

**Minutes of the
North Central Morgan Association
Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Golden Valley, MN**

Call to Order

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

President-Terry Sanborn	Jackie DelFavero
President Emeritus-VeeAnn Wood	Arlene Berzins
Vice-President-Robin Becklin	Mary Jo Stockman
Treasurer-Marcy Eickholt	John Stockman
Director At Large-Dave Eide	Michael Ridge
High Point Chair-Janise Sanborn	Pat Hartell
District 6-Carl Hartell	
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

VeeAnn read aloud the minutes of the 2-6-07 Board Meeting per the request of Mary Jo Stockman. A correction will be made in the NCMB paragraph to read *stallion* auction, not *silent* auction. Mary Jo indicated there were a couple of errors in the January minutes. Mary Jo voiced concern about the terms of office and bylaws as a change had been made since the announcement of officers at the 1-20-07 banquet. A huge and lengthy discussion followed. Terry reported taking a vote of the Board of Directors to use NCMA funds to retain the services of MAP. 13 votes were cast...3 no, 10 yes. The proposal passed and paper copies of the votes will be attached to tonight's minutes. A meeting was held with MAP representative Charley Ravine and he recommended that the Board of 1-1-07 stay in place so as to enable the club to move forward with daily business. Robin asked for time and patience to work with Charley to get the outdated bylaws updated so they will be workable for NCMA. The bylaw committee has met and a rough draft is almost ready to submit to Charley for review. Michael Ridge was very vocal and expressed his views that the Board has betrayed him because the names announced at the banquet were not the same people currently in place. He indicated he felt there was a conspiracy. When asked by Marcy if he did not trust her, he said he not. Michael Ridge said he made a motion at the annual meeting that Robin would move into the President's position. Terry, Dave, Marcy and Robin all indicated there was no motion on that point, just the proclamation that the move was to occur. The Stockman's disagreed. The above members said they would not have voted for that motion. Marcy asked if there was a raise of hands or verbal vote to substantiate this, as it was not documented in the minutes she took at the January meeting. Mary Jo said that no one opposed, so the motion passed. Mary Jo indicated that the Board could possibly incur legal trouble with the attorney general or AMHA serving with a supposedly illegal slate of officers. NCMA member, Jackie DelFavero, said it appeared the Board was trying to do their jobs and resolve the issues being discussed. She asked if since, Mary Jo, had given legal advice in the past and was aware of the 2004 amendment pertaining to the 2 year term and felt that it was improper, why was it only mentioned now. Mary Jo replied that the 2004

amendment applies only for emergency situations and that all amendment changes must be clearly stated. Terry asked why this wasn't indicated at the November bylaw meeting. Mary Jo said that there wasn't enough time to go into lengthy details in Nov. Michael again replied that he felt the Board was deceitful and should not be trusted. The Board indicated they would be following the advice of Charley from MAP and will send out a postcard alerting the general membership of the bylaw revision. Mary Jo said she was on the bylaw committee. VeeAnn motioned to accept the minutes of the 2-6-07 meeting, Dave seconded, motion passed.

President Emeritus-VeeAnn reported that the North Star show will again be advertised on Channel 11 TV. The appearance date will be Thursday, June 28th on the 5 PM broadcast. VeeAnn requested assistance from the youth group.

President-Terry reported that the NCMA scrapbook placed 4th in the AMHA Club of the Year contest held at the February National Convention. There is no prize money for that placing. The NCMA newsletter placed 2nd. Newsletter issues for the rest of the year will feature a section called "Countdown to Convention".

Vice-President-Robin attended the AMHA convention in Atlanta. She voiced some concern that the Hyatt, site of the 2008 Mpls, is not connected to the downtown skyway system. Robin wondered if the Marriott or another hotel might be more suitable. Terry is serving on the convention committee for 2008 and will check on this. Robin reported they would be soon looking at locations for barn tours. She will also see what was in the welcome bags for some ideas for us.

Treasurer-Marcy distributed 3-13-07 financial reports. Not much activity is occurring right now. We will be paying newsletter expenses when those invoices are received. Payments for ads in the newsletter are coming in. Membership renewals and nominations fees are trickling in. NCMA is planning on financially assisting somehow with the 2008 convention. After the first committee meeting we will have a better idea where that assistance may be needed. Deposits have been made at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center for the 2008 and 2009 NCMA Annual Appreciation and Awards Banquet. A retainer was issued to MAP for legal services as approved by the majority Board vote (see Review of the Minutes report). Robin motioned to accept the Treasurers report, VeeAnn seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence-Passed around were copies of the MN Horse Council and WSCA newsletters. NCMA is a member of both of these organizations.

District 1-No Report

District 2-Martha out of town. Carl reported he has Martha's proxy vote for the March Board meeting. Marcy asked to file the copy in the minutes. Terry mentioned that Charley from MAP has recommended we look closely at whether using proxy votes are in the clubs best interest. This advice will be taken under consideration as the bylaws are revised.

District 3-No Report

District 4-No Report

District 5-No Report

District 6-Carl reported starting to plan for the upcoming show season. He received the membership list sent indicating the district number members live in. Bill Long will not be the Carriage Judge for North Star due to health problems. A judge from Canada has been hired.

District 7-Kirsten reported having good representation from MN at the Atlanta AMHA convention. All had a good time and attendees were encouraged by Lyle Wick to come to Mpls in 2008. A potluck NCMB meeting was held at her farm (Arcola Farm) with 14 attending. The best ways to market Morgans was a main topic discussed.

Director at Large-Dave reported attending the March bylaw meeting and also the meeting held at the MAP office. He feels that the revisions proposed will be positive for NCMA and form a stronger club to fulfill the NCMA mission.

Director at Large-Steve Bobzin-No Report

Committee Reports

Newsletter-The March newsletter is at the printers and will be ready next week. NCMA did an ad trade with the WI and IA Morgan Horse Association newsletters. They will run an ad promoting North Star and we will give them space in our publication for one of their events. Dave suggested contacting the IL Morgan Horse Association to do the same kind of trade. Terry will check into that. Marcy said that Tri-State would do the same. Countdown to Convention features will run with info on Mpls points of interest. First feature in the March issue.

Website-Terry asked that everyone check out the homepage wallpaper design. It is of the photos from North Star 2006. Robin will give Terry Futurity information so those web pages can be updated. Mark Witzany is willing to help work on the website.

Horseshows-North Star prize list will go to the printer this week. The committee is working on gathering sponsorships.

Kandi Klassic Fall-The committee met. Officials have been hired, awards chosen and all on track.

Schooling Show-Robin organizing a 1-day show in Stacy, MN on April 14th. Spread the word about this show. Linda Hagan Kvanbeck judging.

Futurity-Robin will be updating the forms and adding the alumni class. A mailing will be done to last years Futurity participants to include forms for 2007 to assist in a more timely receipt of nominations.

NCMB-Robin mentioned using the new NCMA curtains for stalls at the State Fair this year to promote the Morgan horse. They will again consider participating in the parade at the State Fair. The NCMB website is up to date. The Stallion Auction is over.

Banquet-The banquet dates are: January 19, 2008 and January 24, 2009 to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center (694 and Shingle Creek Parkway).

High Point-No changes to the High Point program for 2007.

Membership-Membership stands at 81 for 2007 with a goal of 180. Nominations to date total 56 with a goal of 125. More renewals will come in as we get closer to the show season. Marcy will be doing a reminder letter mailing at the end of the month.

Youth-Jill Eide has expressed interest in being the AMHA Youth Region 5 Representative. This is Keri Sanborn's last year serving on the AMHAY Youth Board.

Publicity-Expo deposits have been made. More details at the next meeting from Steve. Send photos to Steve for the scrapbooks to be on display by the expo booth. Mary Jo will be attending an auction that weekend and cannot bring the carriage as originally planned.

Sunshine-No Report

Bylaws-Revision being worked on and draft to go to Charley at MAP. Mary Jo requested a copy of the draft.

Other Events-Not sure about participation in the Aquatennial Parade yet. The Isanti parade is during North Star. There is a trail ride the second weekend of May. FASH is also the second weekend in May.

Old Business-An apology letter was sent to Candy Hirsch per the passed motion at the January 2007 membership meeting. Robin and VeeAnn are on the FASH committee as Morgan representatives. FASH has added 2 halter classes. Candy's show is the first weekend in May.

New Business-Marcy suggested NCMA consider making some kind of charitable donation this year. We Can Ride has a Morgan therapy horse and they will be sending some information on various contribution options. Camp Courage might be another organization for a donation.

Open Discussion-Janise asked that people send information and photos for the club scrapbook so this project can be worked on during the year. A suggestion was made to look towards our local trainers and members as candidates for some of the awards given out at the convention.

Robin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Carl seconded. Motioned passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Next Meeting

**Monday, April 10, 2007
7:00 PM
Perkins-Golden Valley
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