

NCASHA General Meeting Notes January 24, 2010

The annual meeting of the Northern California American Saddlebred Horse Association was held Sunday January 24th at 1pm at the home of Judy Ferguson, after written notice of the meeting was sent to the membership via the November Newsletter and several E-mail reminders in January.

Elections were held. The nomination committee presented their recommendations for the Executive Board:

Co-Presidents: Jenny Blackburn (jennyblackburn@comcast.net)
Susan Estes (suzestes@aol.com)
Vice President: Kasey Ashley (kashley@waterboards.ca.gov)
Secretary: Susan Valley Chen (susanvalley@mac.com)
Treasurer: Johanna Brandiff (johannab8@gmail.com)

A vote was taken and the above nominations were unanimously elected. The 2009 officers were relieved of duties (except where re-elected). The new Co-Presidents ran the rest of the meeting.

2009 Treasurer's Report was read and approved:

- Total Income: \$16,790.39
- Total Expenses: \$20,255.82

- Net Income: - \$3,465.43

- Current Club Assets: \$22,733.30 (as of 12.31.09)

Susan Valley Chen and Royalee Cleveland will work with the new Treasurer, Johanna Brandiff to make updates to signature cards for all relevant bank accounts.

Committee Structure

Instead of electing a board, Committee heads were chosen. Those individuals will function as a board. Below is a list of the 2010 committees, chairpersons and goals for the year as discussed at the meeting. Contact information is provided for each chairperson. Please contact the chair if you have any interest in helping out. This is your club, and we need everyone's help to make it successful. If you have any questions about the committees or what is involved for each activity, please follow up with the chairperson or anyone on the executive board.

1. Fund Raising.

Chair: Suzan Foss Pheley (suefss@aol.com)

Since the last two Calendars have raised about \$1,000, it was decided to repeat the effort.

Silent Auction at the Fall Show raised almost \$1,200, this will also be repeated.

Please contact Sue if you have other ideas or want to help with these activities.

2. Web Site/ASHA Charter Club Liason

Chair: Barbara Molland (bmolland@farfieldfarm.com)

\$1000 has been earmarked for resurrection of the NCASHA web site. The web site needs to be updated and kept current. Barbara will head the effort to rebuild it. Input from members is welcome.

The aim will be for at least one of the members to be able to keep the site updated on a regular basis.

3. Horse Expo: (June 11-13, 2010)

Co-Chairs: Teddi Estes (teddiestes@aol.com) & Jeanie Bartoszek (jeanclairedog@yahoo.com)

Teddi had contacted Anne Judd – they are pursuing having her run a Saddleseat Clinic in addition to our breed demonstrations. Discussion was held about the cost vs benefit of the Expo – it was decided to pursue the Expo this year, but perhaps cut back on the amount of financial support from the club. Teddi is working on securing demonstration horses; please contact her if you would like to provide a quality example of a Saddlebred. Booth help and assistance with the demonstration are also needed. Please contact Teddi or Jeannie if you would like to help out.

4. Promotion: No Chairperson

Facebook: Dean MacCracken (dbm236@msn.com)

Dean volunteered to put a NCASHA page on Facebook; he will update everyone when it launches

5. High Point Awards: Co-Chairs/Activities

Points: Susan Valley Chen

The Shows included in the high-point tally will remain the same – All Fun Shows, Monterey, UPHA and Watsonville.

Ribbons: Susan Valley Chen

Trophies: Julie Streitfeld

Banquet: Edy Compton (edymc@earthlink.net)

Discussion was held on changing the banquet venue for this year; it was voted to change the date to later (possibly January of the following year) and change the venue. Please submit any input you may have on these items to the officers or Edy. Edy will be researching locations and costs.

6. Social Events: No Chairperson

Planning of Social Events: Any member can initiate; send ideas to the officers—there is potential for financial support where needed

7. NCASHA 2010 Horse Show Schedule All known show information that is of interest to our members is listed here. Those with an (*) are considered in determining NCASHA High Point Awards. Updates will come out in the Newsletter, as more is known.

March 6-7: *Menlo Circus Club: Jennifer Dixon (dixonstabl@aol.com)

Jennifer passed out prize lists at the meeting; please contact her if you need one

April 14-17: *Monterey Springfest: This is a rated show not sponsored by NCASHA, but points from the show go toward our High Point Awards. Please contact Susan Estes for more information

May 13-16: *UPHA Chapter One Horse Show: Jennifer Dixon; these dates are what is listed on the USEF site. This is a Triple Point Show for the USEF Points of the Year program.

June 15-18: Del Mar Charity Horse Show

July 7-10: Santa Barbara National Horse Show

July 30-Aug 2(?): *Watsonville International: Destyn Sublett represented the current show management at our meeting; Discussion was held about the state of this show. The Morgan Club who runs it is considering tabling the show for lack of help. Destyn requested additional volunteer help from NCASHA. The people below are on this volunteer committee. The committee will meet with the Morgan club to try to work out a plan for us to help out with man power to keep the show going. Destyn will report back to the officers regarding status of the show efforts and whether additional support will be required.

Committee: Destyn Sublett, Dean MacCracken, Julie Barrow, Sarah Wolfe, Brigitte Scholl, Candy Dowdy and Cathryn Whitcomb

Sept 11-12 (?): *NCASHA Fall Fun Show TENTATIVE DATES

Committee: Susan Valley, Teddi Estes, Dean MacCracken, Candy Dowdy, Jennifer Dixon

Discussion was held on changing the Fall Show. We are having problems getting cost-effective portable stalls installed at Diamond Hills. Membership also expressed a desire for a new location. Since this has been our premier fund raising effort, a venue must be chosen where we can pull in non-Saddlebred entrants. Although Livermore has provided that in the past, the last 2 years have seen very low outside entry numbers. Discussion centered around:

- Moving the Show to Morgan Hill – Teddi Estes will investigate a site and interest from local stables; she will get some numbers on potential barn attendees in the area
- Hosting a clinic instead or in addition to a 1 day show – Dean MacCracken, Candy Dowdy and Jennifer Dixon will investigate possible clinicians
- Going to a one day show in Livermore (or other site) – Susan Valley will head this up.
- Menlo Circus Club runs a tournament in early November that we could annex as a Fun Show, so that is also under consideration.

The Executive Board will determine deadlines for decision making; if you have thoughts or input on any of these alternatives, please contact any of the committee members.

Sep 29-Oct 2: NWSA Classic, Salem OR

Oct ??: NW Futurity

Oct 22-24: California (Nevada??) Futurity

Here is an excerpt from an email from Kevin Michael with more info on the venue change for this event:

"As you may already know, our Futurity Horse Show is moving to South Point in Las Vegas for 2010. Our show dates are October 22nd through 24th.

South Point is a truly unique facility, a world-class equestrian center connected to a full-scale hotel/casino resort. The equestrian venue features an arena, warm-up area, and stabling, all indoors and completely climate-controlled. The hotel/casino includes everything – spacious rooms at preferred rates, gaming, restaurants, showroom, spa, and more. It's all conveniently located on the "South Strip", away from the congestion, but close enough for visitors to enjoy the full Las Vegas experience. You can check it all out at www.southpointcasino.com.

After much deliberation, we are convinced that moving to Las Vegas is the best thing we can do to support the breed and rebuild our show. South Point offers us the opportunity to showcase our show horses to an audience from all over the world. They also get a good deal of business from local Las Vegans, who enjoy watching the horse events there."

Third week in October: Friesian Show (for reference only)

November: Schooling Show at MCC

Newsletter: Susan Valley Chen