

PCMHC General Membership Meeting
October 3, 2010

Meeting was held at the ranch of Danny and Jeanne DeBruce. All board members were in attendance. A total of 44 members were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Kathi Albanese, President. Kathi explained that this meeting was for discussion only and all voting would be done by ballots which would be mailed following this meeting to all of the current membership. Results of the voting will be counted and reported by a third party not in affiliation with the club.

Kathi extended congratulations to all of our members who attended the AMHR Nationals this year.

1. Finance – Wendy Anderson, Treasurer, reported that the complete financial statement is available for viewing on our club website but that it is still subject to the costs for the year end awards and any bills that have not yet been received. In addition, the money we show in the bank has to cover the startup costs of the 2011 show season. Wendy reported that we cleared approximately \$5000.00 on the shows alone and \$10,000.00 was cleared from other sources of income. In addition, Wendy provided the members with a break down of which divisions get the most entries (i.e. Halter vs. Performance).

2. City of Norco – Kathi Albanese, President, explained the financial problems that City of Norco is experiencing and how this will affect the use of Ingalls arena. The cost of the arena will go up 30% per year for the next 3 years. Because the City is trying to bring in more money with bigger shows they leave booking dates for small clubs like ours until the very end which results in us not getting the dates we would like. This year the City has suggested starting up a Friends of Norco volunteer group to run a Thursday night time only barrel racing show. We would need some of our members to be volunteers to run these shows and all proceeds would go into a separate account to offset the rising costs of the arena rental for the six smaller local clubs that use Ingalls (PCMHC being one of the six). Anyone interested would need to be fingerprinted and should contact Robin Shepard at Norco Parks and Recreation at rshepard@ci.norco.ca.us or 951-270-5631.

Show dates were submitted to the City in March 2010 for 2011 and the following are the dates that were approved: March 5, May 28, and July 10. There are no April dates available for Ingalls and the June show will be the Burbank Area VII show.

3. Awards Banquet – Barbara Whittington gave directions to Cask and Cleaver in Riverside which is the site of our year end awards banquet this year. Social time will start at 6:00pm with dinner being served at 6:45pm. Barbara encouraged members to bring raffle and silent auction items to help raise money for the club.

4. 2011 Show Season –

Possible arenas - Members were asked to submit ideas for other arenas in the area for the club to consider for our shows. Two were mentioned, McCoy's in Chino and in Riverside Paula and George Calzada's ranch. Kathi said she would call Paula but because Paula has a dressage trainer in residence she did not know if it would be possible to utilize their facility. The size of her arena was also a question.

Number of Shows - Kathi Albanese brought up the idea of the club offering 3 shows instead of 5 in 2011 with the Area VII show being our 4th show of the season. If the number of shows were reduced the number of judges at each show could be increased to 3 each show. She stated that the board was trying to save both the club and the member's money during these hard economic times. Carrie Campbell said that her clients use our shows to qualify their horses for Nationals and because they have so many horses they cannot bring them all to one show. Having less shows might mean they could not get all their horses qualified. Gina Russell said that she had run some numbers and the money we saved by reducing the shows would equal the money we would lose on entries from the extra shows. Barbara Whittington stated that many members would still want to go to additional shows and would go outside of our local area to do so. She pointed out that the money she would normally spend with our club would now be going to another club. Larry Whittington said he actually would like to see us offer more shows. Carrie Campbell said that the trainers and body clippers would be out a good amount of money if we reduced the number of our shows. It was mentioned that the SoCal (AMHA) club is putting on an AMHA/AMHR combination show in June of 2011 although it is a non-sanctioned show. Susie Rakes asked if there could be a sanctioned AMHA/AMHR show that could take place of a 3 day weekend. Carol Pederson noted that with only 3 shows if you miss even one show you lose your chance at a year end award. *This item will be on the ballot.*

Entry Fees – The board wanted the members to consider a flat rate entry fee for our local shows similar what we had at the Area VII show this year but no adds would be allowed on the day of the show. Barbara Whittington expressed concern that with the larger classes our day will be longer, however, it was noted that our shows this year were ending at 8:00 and we have until 10:00 to use the arena. Kathy Miller feels a cap should be placed on the number of classes you could enter with the flat rate so that it is beneficial to both the exhibitor and the club. Amy Remenar asked why there could be no adds at the show and it was explained that at the Area VII show this caused a lot of problems and delays in the class line-up. Karen Layman explained that the idea of the flat rate is to bring in more exhibitors and to generate more competition. There were a lot of people that showed classes they had never tried before at the Area VII show because of the flat rate and they now want to show them on a regular basis.

In addition, the board felt we should charge non-members a higher rate for entries. Otherwise there is no incentive to pay to be a member. It was suggested that each class be \$5.00 to \$10.00 more for any people who are not members of PCMHC. *This item will be on the ballot.*

Area VII Show – Earl O’Bannon gave the membership a brief overview of what he has done to get the Area VII show again in 2011 at Burbank. All paperwork is submitted but has yet to be voted on by AMHR. Our club was the only club that put in to host the show in 2011.

Advertising – Kathi Albanese mentioned that we would like to continue to focus our efforts on advertising our shows this next year. We need to run adds in the Horse Trader, on websites, in local publications, and on the radio. The board has considered offering banners to bring in sponsors and the club wants to continue to advertise in the Journal next year.

1st Place Tokens – The club has purchased 1000 wooden tokens to replace the 1st place coupons. These are numbered and can be reused year after year. The board had felt the coupons were too easy to be reproduced and there was no way to track them.

Addition of new classes – After the Area VII show many people have asked if we can add Versatility, Jumper, and Golden Age (55 and over per rulebook). *This item will be on the ballot.*

Class Line-up – The board felt there should be a 10 minute warm-up session offered before each driving division. In addition, changing the line-up of classes was discussed. Earl O’Bannon said that the rulebook states you must run a division of halter completely before adding in performance classes (i.e. All gelding halter classes must finish before driving could start). Jeanne DeBruce mentioned that this has come up before and we need to remember that some people drive their halter horses and would want their halter class to be done before getting their horse tacked up for driving so it would look nicer for halter.

Increase Membership Fees – An increase in membership fees was asked to be considered for 2011. All memberships would increase by \$5.00 per person. Barbara Whittington said she was okay with the increase as long as we only increase the membership fees and not the entry fees as well. Kathi Albanese said the increase in entry fees was for non-members only. *This item will be on the ballot.*

High Point Youth and Amateur Awards for 2011 – Wendy passed out a list of qualifying classes and requirements for these awards. There would be no charge to be eligible but you would need to be a member and all horses would have to be nominated for year end. The award would be based on the person not the horse so multiple horses could be used to qualify for the award. Wendy said a custom made silver belt buckle would be the award for each division. Susie Rakes said she would also donate a halter for the high point youth in order to get more youth involvement.

Sponsorships – Karen Layman suggested that members go to local vendors to get sponsorships and donations of raffle items. This allows us to offer better year end awards. Kathi Albanese suggested that non-sponsored classes not be eligible for year end awards. *This item will be on the ballot.*

Club Equipment – A jump was donated to the club by the Sannes family. In addition, the club would like to purchase new jumps and obstacle equipment. New obstacle and jumping courses are also needed. Jennifer Tani noted that we need to make sure the equipment we buy fits in the

trailer. Kathi Albanese also mentioned that Paula Calzada would not be able to continue as the Show Committee co-chair person.

Year End Awards – The board would like members to mail in suggestions to the club P.O. Box for the 2011 year end awards.

Nominations for the 2011 Board of Directors – The board proposed increasing the term for Officers of the club from one to two years. It was noted that this would require a change in the By Laws and require AMHR approval. This item will go on the ballot and if passed will require the 2011 board to send this on to the National level for approval. Kathi Albanese opened the floor for nominations of the 2011 Board and is as follows:

President: Kathi Albanese, VPresident: Karen Layman, Treasurer: Wendy Anderson, Secretary: Jennifer Tani, Board Members: Maryan Baker, Julie Banks, Amy Remenar, Eric Tani.

Ballots to vote for the 2011 Board of Directors will be mailed to the general membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:16pm by Kathi Albanese.