



Meeting Minutes from 1/14/2012 meeting

The annual meeting was held at the home of Heather & Troy Larson, north of Pillager, MN. The eighteen members present were: Loretta & Henry Wulf, Valerie Temp, Muriel Besser, Jim & Lois Tesch, Nate & Jody Converse, Jenny Johnson, Mary Smith, Roz Gilbert, Lynda Frenchick, Steve & Darcie Elmhorst, Jan Barington, Kathy Monico, Joel Wood & Heather Larson. Following a delicious potluck lunch the meeting convened at 1 PM.

Out-going President Joel Wood brought the meeting to order and asked for **approval of the minutes** from our last meeting. Valerie moved to accept the minutes; Lois supported the motion. Motion approved.

The Treasurer’s report was given by out-going Treasurer Jim Tesch. There are a number of outstanding checks. We have always honored them no matter when they came in, but in the interest of having the bookkeeping up-to-date, Roz made a motion that we only honor checks for a ninety day period and that the new policy (void after 90 days) be clearly stated in our horse show premium book and on the check blanks. Motion seconded by Kathy. Carried.

For the first time in a l-o-n-g time, Jim will be turning over his duties as treasurer to another! When asked how long he had been treasurer...without blinking an eye...Jim “immediately” recalled it has having been 14 YEARS!!!! Darcie spoke for the club in saying how much we appreciated his time and effort over the years. Brilliantly done, Jim, THANK YOU! Roz moved and Lynda supported the motion to have Jim transfer the funds to the new Treasurer, Valerie, and that the CD’s be transferred when they come due. He will keep just enough money in his St. Cloud account to cover the current out-standing checks. When Valerie opens the new NMAHA account she can have a signature card sent to the other officers to be approved as co-signors on the account in an emergency. The motion was approved.

Show Committee - Roz reported for the Sauk Centre “Class A” Horse Show committee. Greg Stoffel from Minn-I-Kota had approached Roz at the National Convention regarding pairing up with us at Sauk Centre for a one week-end show similar to our former arrangement with North Dakota. In discussing this with other members and Greg, it seems like one way for our show to stay viable since we are one of the last shows before regionals. According to the present suggested arrangement, we will have our show on Friday and Saturday, May 18th and 19th and Minn-I-Kota will have their show on Sunday, May 20th. They won’t take any of the stall income, but we will pay the grounds fee for the whole week-end. In arranging classes...we will have many of our English classes on Friday and our halter classes Friday evening. Most of the youth classes will be on Saturday so as not to interfere with school. Roz moved that we approve Minn-I-Kota’s proposal to sponsor “side by side” shows in Sauk Centre the week-end of May 18-20.

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Special points of interest:

- *March 3rd - Ambassador Awards Program Meeting - Lake Henry (The Sportsmen’s Lodge)*
- *4/21/2012- Meeting at Muriel’s in Sauk Centre*
- *May - NMAHA Show*



**THANK YOU to
Jim Tesch
for 14 years of being
NMAHA Treasurer!**

Pictured Left:

Jim Tesch with one of his all-time favorite horses to ride, his Gelding; “Omar”.

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The motion was seconded by Mary followed by discussion. A vote was called for and the motion carried. Following the vote, Lynda moved that any cost incurred to our club due to the change in dates, and follow-up on judges and other show contracts be paid by Minn-I-Kota. Supported by Darcie and approved.

Jean Friedrich is back to being our show manager this year. The classes on Friday will start at 9 AM.

Halter Classes that evening are not to start before 4 PM. Classes on Saturday morning will start at 8 PM.

Roz asked for permission to drop the sport horse classes **if** they are not subsidized as in other years, since participation does not suggest much interest other than from the barn sponsoring the classes. After much discussion of the pros and cons, the president suggested that Roz and the show committee deal with the logistics of the situation and report back so that ribbons can be ordered as usual in January. After much in-put and many suggestions, Loretta moved and Muriel seconded the motion to cap the amount of prize money this year at \$1500 and allow the show committee to decide how to distribute it... whether for Championship or Amateur Classes or “Roll of the Dice” Classes. Motion passed. The show book will be on-line soon.

Region 10 Meeting- Roz and Lynda reported for Region 10. They now have “facebook”. Check the Region 10 Website for updates on business. Regional information for our club needs to be up-dated.

AHA National Convention - Reported by Roz. Loretta will go to the AHA site and up-date the list of officers for our club.

OLD BUSINESS - Community Show - Darcie reported for the Community Show. Erik Haff has agreed to judge the community show this year for \$250 plus meals. Darcie suggested the possibility of having a “2-judge” show this year so as to give people in Arabians Unplugged etc. a chance to earn double-points. Grounds fee would stay the same of course, but entry fees and awards would be double and a second judge would have to be hired. Kathy Monico mentioned that there could be an issue since Region 10 has voted not to allow concurrent shows. Roz mentioned that a spreadsheet needs to be worked up first to see where we would stand financially. Pending a response from Regional member, Laura Mickelson, on the legality of concurrent judges at a community show, Lois moved that we approve

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Darcie's request to have a second judge at the community show. Darcie seconded the motion. Carried.

Darcie also reported on the success of the last Arabians Unplugged Banquet. Our club was well represented in the awards. Darcie moved and Mary seconded the motion that our club donate \$150 for awards to this program again this year. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS - Volunteer Chairperson- (The person who organizes volunteers for the Sauk Centre Horse Show) Lois Tesch has "volunteered" to take on this assignment again. Thank You, Lois!

March Meeting- The March meeting will be held on March 3rd in Lake Henry, MN at the Sportsmen's Den. Potluck Lunch at Noon followed by the Ambassador Awards Program after which we will have our business meeting.

April Meeting - To be held at Muriel Besser's Community Center at Center Crossings in Sauk Centre, MN. on April 21st. Potluck at noon, meeting to follow as usual.

Jody mentioned that it would be nice for newsletter purposes if the **dates of future meetings** could be planned for as much as a year in advance...perhaps at the beginning of each year. This would help with getting newsletters out, as well as assist everyone in scheduling, which might increase attendance! Sunday meetings were discussed and we will also try our best to plan a few Sunday meetings this coming year.

Roz and Kathy and/or Muriel will **audit** the treasurer's books at the March meeting.

Jim made note of the fact that our **club show insurance** has been sent in for this year.

Joel announced our **new officers** for the year 2012 who are: President Lynda Frenchick, Vice President Darcie Elmhorst, Secretary Joel Wood and Treasurer Valerie Temp. New Board Members are: Jan Barington, Mesa Lieser and Heather Larson. Delegate in addition to the president is: Roz Gilbert and alternate delegate, Mary Smith. Joel then handed over the "imaginary gavel" to Lynda Frenchick!

Roz moved for adjournment. Jim seconded the motion and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Wulf

Secretary

**THANK YOU to
Loretta Wulf
8 years as NMAHA
Secretary!**



Pictured Right:

**Loretta & Henry Wulf, pictured in 2005
as Region X President Award Recipients**



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