

**Minutes of the  
North Central Morgan Association  
Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
Golden Valley, MN**

**Call to Order**

President, Terry Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Present were the following officers, directors, committee chairs and general members.

President/Newsletter/Website-Terry Sanborn	NCMB Chair-Nan Wille
President Emeritus-VeeAnn Wood	High Point Chair-Janise Sanborn
Vice President/Futurity-Robin Becklin	Youth Co-Chair-Brandee Bobzin
Treasurer/Membership-Marcy Eickholt	Arlene Berzins
Director at Large-Dave Eide	Jackie DelFavero
Director at Large/Publicity-Steve Bobzin	Karyl Hylle
District 6-Carl Hartell	Lyn Tesler
District 7-Kirsten Johnson	

No Secretary has been appointed to date. Marcy Eickholt will record the minutes from tonight's meeting.

**Review of the Minutes**

Marcy motioned to waive reading of the 3-13-07 minutes and to accept them as presented. Robin seconded, motion passed.

**President Emeritus**-VeeAnn had no report.

**President**-Terry reported that the first 2008 AMHA Convention meeting will be held at Nan's house in St. Paul tomorrow (Wed-April 11, 2007). A conference call will be set up with AMHA representatives from out of town. They will be discussing activities regarding the convention such as hospitality, barn tours, transportation and what things NCMA will be responsible for.

**Vice-President**-Robin reminded everyone of the Schooling Show to be held this Saturday-April 14<sup>th</sup>. She will be mailing a reminder packet to all Futurity participants containing an intro letter and forms for 2007 nominations. She has been talking to Erica at AMHA regarding convention barn tours. This will be discussed in depth at the convention meeting tomorrow night. It is important that NCMA encourage attendance at the convention. People have already booked rooms at the hotel. Convention dates are February 13-16, 2008.

**Secretary**-No report.

**Treasurer's Report**-Marcy passed out financial reports for review. The \$3000 7 month CD is due to mature on May 2, 2007. Discussion whether to renew the CD or cash it in and add the funds to the NCMA Promotional Savings Account. Steve motioned to renew the CD for another 7-month period. Kirsten seconded, motion passed. Steve asked if Marcy could add a LY column to the financial report so the board could see where we stand in comparison to last year. Marcy will do that starting with the May report. Also discussed were sponsorships to horse shows. Marcy explained how we have determined show sponsorships in the past. Since the Spring Tune up Show has no Morgan classes this year Robin motioned to send a \$30 sponsorship to the Spring Schooling Show to be held on 4-14-07. Steve seconded this motion, motion passed. Kirsten motioned to send a sponsorship to Candy's Spring Gettogether show. VeeAnn wondered

if we were obligated to send this sponsorship and Marcy reviewed Candy's letter in which she severs all ties with NCMA. Because there are likely to be some NCMA members attending the show, in their best interests, a sponsorship would be appropriate. Steve observed we could wait until the show and if it indeed is held a sponsorship sent then. Kirsten's motion was withdrawn and reworded to send a sponsorship to the Spring Gettogether Show if it is held. Robin seconded, motion passed. Marcy remarked that she did not receive a show bill from this show and asked to be alerted if the show was cancelled. Nan motioned to accept the treasurer's reports dated 4-10-07, VeeAnn seconded, motion passed.

**Correspondence**-Passed around were the WSCA and MN Horse Council newsletters. Also viewed was the USEF publication listing Region 5 awards of which several NCMA members were listed.

**District 1**-No report.

**District 2**-Terry read a report from Martha given to Pat. It has been unusually cold in her area this last month. There were no minutes from the board meeting published in the last newsletter and she would like to know why. Terry answered this question. There have been no minutes published in the newsletter for almost 2 years. Sometimes the minutes are several pages and it is very costly to publish them. The website has been a more efficient vehicle to relay this information. When the board made this decision a notice was put into the newsletter notifying members of the change and telling them to just call if they wanted to be mailed a paper copy. Marcy stated that all board members who do not have email access are mailed a printed copy each month. Martha also indicated there were 2 pages of Futurity results published describing the amounts of money and placing won, but no horses or owners names were listed. She believes in the Futurity, is a member of it, and feels that recognition of the horse and owner are an important part of the Futurity process not just receiving the money. Robin said they would be publishing more complete listings in the future now that the weanling class has been established and the program has worked through some early bugs. Martha also remarked that even though all the Futurity and High Point rules are listed on the internet, not everyone has access to a computer or the knowledge to use it to gain access to the rules and deadlines. She suggested these items be published in the newsletter in smaller type so they don't take up so much room and would be available to all members. Marcy replied that even with smaller type these rules and forms make up several pages of type. In the past an announcement was made to just ask for a paper copy and one would be mailed. Terry suggested we try putting that announcement in each issue in the "NOTICE" box in the front of the issue. The board agreed to try this first.

**District 3**-No report.

**District 4**-No report.

**District 5**-Jackie emailed a report to Marcy. Jackie reports that the Prairie State Classic and Morgan Invitational Horse Shows will include Saddlebred and Morgan classes. These two shows and the Morgan Masterpiece also include a full set of Academy classes. The Morgan Invitational and Morgan Masterpiece are Tri-State approved and all three are ASWA approved for points. Kohlers are back in Wisconsin and they are hoping to see them attend the WI shows.

**District 6**-Carl reported the weather is staying cold.

**District 7**-Kirsten reported going to the Dragon Sale in KY. It was well attended and a very nice sale. NCMA Gayle Belden purchased a nice mare.

**Directors at Large**-Steve reported that he, Brandee, Robin and Sarah Berzins attended the 4 H judging clinic with their horses. A good guest judge from CO was there and it was good promo for the Morgan Horse. The clinic was at Hi Circle Vee Arena. Dave reported their Citrus Cup Horse Show trip was cancelled due to lack of enough customers from the barn wanting to go.

**Newsletter**-The March newsletter has been mailed and should be in homes already. Deadline for the next issue is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Terry mentioned again including in upcoming newsletters a notice letting people know they can request a paper copy of rules, forms and results.

**Website**-Most updated rules and forms are already posted. Futurity not complete yet due to the addition of an alumni class. Mark Witzany has volunteered to help with the website.

**Horse Shows**-North Star will have a committee meeting on Wed, April 18<sup>th</sup>. To be discussed are trophies and judges. Show bills have been mailed and will arrive soon. Marcy will be calling soon to schedule volunteers for the Kandi Klassic Spring Show. Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Schooling Show at NW Saddle Club in North Branch. It starts at 9 AM with Linda Hagan Kvanbeck judging. Depending on attendance at this schooling show, a June show might be scheduled as a pre North Star warm up. Kandi Klassic Fall Benefit reports that they are working on the show. Terry will be sending Jackie NCMA information for the WI Mid-West Horse Fair booth.

**Futurity**-Robin and Kathy have met to discuss the program. The office fee will be raised to help offset the cost of judges and ribbons. This will be the last year for the 3-year-old class and an alumni class will be added. Robin has been in contact with Bill Couch, manager for the 2007 MN All Morgan Show. Thursday arrival times are under discussion. Also being discussed are names of possible judges to do the Thursday night Futurity classes. Some 2007 nominations have been received already.

**North Central Morgan Breeders**-Nan reported on the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at Arcola Farm. The attendance was low but many ideas were exchanged. Arcola Farm will host a mini clinic on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with clinician Linda Hagan Kvanbeck speaking on getting babies ready for the show ring.

**Banquet**-January 19, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center.

**High Point**-No report.

**Membership**-Membership update information distributed. More will come in as we get closer to the first show. To date we have 116 new/renew/lifetime/youth members and 82 horse/equitation/schooling nominations.

**Youth**-Brandee reported only 2 in attendance at the youth meeting. Scheduled are 2 more meetings with Erin Lunn doing a presentation on show grooming and Linda Hagan Kvanbeck doing a presentation on personal grooming. Brandee is working on a tour of the Mid-West Arabian facility. Marcy reported that NCMA might need to kick in a small amount to fund the Dezzi Awards this year depending upon the number of applications. This would be the last year unless another sponsor was found or NCMA wanted to raise money to host it. She would like to see some of the deserving Hardwood Creek riders recognized and Kirsten will check into that. Terry mentioned that the separate Jr. Exhibitor High Point award requires the youth to submit their own points on the High Point form.

**Publicity**-NCMA will participate in the MN Horse Expo on April 27, 28, 29<sup>th</sup>. This year horses are required to show a vet certificate upon arriving at the Fairgrounds. NCMA will pay for this fee for the 3 horses participating. Marcy reminded the board that since NCMA pays the stall fee the owner would need to make sure their membership is renewed. Sarah Berzins and Colleen Flaig might participate. Other Morgan owners from the NCMA area include JoAnn Anderson and Susan Motter. NCMA will pay for volunteer passes. Marcy will send Steve funds for this. Steve

and Robin are working on a new NCMA promotional brochure, beginning designs by Michele Damrow. Quotes are being researched for a supply of 2000. Robin motioned to spend up to \$900 on printing/design costs to be divided between the Expo, Promotional and convention savings account budget lines. Dave seconded, motion passed. Marcy volunteered to proof the brochure before going to print.

**Sunshine**-No report.

**Other Events**-The Aquatennial parade is the same weekend as the Oshkosh Morgan Show and the Isanti parade falls the same weekend as North Star. Morgan promotion will be done at the MN State Fair parade. The Polo Classic is the same weekend as the MN All Morgan Horse Show. Lyn reports that this is a great event to promote the Morgan horse.

**Bylaws**-163 postcards were sent to members letting them know the board is working on a bylaw revision. There has been no response, other than some people acknowledging receipt of the card. A meeting is still being planned at North Star to answer questions on the revision. Terry will be in contact with Charley at MAP for any feedback from the revised draft sent to him. Short discussion on conference call phones and features. Estimated cost would be about \$400 but no decisions were made.

**Old Business**-At the March 2007 meeting Marcy recommended NCMA do some type of charity donation this year. She passed around a letter from We Can Ride that included a photo of a Morgan therapy horse named Red. The letter included some projected costs for support of this horse. VeeAnn said that any amount of donation is always appreciated. Also discussed were Courage Center and the Hoofed Animal Rescue as possible donation groups.

**New Business**-No report.

**Open Discussion**-None

Robin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Steve seconded, motion passed.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007  
7:00 PM  
Perkins-Golden Valley  
763-546-5404**