

**Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction to positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst; a spark that creates extraordinary results.**

**Author Anon**

The amateur meeting was held at the Bellpoint U.M. Church November 12, 2006 in Delaware, Ohio. Present at the meeting was Elliot Cline, Tim Dawson, Jill Davis, Rhonda McDaniel, Jody Gulley, Connie Runkle, Shari Love, Emily Cramer, Kristen Orr, Bonnie Knasel, Shelly Zimpfer, Connie Houston, Shawna Eisenhart, Kelly Read, and Sue Johnson.

Sue called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Shawna read the secretary's minutes. Shari motions to accept the minutes as read and Kelly seconds the motion. The treasure was absent but she sent a copy of the statement with Sue. We currently have a balance of 6,365.84. Kristen motions to accept the treasures report. Bonnie seconds it.

### **Amateur shows for 2007**

**Our Jackson show has been replaced.** Though it is a wonderful facility the cost was just more than we can afford at this time. Our NEW location is Coshocton, Ohio at the fair grounds. There are three barns in which there are stalls and we could also use the racehorse barns if needed. There are restrooms showers and a concession stand on the grounds. They have an indoor show arena and an outdoor show arena, which can be rented for \$125.00. The sound system and the caretaker is and additional \$100.00 each. We are checking on a makeup arena. The stalls are \$25.00. If we pay a 4-H club to clean the stalls they would then be free. The date of this show is **June 16, 07**. Kristen made a motion to move the Jackson show to Coshocton and Bonnie Knasel seconds it. Motion passed. This should be a good move and bring in some new competitors. Mark your calendars and spread the word. We hope to see you there.

The check for the Springfield show has been sent in and the date of that show is July 14, 07. We look forward to having another wonderful show at Springfield.

The show managers and secretaries have been decided for both shows. Thank you very much for stepping up and helping out. Manager at Coshocton is Bonnie Knasel and secretary is Sue Johnson. Manager at Springfield is Kristen Orr and secretary is Bonnie Knasel.

The show manager is responsible for but not limited to stall information, getting the sound system around, making sure there is a caterer, taking entries and working in the office.

The secretary is responsible for but not limited to getting the patterns around, finding help for announcer, gates, ringmaster, etc.

If you think that you would be interested in volunteering for one of these positions please contact an amateur officer.

### **Judges Committee**

New this year is our judges committee. We are hoping to have or pick of judges by the banquet. This is our goal. Our judges committee consists of Sue Johnson, Connie Houston, Connie Runkle, and Kristen Orr.

This committee was put in place to look for the best deals for our money on hiring judges. We are looking around for the best flight trip and road trips. This could save us some money if we just take the time to look. If anyone has and ideas on judges or on flight rates please contact one of the amateurs on this committee.

Shawna made a motion to have a judges committee and Shelly seconds it. Motion passed.

### **Fundraisers**

We will again be holding a silent auction during the stallion service auction and the awards banquet. Our goal is for each amateur to bring one item to put in the auction. The more items we get the better our auction will be. If you or anyone you know would like to donate an item for this event please contact Kristen Orr at 614-266-8960 or Shawna Eisenhart at 419-426-5843. Remember these items do **NOT** have to be horse related.

Another idea for the silent auction is themed baskets. You could put together a horse show mom basket filled with goodies like bobby pins, hairspray, etc. Other ideas for themed baskets are racecar basket, coffee basket, movie basket, and sports basket let your mind be the imagination.

Remember back in the day when you were in grade school and you had to sell candy for a field trip? Well you might get to relive some of your childhood past. The amateurs will be going around selling a variety of candy bars. We are checking on some prices at local stores for the candy. This will be bought and divided up at the January meeting. **You will be responsible for bring money to the meeting to pay for the candy bars.** You can then take the candy home and **sell sell sell.** The money that you make from selling the candy then goes to you. Those interested in selling candy should plan to attend the meeting. This will be a fun and easy fundraiser for the whole club to participate in.

The swap meet that was held by the amateur club last year did well for the first time out. The club made a total of \$484.00. We do feel that we lost some money by not having all of the entrances locked. We all agreed that having another swap meet was a good idea. Bonnie motions to have another swap meet at a new location and Jodie seconds it. Motion was passed. We have however changed the location and date. This should create more attendance and is also centrally located. The swap meet will be held at the Springfield Champion Center on March 10, 2007. There is also a rodeo going on in the indoor arena and a 4-H fuzzy show going on at the outdoor arena. Time will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Sue will be finalizing prices for tables and door fees. We will also be making up flyers to send around and to put in the newsletter at a later date. Plan on attending this event and support your amateur club. If you have questions or would like to purchase a table space please contact Sue Johnson at 740-924-2305 or Kristen Orr at 614-266-8960.

### Awards

An award for the amateur breeding stock was brought up for discussion. This will be discussed more detailed at the January meeting. Thought about recognizing the number one all around breeding stock was brought up. Seeing how there are a low number of entries we would award prizes only to the one recipient earning the highest number of total points for the year. Also brought up was the since the breeding stock does not have to pay entry fees maybe they should put a X dollar amount in a pot whether it be at each show or for the year and that money would then be used to by there year end awards. If you have any ideas to add to this contact an amateur officer. Again this will be brought up for discussion at the meeting in January.

If you showed at ten shows during the 06 season be expecting a phone call. If you are one of these lucky people you will be receiving a sweatshirt at the awards banquet. The sweatshirt will be navy with silver or white lettering on it. It will also have a logo on the left hand side. Emily Cramer and Kristen Orr are in charge of this and will be calling everyone who qualified to get your correct size. They will then be given out at the banquet. Connie Houston makes a motion to buy sweatshirts for those who qualify. Connie Runkle seconds. Motion passed.

### **AMATEUR RULE HAS PASSED.**

Starting January 01, 2007 to be eligible for Novice amateur and Amateur year-end awards, you are required to attend 2 (two) Amateur club meetings held throughout each show year.

Meeting times and dates will be printed in the newsletter.

### **OFFICERS FOR 2007**

Congratulate you new 2007 amateur officers.

President: Sue Johnson

Vice President: Kristen Orr

Secretary: Shawna Eisenhart

Treasure: Connie Runkle

Also voted on was the Amateur sportsmanship award. The winner will be announced at the banquet in January. GOOD LUCK.

Shelly Zimpfer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim Dawson seconds it. Meeting adjourned at 12:20.

The next amateur meeting will be January 20, 2007 at the Dublin Marriott, Dublin, Ohio. The amateur meeting will start at 11:00. This meeting will count towards your two meeting requirement for 2007 amateur year-end awards.