

# MORGAN HORSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON STATE. INC.

## MINUTES

December 10, 2024 – Zoom meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members:** President Nicole Barbour; Vice President Katie Hoover; Treasurer Marla Miller; and Secretary Leigh Wilson. Directors Theresa Simms, Kristiana Wright, Sandra Nichols and Denise Lester.

**Not Present:** Jennifer Unick

**Guests/Committee Members:** Kathy Anderson and Carol Fletcher Churchill

**Minutes:** Leigh –

- The minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were recorded and will be approved at the next Annual Meeting in 2025.
- 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- This meeting was recorded for the benefit of accuracy and will not be published.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:** Kristiana Wright is our new Youth Liaison! We want to thank her for stepping up to lead our youth!

**Treasurer Report:** Marla

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The CD matured. We made \$330.13 in 8 months on our Leo Beckley Endowment fund. A discussion was had on investment of our Reserve Savings funds. Marla will look into the possibility of continuing to invest our funds.

We filed our 990 tax return on November 15<sup>th</sup> and had to file a long form which cost us \$150.

A discussion was had regarding the recap of the Annual Banquet expenses vs. profit.

A discussion was had to pull funds out of both the Key and C-Fair accounts to pay back funds that were advanced to the show accounts from the Club accounts years ago since those accounts are healthy and can now afford to pay back the Club. A motion was made by Theresa Simms to move those funds from the show accounts back to the Club accounts. The motion was seconded by Sandra Nichols. The motion passed unanimously.

**Awards committee:** Katie – Working on sending out ribbons to all those who won ribbons this year but did not receive them at the banquet.

**Membership:** Katie – do not have current membership count yet.

**Tree Farm:** Katie – Winding down for the year. 35 members. Planning a year end banquet for 2025.

**Horse Show Reports:** Carol

- **Key:** This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Key. The committee is talking about the flow of the show to allow for a great celebration with a band, etc. on Saturday evening.
- **C-Fair Regional:** This will be the 40th anniversary for this C-Fair.

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- **Equest:** A discussion was had on what Equest does in exchange for our donation to them. There are a lot of volunteer hours put into each show. A recommendation was made by Carol to increase what we pay per show to Equest from a minimum of \$3500 per show to \$4,000 per show. Leigh Wilson made a motion to pay Equest \$4,000 per show. Katie Hoover 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Sunshine:** Fire Run Farm recently lost one of their lesson horses and so a card will be sent out to them. Chance – age 30.

**Banquet:** Nicole – The banquet was successful and a huge thank you to all who helped!

**Old Business:** No discussion.

### **New Business:**

- Discussion – Re: Website Consultant Guest January 14
  - Cost & Scope of Work for creating a One Drive for storage of all board documents & generic email addresses for all board members
  - Cost & Scope of Work for creating an Intranet on our Website for members to:
    - Member Login
    - Access our Roster
    - Join and Renew memberships online
- Membership Benefits – let's discuss in January – what are the benefits we provide for our members
- Committees: Leigh volunteered to form a new committee for Clinics/Education to help promote the Morgan. Leigh has offered to Chair the committee. 1 clinic & 1 social event with education to be held in 2025. A budget to be set in January.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.