

2014 NWSCA Minutes

The NWSCA met March 9th, 2014 at Gramma Sharon's Restaurant in Williston. Clubs present were Minot Trail Riders, Mountrailmen, DC Horsemen, MonDak Quarter Horse Association, and White Earth Valley Rodeo Assn.. No representatives were present from M-T.

The meeting was called to order by President, Stacey Thelen. Minutes from the 2013 meeting were distributed and reviewed. No additions or corrections were needed and Sarah Brewer made a motion to accept the minutes and Heather Larson seconded. Motion carried. Jamie Overland, Sec/Treas, distributed the Financial Report and reviewed highlights. No changes were needed. Sarah made a motion to accept the report as presented and Cassie Bummer seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

White Earth Show- Emily Horn shared that the WEVSC will not be hosting a show this year due to lack of interest of members.

Sharing of Horses- After discussion on children sharing horses for the Lead-line classes, Tabitha Unhjem made a motion 'Any rider may ride any horse & that horse may be ridden multiple times in a Lead-line class'. Heather seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Lead-line in other classes- Discussion on the time associated with having lead-line riders in classes other than lead-line took place. Heide Greaves made a motion that 'Riders may only have a 'lead' in lead-line events'. Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Walk-Trot- In an effort to accommodate young and inexperienced riders with events other than games, Emily made a motion 'Add Walk/Trot Pleasure- Riders may not enter any other mounted, judged events that day.' Liz Christianson seconded. Motion carried. The class will be placed before Children's Pleasure and have no age limit.

Ribbon Race- Discussion took place on the challenges associated with teams in the Ribbon Race. Heide made a motion 'Rider may enter Ribbon Race 1 time per day and no exhibitions will be allowed in Ribbon Race'. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

Horsemanship- Discussion was held on whether Horsemanship should be changed to 1 class instead of 2. Overall consensus was not in favor but an open gate for this event was strongly encouraged the leniency on order so that the classes may move along quickly.

Pleasure- In an effort to keep pleasure classes moving, it is strongly recommended that the 'back' occur in the center of the arena and the next class enter while that is taking place.

3-call Rule- Clubs are strongly encouraged to utilize the 3-call rule to keep the show moving. Tack changes are to be considered for exceptions but it is recommended that the rider inform gate person or other show staff in advance of them being called whenever possible.

Show Grounds- The NWSCA does not preside over the show grounds.

Reining- Tabitha made a motion to help clarify reining faults 'delete Reining class from the 3rd item on the list of faults against the rider'. Emily seconded. Motion passed.

Snaffle Horses in Open Classes- Discussion held as to whether snaffle-bit horses should be eligible to enter classes other than Snaffle Bit classes. Advantages were noted that younger horses can be ridden with 2 hands but older horses had more experience. No change resulted from discussion.

Snaffle Age- In an effort to follow 4-H guidelines, Lindsey Johnson made a motion to 'change snaffle bit age limits to 5 years and younger for Snaffle Bit Classes and these horses may be ridden in any other class with a snaffle bit and 2 hands.' Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Donations- Each club is encouraged to get sponsors to replace the decrease in number of shows and no jackpots. Members from DC Horsemen offered to manage the sponsor forms. Emily has a form that she will send to Tabitha. The form will be revised as needed and will be sent out to each club with the spring information. A list of sponsors will be included in the Year End Awards program and an up-to-date list will be posted at the shows.

Shirts- Joni will check on prices for sweatshirts and visors. Sweatshirts will be ordered for those interested and a small number will be available for sale at the shows. The rulebook will be updated to indicate NW attire is allowed for timed events.

Trail- Clubs are encouraged to make sure that judges are setting trail courses that are appropriate to the age group and time limit.

Dates-

Shows-

DC Horsemen (Ambrose)	June 28 th & 29 th
Mountrailsmen (Stanley)	July 12 th & 13 th
Minot Trail Riders	August 2 nd & 3 rd
M-T & MonDak (Williston)	August 9 th & 10 th

Banquet- DC Horsemen to coordinate and will look at an event with a little more 'elegance'. October 25th. Location to be determined.

Election of Officers-

President- Carrie Marschner takes over for out-going president, Stacey Thelen.

Vice President- Jamie nominated Tabitha Unhjem.

Heather made a motion that nominations cease. Heide seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer- Jamie asked for resignation to be accepted. Heather Larson indicated willingness to replace Jamie and was thus appointed to fulfill the remaining year of the current term.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Overland, Sec/Treas.