 people need to support the effort – Pete said he will write to the appropriate person and will let us know regarding the response.

7) Posters for exhibition at the World Equestrian Games are available for \$100. (Size 2 x 3 x 4).

8) The NC Horse Council has sent a request to members and horse people to support the inclusion of horse trails in the new State Park being planned in the eastern part of the state.

9) Leeanne requested help for Fund Raising projects and ideas. Last year the club earned \$200-300 with the Flower Power project. This is a seasonal effort in the fall and spring... For a Spring Gala, we need a 'free space' – Wolff's vineyard in Saxaphaw was suggested for a meeting in March or April. Suzette volunteered to help with this planning.

10) The judges of today's Desert Contest selected the Apple Pie and the Peanut Butter Cups. Mmmmm!

Thanks to Gael and Pete for hosting - the meeting adjourned at 3:15

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Buchanan
Secretary