

Annual Meeting of the NWLA Membership September 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM at the Longhorn BBQ Restaurant in Spokane, WA. Special thanks to Jacqui Duran for organizing the Northwest Classic show held at the Spokane Fair and also for all the preparations for the annual meeting and lunch. There were no minutes from the last meeting available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maggie Hansen gave the Treasurer's report. Currently, the association has a positive balance in the bank. The grooming clinic sponsored by the association earlier this year was not profitable and ended in the negative. Please see report for financial details.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As the Show and Sales Chair, Jacqui Duran reported on the grooming clinic held this spring. Trevor Smith was the instructor. It was hosted by Cloverdale Farms in Rathdrum, Idaho on June 6 – 7, 2009. Everyone attending was pleased with the clinic.

Jacqui reported that currently the show and the Spokane fair was moving smoothly and those representing the fair had been very cooperative. The actual show held on Saturday, September 12 ran without problems and will probably be one of the largest shows held this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None reported

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Dues

Gordon reported that the amount of the rebate from the ALR, and how that is decided has changed. The amount of the rebate depends upon the number of members in the regional association who are also members of the ALR in good standing, which means those dues are paid prior to January 1. Gordon encouraged the membership to pay all dues on time for the good of all members.

There was some discussion about the use of these funds. Several opinions and ideas were raised, however, no decision was reached.

Election of Officers

Gordon opened the floor for nominations for the chair positions that are open at this time. The nominations included:

Alan Bradshaw – Marketing and Promotion Chair

Beverly Shirts – Junior and Education Chair

Jacqui Duran – Show and Sales Chair

Further nominations are to be sent to the secretary for a future vote. Comments from the floor encouraged creating a new chair position to take over the social and meeting preparations as they are currently handled by the Show and Sales Chair. Bruce Ankeny raised a question regarding the creation of a new position and whether or not it would be contradictory to the bylaws. Due to the fact that the current bylaws were not available, the board agreed to review them and investigate proper procedure for future occurrences. It was agreed that there will be a position assigned by the chair to handle the social activities, but a new chair position was not created.

Other Comments from the floor

Bruce Ankeny brought up an issue regarding the content of the annual meeting. He suggested that education or extra information be available to increase the participation of individuals who don't show and don't usually come to the meetings. He also requested that we re-visit the idea of holding a sale in conjunction with the show. The question of a separate show for grass-fed beef was also raised. There were a lot of comments and questions regarding the criteria for grass-fed available. Bruce volunteered to help gather information. Dean Snow volunteered to work with Jacqui-current Show and Sale Chair to investigate what needs to be done in order to arrange a grass-fed steer show in addition to our annual show.

Puyallup Spring Fair

Everyone agreed that attending the Puyallup Spring Fair in 2010 would be a good thing to do. Jacqui agreed to contact them and start making those arrangements.

Grooming Clinic

The grooming clinic held this spring was discussed. That it is a helpful tool but also that the location is important for the success of the clinic. There was discussion about the venues and attendees possible for future clinics. Jacqui and Beth volunteered to investigate the possibilities of setting up clinics in their respective areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

