

The NWSCA met March 8, 2009 at the NDSU Extension Office in Stanley. Clubs present were: Minot Trail Riders, Mountrailmen, DC Horsemen, M-T, and MonDak Quarter Horse Association. No representative from Ryder was present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Julie Unhjem. Minutes from the 2008 meeting were distributed and reviewed. No additions or corrections were needed and Ron Bingeman made a motion to accept the minutes and LeAnn Hovde seconded. Motion carried. Jamie Hay, secretary/treasurer distributed the financial report and reviewed highlights and differences between 2007 and 2008. No changes needed. Carrie Marschner made a motion to accept the financial report and Ashley Holman seconded. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

**Numbers-** A brief discussion on using the same numbers throughout the show season indicated much support and everyone wishes to continue for the 2009 season. Jamie offered to keep a master list and bring the numbers to each show.

**Year-end Awards-** Discussion on the prizes received was positive. Everyone was pleased that the cost was reduced and, therefore, had a good impact on the financial status. A budget of \$1000 will be considered again this year with everyone thinking of ideas. There will be a couple people appointed later this summer to order the prizes. Joni Haner offered to assist.

**Ryder Show/New Show-** No representative from Ryder present. Everyone was pleased with the addition of a show in Ryder. Jamie mentioned that a club is getting started in Grenora and the DC Horsemen will invite them to their show to see what is involved if they are interested.

#### New Business

**Banquet-** Minot Trail Riders have offered to make arrangements for the banquet this fall. A tentative date was set for October 18<sup>th</sup>. Joni was going to check at the Royal Fork and some other places. Consideration will be given on a reasonable price for children.

**Pre-Registration-** Jamie brought up that Ryder had allowed pre-registration last year and suggested a rule on this be determined. Discussion was favorable towards allowing clubs to do this if they choose. Rod Westrum made a motion, 'If a club offers pre-registration, then entry fees must be paid when the entries are submitted as they are considered an entry for the show.' Stacy Thelen seconded. Motion carried. It was suggested that a notice with a mailing address be provided at the preceding show if pre-registration is offered so contestants know where to send their payment.

**Fees-** Discussion was presented by Carol Hay and Julie Unhjem about possibly increasing the amount paid to the NWSCA to \$1.00 per entry. The amount has been at \$.60 for several years despite increases in the entry fees. Those present felt that since the entry fee was raised to \$3.00 to help the clubs defray costs of hosting a show, it may be too much if raised to \$1.00. Jamie presented figures on 2008 and 2007 if the NWSCA

would have received \$.75 per entry. Joni made a motion, 'Increase the payout to the NWSCA from \$.60 to \$.75 per entry.' Ron seconded. Motion carried.

**Halter-** Discussion was brought up by members from DC Horsemen about possibly changing the age groups for the Showmanship at Halter classes. The last couple years there have been very few entries in the Jr. class and the Youth class has been large with a lot of Children's participants. Also mentioned, there are many Children participants that have a parent, sibling, or other person accompanying them for safety reasons. Everyone would like to encourage the youngsters to participate. Carrie made a motion, 'Change the halter classes to Children's Showmanship at Halter and Jr. Showmanship at Halter. Youth participants will enter the Jr. division.' Carol seconded. Motion carried.

**Western Riding-** Liz Christianson brought up discussion on changing the Western Riding pattern so it would be the same as that for the 4-H. No objections. Liz made a motion, 'Change the Western Riding pattern so it is the same as 4-H with a transition to a lope immediately after crossing the log. Joni seconded. Motion carried.

**Reining-** Liz brought up discussion on changing the Reining patterns since the NWSCA has had the same ones for a long time, the judges generally choose the same one for Jr. and Sr. Reining from one show to the next, and the youngsters have to learn the 4-H ones already. Jamie mentioned that the NWSCA has tried to stay consistent with many of the 4-H rules. No opposing discussion was heard. Liz made motion, 'Eliminate all previous patterns from the NWSCA. Add 2008 4-H pattern #1 for Youth and Snaffle Bit Reining with an option for flying lead changes instead of the simple lead changes if riders desire. Add 2008 4-H patterns #2, 3, & 4 for the Jr. and Sr. Reining classes.' Stacy seconded. Motion carried.

**Children's Barrels & Poles-** Rod initiated discussion on the number of children's riders that are being lead through barrels and poles and whether it is fair for those riders to place over riders that are maneuvering their horse on their own. Those present felt it was time to make some changes to accommodate both groups of children's riders. One option discussed was adding a penalty to those being lead, giving advantage to the independent riders. Most felt this was a negative way of handling the situation. Rod made a motion, 'Add Children's Lead-line Barrels and Children's Lead-line Poles. Riders may not enter the regular Children's Barrels or Children's Poles if they are in the Lead-line class or vice versa. A year-end prize will be awarded for both Lead-line classes. The pattern size for Lead-line barrels is at the discretion of each club.' LeAnn seconded and the motion carried.

**Flag Race-** Jamie brought up discussion regarding what the actions should be if a bucket or barrel is tipped during a Flag Race run. Joni made a motion, 'If the flag hits the ground, regardless, then the rider is disqualified. If the rider has the flag in hand and then the barrel or bucket is tipped, then a 5 second penalty is added.' Liz seconded. Motion carried.

**Show Dates-**

Mountrailmen- June 6<sup>th</sup> (They will have a fun day on the 7<sup>th</sup>)

DC Horsemen- June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Minot Trail Riders- Aug 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

M-T- Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

Mon-Dak- Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

Ryder-?

**Election of Officers-**

President: Julie Unhjem takes over as President following Monica Sem.

Vice President: Carol nominated Carrie Marschner for VP. LeAnn made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot. Ron seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Stacy made a motion that Jamie should continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Officers for 2009 are: Julie Unhjem, President; Carrie Marschner, VP; and Jamie Hay, Secretary Treasurer.

Ashley Holman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. LeAnn seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Hay, Sec/Treas.