

**Minutes of the  
North Central Morgan Association  
Tuesday, February 6, 2007  
St. Louis Park, MN**

**Call to order**

Robin Becklin called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Present were the following officers, directors and committee chairs.

President Emeritus-VeeAnn Wood	High Point Chair-Janise Sanborn
President-Terry Sanborn (Newsletter & Internet Chair)	Director at Large-Steve Bobzin
Vice President-Robin Becklin (Futurity Co-Chair)	Publicity Co-Chair-Dave Eide
Treasurer-Marcy Eickholt (Membership Chair)	Youth Co-Chair Brandee Bobzin
District 6-Carl Hartell	Pat Hartell
District 7-Kirsten Johnson	Arlene Berzins
NCMB Chair-Nan Wille	Dale Becklin (visitor)

Kirsten Johnson volunteered to fill in and take minutes for the meeting. Robin received a resignation letter from BethAnn Combs who ran as Secretary on the 2006 ballot. As the owner of a business that deals with many local horse people she did not want to be in a position that jeopardized her friendships and business after the conflict at the January 20, 2007 general membership meeting.

**First order of business:**

Before we began the evenings regular reports a discussion concerning the by-laws and how the meeting should proceed occurred. Members who were present felt the need to move effectively towards updating the NCMA bylaws and evaluating the current status of the presidency of the organization. Robin Becklin mentioned a possible meeting with the Management Assistance Project for Non Profits or MAP as they call themselves. They provide legal counsel to non-profits for a reduced fee. It was decided that this would be a good first step and we should investigate this possibility and put it to a vote by a quorum.

Marcy Eickholt expressed huge concern about the consequences of the action taken at the January 20, 2007 meeting. She felt that personal issues voiced did not keep in mind NCMA's best interests. Her thoughts by not keeping the same Board for the remainder of 2007 as planned would leave NCMA unprepared and put in place inexperienced Board members to welcome the 2008 AMHA Convention. Considering NCMA lobbied so hard to get the convention here and have prepared financially for this event it would be a mistake to endanger its success. Staying on track with the clubs mission to promote the Morgan is being sidetracked with personal agendas was her opinion.

It was then decided that we had no choice but to move forward with the Board as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 so NCMA business could continue. A meeting with a MAP representative will be scheduled quickly for legal advice on how to proceed taking into consideration the 2004 amendment, the slates of officers and NCMA mission.

**Review of the Minutes:** Marcy motioned to waive reading of the minutes from the 1-20-07 meeting, Steve Bobzin seconded, motion passed.

**President Emeritus-** No Report

**President**-No Report

**Vice-President**- Robin Becklin wanted to thank all present for attending this meeting.

**Secretary**-Position not filled yet.

**Treasurer**-Marcy reviewed the proposed budget for 2007. Newsletter printing and postage costs have increased. Horse Expo expenses have increased but we're pleased that we received a \$500.00 Trade Show Funding grant from the AMHA towards this event. Marcy stated that this would be her last year as the treasurer of the NCMA. There was a motion to approve the proposed budget and the motion was seconded; motion passed. The February 6<sup>th</sup> financial report was discussed and Steve Bobzin motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Robin Becklin seconded, motion was passed unanimously.

**Correspondence**-Marcy discussed the incoming mail to NCMA. Items included a thank you note from Lindsay Bobyak (Dezzi Award recipient), a sales brochure from Sunset Training Stables, the February MN Horse Council newsletter and information on the free Equine Resource Guide of MN. NCMA will be listed in this publication at no charge and will receive copies for our membership. Susie Weiss and Gary Allen emailed expressing how much fun they had at the Banquet.

**District 1**-Marcy Eickholt reported via an email from Jim & Marilyn Sunquist that they were excited to have won the trail riding trophies. He wanted to say "thank you" to all for the awards.

**District 2**-No report

**District 3**-No report

**District 4**-No report

**District 5**- Jackie sent in a message to the board saying that she would vote "yes" for spending money for legal fees towards properly updating the by-laws. She also wanted those who are attending the Morgan Masterpiece in July to book their rooms soon because the rooms are filling fast.

**District 6**-Carl Hartell reported that he was hoping to have a district meeting sometime in March or early spring. The general comment was made that lists of district members should be sent out to district directors so that others can know their membership and possibly plan meetings or correspondence in the future.

**District 7**-Kirsten Johnson stated that she would be attending the AMHA Convention in Atlanta next week along with Robin Becklin, Kathy Smith and Lyle Wick. The NCMA will be competing for the Club of the year and best Newsletter at the National level again this year. We will find out the results at the convention next week. Kirsten will pick up any awards the club may win at the convention. Kirsten also stated that she would be hosting a NCMB event at her farm on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. A potluck lunch, a tour and an abbreviated NCMB meeting would be taking place at Arcola Farm. All NCMB members are invited. Kirsten also mentioned that her farm is looking into hosting another "Celebrate the Morgan" event at their farm in September. There will be more information to come.

**Director-at-Large**-Steve Bobzin read a letter from Jim Kvanbeck thanking all those who have given their service to the NCMA. Job well done.

**Director-at-Large**-Dave Eide reported that he was pleased with the discussions at the meeting and felt that the organization was moving in the right direction. It was also reported that two Morgan supporters, Sally Mordaunt and Vern Thorson had passed on recently.

**Newsletter**-Terry Sanborn reported that the Ads are coming in nicely. The 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for ads and information for the newsletter.

**Web-Site**- There is a need to update the highpoint and futurity rules section on the site. An Alumni section needs to be added to the futurity. These updates will be sent out in a newsletter and/or a member mailing.

**Horseshows**-. The Kandi Klassic show will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Committee for this Fall benefit will be meeting next week. The North Star meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Futurity**-Robin Becklin said that there was a good turn out at the last futurity meeting at the banquet. At the meeting it was decided that 3 year old alumni performance classes would be added.

**NCMB**-Nan Wille reported that the stallion auction that was held at the banquet was a great success with \$16,850 dollars earned. These funds will be put into an interest bearing account for the 2008 weanling sweepstakes. She reiterated that there would be an event at Arcola Farm on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 for all NCMB members. Linda Kvanbeck has been busy putting press releases out regarding the successful silent auction in The Connection, The Morgan Horse, and other magazines of interest.

**Banquet**-Marcy Eickholt discussed future banquet locations. She recommended a possible visit to the Brooklyn Park Crowne Plaza as a possible facility. Marcy passed out the financial report for the 2007 banquet and it was reviewed.

**High Point**-Janise Sanborn reported that this is her last year of doing high point.

**Membership**-Marcy reported that we currently have 5 new members and 58 members have renewed. 32 members renewed at the banquet. Marcy stated that this would be her last year doing membership for NCMA. Lisa Bobyak was the lucky winner of the free membership at the banquet.

**Youth**-Brandee Bobzin reported that she is in the process of planning a meeting and have found 3 corporate sponsors. They are not planning a schooling show this year due to the change of leadership.

**Publicity**-Steve Bobzin reported on the Minnesota Horse Expo. He said that he is excited about the new curtains, which have come in just in time. Steve will have the NCMA logo put on them. Many trainers have donated a lesson package for a drawing at the expo. Thanks to all who have supported this event.

**Sunshine**-No report.

**By-Laws**- As stated earlier in the board report, several members of the executive board will be meeting with MAP for legal counseling. We are hoping to resolve the presidency term conflict and work towards updating the by-laws in an efficient and legal manner. Membership will be current on our moves toward improving the by-laws.

**Other events**-Pat Hartell wanted everyone to know about the Hennepin Co-op Expo at the Medina Ballroom. It is a fun event and it may be a good place to advertise our breed. It will be happening on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Old business**-None

**New business**-Dale Becklin who was a visitor in attendance mentioned the importance of attending the Minnesota State Fair horse show to show off the Morgan Breed. Several persons present stated that the Morgan classes have been small during recent years.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robin Becklin. This was seconded by VeeAnn Wood. Meeting adjourned at around 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kirsten Johnson

**Next Meeting**

**Perkins-Golden Valley  
Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
7:00 PM**