

NWLA Meeting – Conference Call 8-12-08

### **Attendance**

Donna Boekel, Interim Chairman  
Jim Eldridge, Interim Vice Chair  
Shelley Dodd, Interim Treasurer  
Gordon Lenhard, Interim Show/Sales Committee Chair  
Shelley Dodd, Marketing/Promotion/Website Committee Chair  
Mary Goban, Youth/Education/Newsletter Committee Chair

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Donna Boekel called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and conducted roll call. Shelley took meeting notes.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Jim made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written, Shelley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Shelley took on the position of Treasurer as of 7/24/08.

The previous balance at the last meeting on 5-13-08 was \$1466.00. There were two dues deposits of \$313.00 on 7/24/08 and \$158.00 on 8/8/08. There was a check written to Shelley Dodd to reimburse her for the Cascade Cattlemen ad for \$160.00.

Shelley is unsure of what the actual account total is because the check register had not been kept up to date and she needed time to go through the register and straighten it out. Jim brought up the fact that it would be easier to keep track if we were to use Quicken or Quickbooks. Donna stated that then we could hand out reports. Shelley agreed to put the whole register into Quickbooks and then give everyone a copy of the report.

### **Old Business**

#### **Nominations for Vacant/Terms Expired Positions**

Donna brought up for discussion why we don't have everyone vote at the annual meeting instead of sending out ballots. Gordon's opinion was that it gives the

whole membership the option of voting since not everyone, especially those who live further away will be able to attend the meeting. It was agreed that we would send out ballots.

As determined in a previous meeting, all nomination forms are to be in by Aug. 15, 2008. All ballots will then be sent out to members as soon as possible after Aug. 15. Then all ballots must be postmarked by Sept. 20, 2008.

Shelley brought up the idea of sending out the ballot with a reminder that dues were due on July 1, 2008. Then we can combine the two and save on postage. Donna said why don't we also add the events that are coming up with the Fair, annual meeting, etc. Shelley offered to put together the ballot and letter. Mary offered to do the mailing of the ballot and letter.

So far we have the following nominations:  
Gordon Lenhard for Chairman  
Jim Eldridge for Vice Chairman  
Maggie Hanson for Treasurer  
Jacqui Duran for Show/Sales Committee Chair

We still need nominations for the following positions:  
Marketing/Promotion Committee Chair  
Secretary  
Youth/Education Committee Chair

Jim expressed interest in running as Treasurer if Maggie would rather be Vice Chair. Donna offered to call Maggie to see which position she would like to run for since she had expressed interest in both positions.

Mary was asked if she would like to run again for her same position as Youth/Education Committee Chair. Mary said she is a bit frustrated at the lack of interest in the Junior Association. There are currently 5 junior members 2 of which are her kids. Mary called the other 3 junior members but only 1 called her back. She didn't get any response from her letter in the newsletter requesting junior members to contact her. She is finding it difficult to get everyone rallied up. Mary said she would run for her same position again if no one else offered to do it.

Shelley was also asked if she plans to run for her same position as Marketing/Promotions Committee Chair. She said she is not interested in running again for this position but would like to continue to do the website and if Mary doesn't want to do the newsletter anymore, she would do that.

Donna was asked if she would like to continue on the board. She replied that she would be willing to help but is not interested in a position at this time.

Dean Snow said he would be interested in helping with the Marketing/Promotions Committee but has too many other commitments to run for the Chairperson.

It was agreed by all that we would try to drum up some more people who would be interested in running for the Board positions. If we don't receive nominations by Aug. 15 (which was our cut off date), then we will leave those positions open on the ballot.

### **By-Law Changes**

There were some possible bylaws changes that were brought up in past meetings so Donna wanted to get them settled.

1. Propose changing the by-laws to state the annual membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the NW Lowline Classic.

Donna said she looked in the bylaws and couldn't find anything pertaining to that so we all agreed that we don't need to change anything in the bylaws.

2. Propose changing the committee name from Marketing/Promotions to Communications/Promotions

It was agreed by all that Marketing/Promotions Committee is a more suitable name so we will leave that as it is.

### **New Business**

Jim said be sure and note what time zone the meeting will be held.

### **Membership**

We received a new active membership. Julie Davis, Clear Valley Farm in Arlington, WA.

### **4/8/08 Newsletter Minutes**

Mary referred to the 4/8/08 newsletter regarding when Nancy asked Mary if she could send a more "user friendly" format to be proofed. Mary would like the following sentence removed from the minutes of that meeting. "Mary said no, she could not. If people can't figure it out then they should print it out." Mary said those were not her words and the content of the paragraph was not accurate. Gordon made a motion that we remove that sentence from the minutes. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.

### **Official Record of Minutes**

Donna made mention that someone should be keeping the official minutes. She thought Bernalyn had them at one time.

