

The annual meeting of the Northern California American Saddlebred Horse Association was held Sunday February 13th 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:

President: Dean MacCracken
Vice President: Julie Barrow
Secretary: Susan Valley Chen
Treasurer: Beth Davis

A vote was taken and the above nominations were unanimously elected. The new President then ran the rest of the meeting.

Minutes from the 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Total Income:	\$17,981.51
Total Expenses:	\$18,667.84
Net Income:	- \$686.33
Total Balance in Club Account:	\$18,085.59

Instead of electing a board, it was decided that committee heads would be chosen and those individuals would serve as a board.

Fund Raising: Chair: Suzan Foss Pheley

Since the last two Calendars have raised about \$1,000, it was decided to repeat the effort – discussion was held on best ways to get people to send information in a timely manner. It was decided to shoot for a fall production to allow more time.

Silent Auction at the Summer Show raised almost close to \$800. This effort will be repeated.

Suzan brought up the possibility of hosting a clinic on general horse topics – First Aid and/or Evaluation of Behavior. These would be open to the public with an admission fee. Suzan will look into details

Web Site: Chair: Jenny Blackburn & Lexie Castaillac

The web site needs to be updated and kept current. Lexie and Jenny will work to keep the site updated and perhaps extend it to include horse for sale and other links.

Horse Expo/Promotion: Chair: Teddi Estes & Gen Hess

Dates this year are June 10 - 12. Discussion was held about the cost vs benefit of the Expo – it was decided to pursue the Expo this year, but look into possibly getting some funding from the ASHA. Discussion was also held about the value vs expense of having horses at the event vs just a booth. Decision was made to investigate how willing the Expo management would be to improving conditions over last year and whether Anne Judd would be interested in helping us out again – Gen Hess was to speak to the Expo.

Brigitte Scholl has been asked by Dressage in the Wine Country to exhibit Saddlebreds at that venue on September 17th. This may be another educational opportunity for the club

Facebook: Chair: Dean MacCracken

The facebook page has been very popular. Dean will continue to manage the page.

Newsletter: Sue Valley will continue to put out the newsletter. Discussion was held on the topic of editing submitted articles. Decision was made to edit if the material could be considered offensive to most members.

High Point Awards: Points: Susan Valley Chen Banquet: Dana Leavitt, Lynn Silva and Stephanie Wrangler

The Shows included in the tally will remain the same – All Fun Shows, Monterey, UPHA and Watsonville. Discussion was held on the venue for this year, it was voted to change the date (possibly January 12th) and venue to an evening more formal occasion.

Social Events: Open to any member – send ideas to the officers. We are open to any ideas.

Horse Shows:

Menlo Circus Club: Jennifer Dixon Dates March 5-6. Prizelists were passed out.

Watsonville/Summer Classic: Committee: Dean MacCracken, Julie Barrow, Brigitte Scholl, Candy Dowdy, Stephanie Wrangler, Dana Leavitt and Sue Valley Discussion was held about the state of this show. Dates: July 30,31. The Walking horses and Morgans have expressed interest in returning in bigger numbers. Sue Valley suggested contacting 4-H clubs in the area. Discussion was held on the best way to publicize the event. Suggestion was made on having a dressage section and moving the trail and carriage classes to another arena. The committee will work on these issues.

Menlo Circus Club runs a tournament in early November that we could annex as a Fun Show, so that is also under consideration.

Youth:

Brigitte Scholl introduced the concept of organizing a Youth Year End Award of a scholarship or some other significant award to encourage junior exhibitor participation. Ideas presented included a year of events with the high point participant winning the award. The membership thought this was a good idea. Brigitte will present more specifics.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.