

# MORGAN HORSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON STATE. INC.

## Minutes

Sept 10, 2024 – Zoom meeting, 7:14 p.m.

**Board Members:** President Nicole Barbour; Vice President Katie Hoover; Treasurer Marla Miller; and Secretary Leigh Wilson. Past President Jennifer Unick, Directors Theresa Simms, and Denise Lester.

**Not Present:** Kristiana Wright and Sandra Nichols

**Guests/Committee Members:** No guests were present.

**Minutes:** Leigh

- The minutes from August 13, 2024, were approved by Theresa, Kristiana, Marla, Katie and Sandra.
- Board Members and Guests present at this meeting are read into the minutes.
- This meeting was recorded for the benefit of accuracy and will not be published.

**Youth Membership Report:** (see new business)

**Awards committee:** Katie

- There is an outstanding balance due for out-of-pocket expenses spent last year that will be reimbursed.
- A discussion was had regarding expenses going forward and how reimbursement will be handled.
- A discussion was had regarding the number and categories of awards to assist in cutting down on expenses.
- A discussion was had on what type of awards will be given out this year and the budget for those awards.
- The committee is working on applications for points.
- The committee needs to get the plaques and ribbons ordered.

**Treasurer Report:** Marla– Current Paid Members can request a copy of the full report with financials by sending an email to [secretaryofmhews@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryofmhews@gmail.com)

NOTES:

- Key Fairgrounds bill has been paid but it has not cleared; \$23,515.00
- All hacked funds in July were paid back in August; reimbursed by the bank.
- C-Fair Fairgrounds bill (approx. \$24,000.00) not received.
- C-Fair Exhibitor payments not received; approx. \$4,000.00
- C-Fair hotel and expense payments not cleared; approx. \$15,000.00
- We will go over Horse Show results in October.
- The balance for the Reserves Savings account was incorrect in July 2024 report. There was a typo in the report. A revised report for July will be sent to the secretary. The current balance on these minutes is correct.

**Membership:** Katie

- Membership is the same. 75 in our Roster.

**Tree Farm:** Katie

- Membership is the same. 35 for the tree farm.
- Katie met with Barb Woo, Scott Bauer, Tany and Daryn Latham:
  - Discussion Points:
    - BBQ – too late for 2024 but plan for 2025
    - Scott spoke to the main contact for the tree farm; Joel, regarding the damaged cabin and it being a liability to the club. A discussion was had regarding knocking down the cabin. It cannot be burned due to the close proximity of the cabin to the trees. A large excavator will be needed to do the work. Katie will get estimates for the work and discuss with the tree farm management how much they will contribute towards the cost and report back to the board.
    - 5 yards of gravel would be helpful to put around the fire ring to make that safer and fill in areas of the roundabout driveway.

**Horse Show Reports:** No reports at this time as shows are complete. Marla is renewing our licenses and sending in grant reports. Nothing active is happening at this point. Everything will be wrapped up by October so the Board can make decisions at that time on financials for the Club.

**Sunshine:** Jennifer

- Theresa Simms lost her mare, Lily. Our sympathies were sent to her.
- Send a Sympathy card to the trainers, who are local to our area, regarding the crash and loss of life. Katie knows the family and will reach out to get an address for us to send a card and get that to Jennifer.

**Banquet:** Nicole

- Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> was secured for the banquet. We have the facility from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- A packet will be sent out a month prior to the banquet with all information and action items for our members.
- We can upload a banquet registration form on our website and advertise on Facebook.

**Website:** Leigh

- Website changes went live this week. Improvements will be an ongoing process.
- Reviewed The Home Page – A change will be made to change “Western Washington All Morgan Horse Show” to “C-Fair Charity Morgan Regional and Open Horse Show.”
- Board members need to review the “About MHCWS” for any changes, inaccuracies, or improvements and provide Leigh with feedback on that page before the end of September.
- Other pages to be reviewed next month.

**Old Business:**

- The Tales – Linda Collins has agreed to continue to create our Newsletter either bi-monthly or quarterly; her choice, and it will be uploaded to our club website rather than being emailed to all members individually.

**New Business:**

- Youth Representative – We need to find someone willing to volunteer and represent our youth.
- Future Web Consultant Work – Web consultant will come in January to talk about additional work she can do for us creating a one-drive to house our documents and generic gmail addresses for all officers and directors so they are not using personal email for Club business.

- A local Snohomish County Equine 4-H group sent an ask to help with funding for their awards program or they will lose that program. Sandy will reach out to the club to follow up and the board can then make a decision on helping via email communication from Nicole.
- By-Laws Changes were presented by Marla. A discussion was had regarding the changes. The Board members gave input on the changes. Marla will update the changes based on the Board's input and the proposed changes will be sent to all members for review and comment. The final approved proposed changes will be included in the annual Banquet packet sent to the membership to be voted on.
- A discussion was had regarding nomination/call for officers to run for office. The nomination form and draft of proposed Bylaws changes will be emailed together to the membership to give our membership time to respond. For Officer roles within the Club, a job description with required skill set should be posted on our website; however, that may need to be emailed out as well as there may not be enough time to get that information listed on the website and inform the membership. Social media can also be used to inform the membership that an important email is coming with action items for them for our Banquet. Marla will draft the final banquet packet and send it to the board to review. The nomination form and draft for Bylaws changes will be emailed together to the membership. Once approved, the packet will be mailed to the membership. These will be voted on at our Annual Meeting/Banquet on November 10, 2024.

Leigh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Marla. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.