

**Minutes of the
North Central Morgan Association
Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Golden Valley, MN**

Call To Order

President, Terry Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM. Present were the following directors, committee chairs and general members.

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| President/Newsletter/Website-Terry Sanborn | Jackie DeFavero |
| Vice-President/Futurity Co-Chair-Robin Becklin | Lindsey Johnson |
| Treasurer/Membership-Marcy Eickholt | Arlene Berzins |
| Director At Large-Dave Eide | Pat Hartell |
| District 2-Martha Nelson | Lyn Tesler |
| District 6-Carl Hartell | Michael Ridge |
| District 7-Kirsten Johnson | |
| High Point Chair-Janise Sanborn | |
| NCMB Chair-Nan Wille | |

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 minutes. Martha objected to a statement presented in the minutes. Carl motioned to strike the statement with Martha seconding. Votes in favor were Nan, Robin and Arlene. Marcy voted as opposed. Lyn asked who decides what information is to be reported into the minutes and who determines the importance of the information listed. Arlene remarked we need to be careful as to the information listed. Discussion between Marcy and Martha on the information. Dave motioned to approve the 8-14-07 minutes with the statement stricken. Kirsten seconded. Motion passed with one opposed.

President Emeritus-No report.

President

Terry reported the Grand Opening at the new UofM Equine Vet Clinic will be on Monday, October 15th. The AMHA Region 5 representative has resigned. Judy Kjellaner will be running for the position. Anyone else interested should contact AMHA. Signatures are due October 1st. AMHA is looking for horses for the Oct 12th judging contest at Nationals. Anyone who can volunteer a horse should contact Joyce at AMHA.

Vice-President

Robin reported that 8 horses participated in the MN State Fair parade of horses. Riders handed out brochures and talked to fair goers.

Treasurer

Marcy distributed financial sheets for discussion. Although we are in good financial shape right now she cautions the board to remember that yearly membership dues do not take care of all yearly club expenses. With the cancellation of the Kandi Klassic Fall Benefit Show and

no clinic in 2007 the clubs resources are getting lower. Due to renew in November is a \$3000 CD. She recommended not renewing and depositing the funds and any interest into the NCMA general checking account for end of the year expenses. Kirsten motioned to cash in the CD and deposit the funds into the above account. Robin seconded, motion passed. Robin motioned to accept the 9-11-07 treasurers report, Martha seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence

Passed around were copies of the MN Horse Council and WSCA newsletters.

District 1-No report.

District 2-Martha reported attending the Wyoming State Fair. She helped organize a show in Rapid City, SD. She has attended carriage competitions and done lots of trail riding. She is passing out NCMA newsletters.

District 3-No report.

District 4-No report

District 5-Jackie reported via an email to Terry that the Morgan Masterpiece and Madison Invitational shows were a success. The addition of Saddlebred classes helped carry the Invitational show. Comments on the bylaw draft to be reported during bylaw discussion.

District 6-Carl reported the Villa Louis show well attended with good weather and lots of junior drivers this year. MN carriage people did well. Dell Robbins attended. The Hartells are preparing for a trip to Nationals.

District 7-Kirsten reported good attendance at Jubilee. Weanling sweepstakes held here.

Director At Large-Dave had nothing to report.

Director At Large-Robin reported for Steve on the NCMA publicity efforts at the MN State Fair. Mentioned again was good participation in the State Fair Parade and handing out brochures and newsletters. Steve brought a Morgan for the MN Horse Council Aisle of Breeds. Rumors continue about the State Fair canceling the Morgan classes. The State Fair show was not "A" rated for Morgans in 2007.

Newsletter

Terry and Keri are putting the next issue together. Not much has been received to date and Terry suspects a last minute rush. Brandee will be talking to Youth of the Year winners to get bio write-ups submitted. Robin will submit Futurity results to be published. Heather Case will continue to write our "Tips from the Vet" article. The 2008 cover is available.

Website

The site is up to date. Terry contacted Mark Witzany per past discussions. Mark busy right now and will contact Terry at the end of the month.

Horse Shows

North Star-Sarah sending out the proposed schedule for 2008. Feedback needed.

Kandi Klassic Fall Benefit-Marcy and Lyn reported having to cancel this NCMA fundraiser due to only 31 entries. The show committee is working on recouping expenses spent to this point. The show had purchased NCMA logo mugs as 1st place prizes. Marcy motioned that NCMA purchase these mugs (\$230) to be used for NCMA promotion or for possible convention gifts. Dave seconded, motion passed.

Futurity

Robin reported all Futurity payback checks have been mailed. Results will be in the next newsletter. Some discussion on contacting the MN Saddlebred Futurity show committee. Nomination forms will be updated for 2008.

NCMB

The group is working on a large ad for The Morgan Horse magazine and the Connection magazine. It will include farm information and possibly a map. Notices are being sent to stallion service purchasers to identify their mares.

Banquet-No report.

High Point-Janise reported that show results are coming in.

Membership

No change from August. Lindsey Johnson was introduced and will be volunteering to serve as Membership Chair for 2008. Thank you Lindsey!!! She and Marcy discussed, prior to tonight's meeting, some of the responsibilities involved. Forms listing Lindsey's address, phone, etc will be updated by the end of the year.

Youth

Discussion about when the group is starting up again. Maybe after Nationals?

Publicity

NCMA and NCMB brochures were printed for promotional use at the MN State Fair.

Sunshine-No report.

Bylaws

Terry reported the Board of Directors passing the submitted bylaw draft with a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstained. Concerns were raised by Jackie Sweeney on the change of removing voting responsibility from the District Representatives. Martha expressed the same concern and said that the districts have elections to elect their directors and alternates. Dave responded that there has only been one of these elections in the last several years and the reason for going to 6 Directors At Large was to have better meeting attendance so the club could legally conduct business. The intent is not to discourage participation from the districts. Any District Rep wishing to run on the December ballot for a Director At Large position may contact the Board for information on the criteria of this position. Terry and Janise have been researching the cost of some type of conference call system so that out of town members may participate at the meetings. So far a system with requirements of 8 cents per line appears the best. This would average about \$10 per person for a 2 hour meeting. The club would be billed monthly and there is no signed contract or sign up charge. We would need to purchase a speaker phone and might be required to move our meeting location to a facility that can accommodate the system. There is no budget line for this for 2007 but could be added for 2008. A discussion would be needed on where the funds would come for this (fundraiser, promo savings). Martha suggested clarifying the boundary lines for District 1 and 2 in the bylaws. Listing South Dakota and North Dakota might be easier to understand. She also suggested that the Treasurer arrange a yearly audit of the financial

records. The Board agreed to both of the above suggestions and they will be incorporated into the draft to begin January 19, 2008. A suggestion was made to record the board meetings. More discussion in New Business. Robin motioned to mail the bylaw draft and voting postcard to all eligible NCMA voting members by October 1, 2007 incurring what ever printing and postage costs that needed to do this. Dave seconded this motion, motion passed. A suggestion was made to list in the newsletter the positions open for 2008 and list a short biography of candidates. Marcy suggested and will ask if VeeAnn would mind serving as the election person to receive returned ballots. If so, her return address will be printed on the ballot postcards.

Convention

There will be a convention meeting at Nan's on 9-12-07. Terry passed around a list of the various AMHA awards that are presented at the Convention. He has copies of the nomination forms if anyone has a candidate that meets the criteria. Marketing and funds needed will be discussed at this meeting.

New Business

Martha motioned to purchase a recorder to record the board meetings. Kirsten seconded, motion passed. Terry will purchase a machine that has 2 hours or more recording time. Cost not to exceed \$100.

Old Business-No report.

Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. Kirsten seconded, motion passed.

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007
7:00 PM**

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