

**Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors' Association of Oregon  
General Membership Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2006  
Crowne Plaza, Lake Oswego, Oregon**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Kim Biehler, Kim Swingley, Dave Swingley, Peggy Bissell, Betsy Oakes, Nancy Plunkett, Jan Freimuth, Sharon DeFord, Diane Gueck, Paul Schwarz, Tanya Schwarz, Jana Anderson, David Green, Cheryl Morgan

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leonard Romie, Bill Cody, Sandy Cody, Julie Thomas, Kennidy Thomas, Linda Koenig, Robert Smith, Mary Harris, Terry Jerke

*President Kim Swingley called the general membership meeting of the Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors' Association to order at 9:30 am.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Diane Gueck was inducted into the Saddlebred Hall of Fame Friday January 20, 2006. Wicked Gold, owned by Bold Stride Stable, was 64<sup>th</sup> on the TWHBEA's percentage high point.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** None

**MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:** Dave Swingley made a motion to accept the minutes as read by secretary, Kim Biehler. David Green seconded. The motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sharon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. David Swingley seconded. Motion passed.

General Account	\$1095.59	
Scholarship	\$3734.15	
Show Account	\$6856.04	(Show and Auction Profit \$5284.09)
Show CD	\$10,000.00	

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Banquet** -- Sharon thanks Betsy Oakes, Holly Reynold, and Linda Arnold for their assistance in making the banquet a success. The Crowne Plaza has been wonderful to work with. Everything is ready to go.

**Budget** – No report

**Points** – The committee worked well and stayed organized. Leonard Romie will take over high point tabulations for the 2006 show season. Robyn Neville will continue to support Leonard. There was a discussion on suggestions for changes to the rules.

**Awards** – Holly has purchased all the awards for the Banquet. She felt the budget was sufficient for the awards. There was a discussion about the perpetual trophies. Some trophies are missing and many are in disrepair.

**National Representative** – David Swingley reported on the December TWHBEA meeting. He attending the Youth Committee meeting and was impressed with the enthusiasm shown. He thought that maybe our youth could create activities and get-

togethers similar to what they do at the national level. TWHBEA did not renew their contract with NHSC this year. It is uncertain what this will mean.

**OHA** – OHA will be taking over the running of the horse show at the Oregon State Fair. Kim Biehler has been asked if she will give support.

**Promotion and membership** – Nancy Plunkett is organizing the Horse Expo in Albany, Oregon March 17 – 19. She will need people to volunteer to man the booth (2-3 people in 4-6 hour shifts). The TWHBEA Booth has been ordered.

Nancy will work on typing up a show schedule for 2006.

A big thank you to Mary Harris on the development and maintenance on the TWHEAO website. Check out the foaling date calendar on the website. Please contact Mary if there is anything that you would like to see on the website. The highest traffic has been in June and July. Mary asked, “What is the purpose of the TWHEAO website? Focus? Should it be extended form the current membership to the TWH industry?” There is only 1/20<sup>th</sup> of a second to get people to stay on your website.

**Show** – The show and auction were a great success. Next year it will be held June 23, 24, 25, 2006 at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene, Oregon.

**Trail** – The annual trail ride and general membership meeting in July was well attended. This year we might try another location.

**WIWHA** – Meeting at 1:00 pm. David Swingley and Ross Fox will attend the DQP training in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

**Seminars and Education** – We should continue to support our local resources. Nancy Plunkett has a driving clinic scheduled for February 25.

**Scholarship** – Betsy Oakes reported that there were no applicants for the college scholarship in 2005. Maybe it should be increased from \$1500 to \$2000.

We should be thinking about where to send the high school students to horse camp. The students who went to Kentucky reported that they learned a lot and had a great time, but it was difficult (and expensive) to get the girls there. MTSU Horse Camp is always an option and Betsy heard about a new camp being held at the Calsonic arena in Shelbyville.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Leonard made a motion to set up a Web Development Committee as a sub committee under the promotions and membership. Nancy Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried. The subcommittee will be Mary Harris, Leonard Romie, and Dave Swingley.

Nancy Plunkett made a motion that the club fund \$200 for tables and displays at the NW Horse Expo. David Swingley Seconded. Motion passed.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** Italicized names were elected by acclamation

Position	Name	Officers	Length of Term	Re-Elect
Director	Cheryl Morgan		3	2007
Director	Diane Gueck	Historian	3	2007
Director	Sharon DeFord	President	3	2007
Director	Shannon Thomas		3	2007
Director	Rae Nelson		3	2008

Director	Nancy Plunkett	Second Vice-President	3	2008
<b>Director</b>	<b>Jana Anderson</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Kim Biehler</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Kim Swingley</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Linda Koenig</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Holly Reynolds</b>	<b>First Vice-President</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>National Rep.</b>	<b>Dave Swingley</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Local Rep</b>	<b>David Green</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Local Rep.</b>	<b>Betsy Oakes</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Eastern Rep.</b>	<b>Paul Schwarz</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Southern Rep</b>	<b>Tanya Schwarz</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Washington Rep.</b>	<b>Peggy Bissell</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Washington Rep.</b>	<b>Jan Freimuth</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Youth Rep.</b>	<b>Kate Romie</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Youth Rep</b>	<b>Dava Reynolds</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2007</b>

**NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2006 at Abella's Italian Café, Wilsonville, Oregon. Dinner 6:30. Meeting 7:00pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kim Swingley  
Secretary-elect**

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