

North Central Morgan Association
Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2010
Davannis - Plymouth, MN

- I. Call to order:** meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by NCMA president, Valerie McCullough.

Executive Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs attendance as follows:

President/Emeritus:	Kirsten Johnson (present)
President:	Valerie McCullough (present)
Vice President:	Gayle Belden (present)
Secretary/NCMB Co-Chair	Bonnie Anderson (present)
Treasurer:	Candy Phillips (absent)
Dir. At Large: (2012)	Arlene Berzins (present)
Dir. At Large: Newsletter Co-Editor (odd 2010)	Terry Sanborn (present)
Dir. At Large: (2012)	Karyl Hylle (present)
Dir. At Large: (2011)	Trish Hoen (present)
Dir. At Large: (2011)	Karin Miller (present)
Dir. At Large: (2012)	Jackie Sweeney (absent)

- II. Review of minutes:** Since minutes sent out in advance of meeting for review, motion made to forego reading of the minutes. Motion made by Terry, seconded by Arlene to accept as published. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Reports of Executive Officers:

Kirsten Johnson: Special Olympics event went well. Fun event, will do again in 2011. Approximately 25-30 people attended. Had a great show at Nationals. Time to relax during off season.

Valerie McCullough: Conflict of Interest forms available at meeting and distributed to all board members for signature. Policy decision regarding the form: err on the side of full disclosure when completing. Form has been reviewed by Charley Raving, attorney at law. Currently Val is working on job descriptions for key board positions, these should be ready for review at December board meeting. Mare is in foal to SYP High Definition.

Gayle Belden: no report

Bonnie Anderson: will investigate alternative locations to be used as location for 2011 NCMA board meetings. Requirements include dedicated phone line, (land line), private setting, and ideally no music. Feedback requested from board members regarding their preferences as to meeting location – to be sent to Bonnie by Friday, Nov. 19th. Research will be done to secure alternative location, and update provided at December board meeting.

Candy Phillips: absent, treasurer's report provided via e-mail and presented by Gayle Belden for discussion. Discussion focused on CD for 2010 stallion service funds. Gayle also made motion to move \$1500.00 from savings account to cover current bills with the stipulation that first need to confirm account is a savings account, not CD. Purpose of transfer will be to pay all bills currently due. Account will be reimbursed from the general fund once 2011 membership dues are collected, and no later than end of first quarter 2011. Arlene seconded the motion, vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer's report filed to audit.

Action Item: meeting will be scheduled to discuss stallion service CD. Attendees include Gayle, Val, Candy, Bonnie, and Robin.

Reports of Directors:

Arlene: went to Nationals, had fun. Has been doing lots of trail riding. Attended Tri-State dinner, approximately 150-200 individuals attended, good turnout. Need more Morgan people to nominate their horses for Tri-State high point awards. Gayle asked Arlene what needed to happen to have Tri-State recognize North Star. Tri-State is a horse show club; its goal is to critique and advise shows about certain criteria needed to become a tri-state show. Arlene also reported that Candy Phillips is hosting an auction, to be held Dec. 4th, 2010.

Terry: attended funeral for Mona Bonham, which included procession led by Morgan horse. Memorial needs to be sent by NCMA. MAP membership is expiring; decision needs to be made as to whether to renew membership for 2011. Kirsten also suggested that in 2011 a review be conducted and recommendations made regarding make up of NCMA board and director positions.

Jackie – report provided via e-mail and included information on 2011 Wisconsin shows. Prairie State has relocated to Ledgers; Morgan Masterpiece scheduled for July 14-16th, 2011, at Oshkosh, Sunnyview Expo Center. Madison Invitational scheduled for August 19-21st at Alliant Energy Center. This is a scheduling change for Madison Invitation, held a week later than usual for 2011 only, will return to usual schedule in 2012. Hylee Farm spring clinic scheduled for April 2-3rd, 2011. Topics and presentations TBD at this time. Clinic ride will be on the agenda for Sunday, intent it so build judging commentary into the ride in.

Trish Hoen – no report

Karin – received membership list from Terry. Will do outreach after the 2011 election is held. Went to Oklahoma City (OKC) for first time, had a great time. Took candid pictures, and will give these to Terry to be included in next newsletter.

Karyl - attending reproduction clinic 11/20-21 at Cashton Vet Clinic. Space available for others to attend, early registration fee is \$250.00. Had great time at OKC.

No district rep report.

IV. Reports of committee chairs:

Futurity: no report.

NCMB: Nan has resigned as co-chair. Jackie Sweeney and Robin Becklin will step in as co-chairs on an interim basis until merger discussion/plans with Futurity are complete.

High point: high point has been calculated, Harriet is ready to order awards. Intends to use same vendor as last year. Terry requested clarification around the fee for 2011; does it increase or stay flat? Terry will compare Tri-State information with NCMA information.

Membership: Harriet reported that current NCMA membership continues to stand at 110 members.

Shows – North Star: two show committee meetings have been held within the last 7-8 days. As a result, Lloyd Landkammer will be appointed by Val as show committee chair, pending clarification of his fees. Sub groups will be established to head up related tasks. Carriage judge TBD at his point.

Action item: Gayle will follow up with Ellen to confirm that she will join show committee and act as treasurer for 2011 show

Shows – all others: Madison Invitational

- Summerfest
- FASH
- Prairie State
- Kandi Klassic – will it be held in 2011. Gayle to follow up with Tim Bonham.

- Heartland (2 shows per year)
- Morgan Masterpiece:

Newsletter/Internet: Terry will provide update at next board meeting regarding wordpress conversion of site. Will leave site up for now. Newsletter update: 2010 revenue within \$100.00 of 2009 revenue. Deadline for next newsletter is next Weds., but really need by Thanksgiving. Ads needed for upcoming issue.

Action item: Terry will research hosting estimates, along with level of effort..

Publicity/Expo: paperwork has been filed for 2011 AMHA grant. Gayle has contract, should be finalized in November 2010. Have contracted for six stalls, which hopefully will be all together. Need high quality horses to represent our breed. Karyl will craft some language to promote the Expo on on-line sites. Bonnie will look into ordering NCMA branded shirts that participants can all wear.

Fundraising: two clinics have been scheduled in first quarter of 2011. Arcola Farm will host the first event, scheduled for Feb. 13th. Mary Carlton, (Crystal Farms) will present, along with a saddlebred trainer (TBD). The second event will be hosted by Hylee Farm and is scheduled for the first week-end in April. Final agenda and presentation to be determined, but suggestion has been made to include riding clinic as part of the agenda .

Banquet: need theme. Contact Kirsten and Gayle to share ideas. Also need volunteers to help with planning. Include a well planned meet and greet. Janise and Val will help plan/coordinate silent auction.

Social networking: Karyl reported we now have 715 friends on Facebook. Advise her of events so that she can put up the links as needed.

Sunshine: Mona Bonham memorial discussed, Tim Bonham needs to let us know about fund. Proposal made that a collection be taken at 2011 annual meeting/banquet for Mona memorial trophy, plaque, class, traveling trophy that would be awarded at North Star. Further discussion on this tabled until next board meeting. Motion made by Terry to approve \$50.00 memorial donation in addition to the North Star memorial. Kirsten seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Youth: no report from committee chairs. It was reported that Riders to the Xtreme will be hosting a Christmas party, and all youth are invited to attend. Will be held at Arcola Farm, Tom Bombolis will present information about basic equitation. Crafts and badge activities also scheduled.

Governance: no report

Nomination: Karin, Karyl and Trish have all agreed to renew their terms for directors. Open positions at this time include secretary, treasurer, and vice president. Continue to solicit candidates for these positions. New faces and ideas welcome, focus on 2012 membership drive.

Old Business – none

V. New Business: none

Adjournment: motion made by Karyl to adjourn meeting at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Arlene, motion passed unanimously.