



## TWHEAO Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2007

Village Inn

Tigard, Oregon

**Directors Present:** Mary Harris, David Green, Kim Biehler, Nancy O'Dell Plunkett, Holly Reynolds, Cheryl Morgan, Laura West, Mary Sjogren, Kim Swingley, Peggy Bissell, Diane Gueck, Betsy Oakes

**Members Present:** Kathleen Blanchard, Pat Markus, Robyn Neville, Melissa Swingley, Kristi McCutchan, Moya Mauro, Antoinette Mauro

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by President Sharon DeFord.

**Directors Excused:** Dava Reynolds, Mattie Reynolds, David Swingley, Hannah Pulvers

### Announcements:

- Sharon DeFord announced the 2007 Board of Directors and WIWHA Directors.
- Holly Reynolds let us know that Mattie was TWHBEA 2006 National Versatility High Point Youth Driving Champion and Dava was High Point Youth Western Pleasure and Reining Champion.
- She's Pretty Ritzy was the TWHBEA Versatility High Point Model horse for 2006.
- Adrienne Bitter and Pride's Lady Holiday competed in their first Oregon High School Equestrian Event in February. Adrienne is the captain of the OHSET team for Southridge High School.
- The Clackamas County Humane Society is compiling a resource list of people willing to foster horses, which are wards of the State. You need to let them know your background, how many horses you can take, as well as how much notice you need. They pay all the expenses. Betsy Oakes will be taking in 3 horses this weekend.

**Introductions:** Sharon DeFord introduced a new member, Pat Markus, and the new Board members: Mary Sjogren, Laura West, Mary Harris, and Hannah Pulvers.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Robyn Neville mentioned that the January minutes were not complete. Holly Reynolds made a motion to correct the January minutes to include a list of the 2007 Board of Directors and WIWHA Directors and resend to the membership. Nancy Plunkett seconded. The motion passed.

**Correspondence Received:** None

### Treasurer's Report (Peggy Bissell):

General Account Balance	\$1,787.46
Scholarship Account Balance ( <i>with \$4000 held to pay out</i> )	\$2,066.17
Show Account Balance	\$14,161.96

Nancy Plunkett made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jana Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Submission of New Bills:** None

### Committee Reports:

- **Banquet (Peggy Bissell):** Peggy thanked Linda Arnold for all her hard work on the banquet this year and encouraged the membership to send their personal thanks to Linda as well. Linda stated that the auction was not successful. They currently have \$2,853 in their account. She also expressed her displeasure with the awards that were sent by World Champion Horse Equipment. It was suggested that all the youth should receive a perpetual trophy. Nancy Plunkett commented that there was no oral auction this year. Having an oral auction is effective in driving up the bids on the higher priced items. She encouraged the committee to have an oral auction next year to increase funds. Holly thanked all those who had donated items to the silent auction.

- **Seminars and Education** (*Nancy Plunkett*): No report
- **Promotion and Membership** (*Nancy Plunkett*): No report
- **Trail**: The bridge is fixed at Tryon State Park. Judy Walker sent a list of upcoming rides for the Oregon Pleasure Walking Horse Club (*attached and included on [www.twheao.com](http://www.twheao.com)*).
- **Scholarship** (*Betsy Oakes*): The committee needs to decide where to send the high school students this year. Holly suggested sending them to the TWHBEA Horse Camp again this year. The Leadership Program will be held June 25-26 and the Riding Camp will be held June 27-30. Nicole Carswell will be presenting at the Riding Camp. TWHBEA will likely give us a matching scholarship. Nancy Plunkett will again donate one airfare and Betsy Oakes will also again donate one airfare up to \$500.
- **Budget** (*Peggy Bissell*): None
- **Show** (*Holly Reynolds*):
  - **On the National front**: Holly announced that TWHBEA has unanimously hired a new Executive Director and CEO, Charles R. Cadle. He was one of six final candidates for the position (three in-house, three outsiders). Mr. Cadle is the first executive-level person and first person outside the industry ever hired for this position. Read entire press release on [www.twheao.com](http://www.twheao.com). Holly suggested that TWHEAO send Mr. Cadle a card and/or gift welcoming him to the job. Sharon DeFord will arrange to have a Made in Oregon gift basket sent to him. Holly also mentioned that there will be a TWHBEA Judge's Clinic held in Tennessee on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. They are actively looking for a varied slate of judges. Diane read a letter received from the WHTA prohibiting its members from participating in any TWHBEA activities.
  - **Regarding youth**: Holly's goal this year is to attain a level playing field for non-trotting horses at all the basic horse show levels. She is currently contacting all 4-H and High School Equestrian Team leaders nationwide. She invites any thoughts or ideas anyone has on this topic. She also announced that TWHBEA is currently looking to hire a Youth Coordinator.
  - **TWHEAO Summer Extravaganza**: This year's who will be held June 22-24 at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. Mike Carpenter will be judging. The committee met and had some ideas:
    - **Using more volunteers**: Following are the jobs showing what's filled and what's needed:
      - Ring steward – Pat
      - BBQ – David Green and Dave Swingley
      - Paddock announcer – Dave Swingley (*tentative*)
      - Center ring coordinator – contact Holly Reynolds if you're interested
      - Trail course – Major will be setting this up
    - **Auction**: Because of the time involved and financial reasons, there will possibly not be an auction this year. David Green suggested either handing it over to the Bewley's or holding the auction every other year. The Show Committee discussed running a more elaborate trail course during that time instead.
    - **DQP radios**: A formal request to WIWHA for new radios is going to be made.
- **High Points** (*Leonard Romie*): None
- **OHA Representative** (*Kim Biehler*): None – Holly wrote a letter to OHA regarding the judging gaited horses equally to trotting horses. She urged TWHEAO to also write a letter. Mary Harris said that she would do that.
- **Youth Representative** (*Dava Reynolds*): Dava will be going to a nursing home on February 14<sup>th</sup> to visit the elderly and hand out Voice magazines. The Youth are also putting together a Relay for Life team consisting of Walking Horse kids. If anyone knows how to do this, please contact Holly Reynolds.

- **WIWHA Representative** (*Dave Swingley*): Kim made the report for Dave. There will be a WIWHA Directors' Meeting on Saturday, March 10 up the road from the Red Barn in Auburn, WA after the DQP Clinic. Any TWHEAO member can go and vote in lieu of a Director but sending a written proxy along would be advisable.
  - **Rules and Compliance Committee** (*Jana Anderson*): Issues over the rules will be voted on at the WIWHA Directors' Meeting (*see attached proposed rule changes*).
    - **Discussion:** Holly asked if the WIWHA rulebook had to be in line with NHSC. We are supposed to mirror the NHSC rulebook, although our rulebook can be more specific. It was asked that making the Trail Pleasure division keg-shod only be added to the agenda. The group opposed the last rule change. David Green made a motion to support all the rules as presented except the last one. Nancy Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion passed. Nancy Plunkett made a motion to support the last rule as stated. Holly Reynolds seconded the motion. The vote was taken with a show of hands. 4 voted yes, 10 voted no, and 0 abstained. The motion failed.
  - **Versatility** (*Holly Reynolds*): The WIWHA Versatility show will be held September 15-16 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. The Versatility show being held in conjunction with the Spokane show will not be the WIWHA Regional Versatility show. It was suggested that the Spokane show request assistance if they need funding.
- **National Representative** (*Dave Swingley*): None

#### Old Business

- **Mission Statement:** Betsy Oakes will send samples of Mission Statements to David Green, Chair of the Promotion and Membership Committee.
- **By-Laws:** David Green reviewed the By-Laws last year and will continue to do so in 2007.

#### New Business

- **Sharing website hosting costs/space with other organizations:** Mary Harris made a motion to allow Valley View Riders to host their site on TWHEAO's hosting account, thereby reimbursing TWHEAO \$55.65 for half of the costs of the remaining 14 months. Holly seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **Annual Beach Ride:** The beach ride is tentatively scheduled for October 13-14. Holly made a motion that if she reserves the campsites, she will receive the funds to do so by TWHEAO. Nancy Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **2007 Committee Assignments:** The 2007 committee members were appointed and are as follows:
  - **Banquet Planning** – Sharon Gueck DeFord (*Chair*), Nancy Plunkett, Mary Sjogren, Laura West, Kim Swingley
  - **Banquet Awards** – Holly Reynolds (*Chair*), Peggy Bissell, Diane Gueck
  - **High Points** – Leonard Romie (*Chair*), Nancy Plunkett, Mary Harris
  - **Horse Show** – Holly Reynolds (*Chair*), Peggy Bissell, Cheryl Morgan, Robyn Neville, Pat Markus
  - **Promotion and Membership** – David Green (*Chair*), Kathleen Blanchard, Nancy Plunkett, Mary Harris
  - **Seminars and Education** – Diane Gueck (*Chair*), Kristi McCutchan, Cheryl Morgan
  - **Scholarship** – Betsy Oakes (*Chair*), David Green, Robyn Neville
  - **Trail** – Holly Reynolds (*Chair*), Kim Swingley, Kim Biehler
- **NW Horse Expo:** Is being held March 23-25 at the Linn County Expo in Albany. Nicole Carswell will be doing three clinics. Using a blend of horses from TWHEAO and the NW Pleasure Walker group. Additionally, Nancy Plunkett, Mary Harris, Mary Sjogren, and Laura West will be joining the NW Pleasure Walkers for the breed demo. It was suggested that we need to give Washington visibility into what's happening in Oregon. It was suggested that we send a copy of our minutes to the WA Secretary.
- **Class Sponsorships:** Although TWHEAO and WIWHA have been pushing for more corporate sponsorships, when those sponsorships have been received, we haven't been acknowledging the sponsors adequately. For Toyota's contributions last year, Moya Mauro put together a beautiful framed plaque that included a photo display and thank-

you. Nancy Plunkett made a motion to reimburse the cost of the plaque to Moya. David Green seconded the motion. The motion passed. Moya will provide an invoice at the next meeting.

- **Clinics and Seminars:**
  - **Driving Clinic** – There will be a Driving Clinic on Sunday, March 11 at Blue Moon Walking Horses in Sherwood.
  - **Other Clinic Suggestions** – Farrier Clinic, General Gaited Riding
  - **Mane Event:** The Mane Event was again held at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver this year. This would be a venue for positive promotion of the Tennessee Walking Horse. It was suggested that TWHBEA of WA might want to look at participating next year.
- **Outside Auditor:** David Green suggested that TWHEAO hire an outside auditor to oversee our bookkeeping in order to protect the Directors from possible IRS issues. Sharon Gueck-DeFord will research this along with professional liability insurance.

#### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is March 13, 2007 at the Village Inn.

Kim Swingley made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Plunkett seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## Oregon Pleasure Walking Horse Club

### 2007 Planned Trail Rides

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| April 20-22     | Baker Beach near Florence. Hosted by Larry and Chris Cummings (503-835-2061)               |
| May 5           | Flo Paget's trails near Castle Rock, WA with camping at Flo's house (360-274-8395)         |
| May 6           | Joe Anderson's trails near Longview, WA (360-423-0572)                                     |
| May 25-28       | Cow Camp. Hosted by Bill and Joyce Ower (360-795-3344)                                     |
| June 29-July 1  | Kalama Horse Camp near Mt. St. Helens. Hosted by Roger and Jeannie Amundson (360-577-0195) |
| July 27-29      | Harrelson Horse Camp at Waldo Lake. Hosted by Dave Strand and Penny Ertner (503-378-9039)  |
| August 17-19    | Keanes Horse Camp. Hosted by Glen and Flo Paget (360-274-8395)                             |
| September 7-9   | Williams Mine Trailhead. Hosted by Don and Christy Gensler (509-493-4536)                  |
| September 21-23 | Three Creeks Horse Camp. Hosted by Doss and Judy Walker (503-554-9156)                     |

Please call the host three or four days prior to the the ride to confirm that you are planning to attend so that the host knows who to contact in case of changes due to weather or trail problems, or call Judy Walker at (503) 554-9156.

## WIWHA Rules and Compliance Committee Recommendations

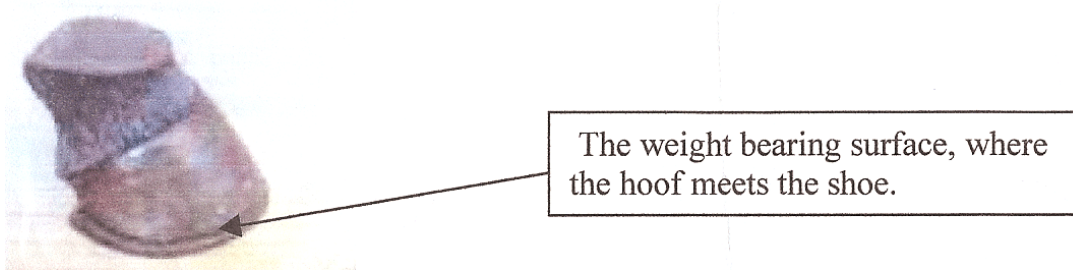
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Section IV. Show Rules and Regulations D. 25 Breakover:

**Change from:** The breakover point of the shoe cannot be any further back than the tip of the toe on the natural hoof.

**To:** The breakover of a shoe on a padded horse cannot be any further back than the tip of the toe on the natural hoof.

**Add:** IV. D. 29: Rolled or worn toe shoes are allowed on flat-shod plantation horses as long as the hoof/shoe surface is flat. The outer perimeter of the shoe must be flat with the wall of the hoof with no increase in contact with the sole.



**Add:** IV. D. 30: Tungsten or Tungsten Blend shoes are not allowed. Any machine made (keg) or handmade shoe is allowable if made of magnetic steel, mild steel, or aluminum. Shoes made of Tungsten or Tungsten Carbide blends are not permissible.

**Add:** IV. D. 31: 3/4" x 3/8" liteshod shoes are allowed a variance not to exceed 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch in the measurement of the shoe.

**Add:** IV. D. 32: The use of bands on flat-shod pleasure horses is allowed on show grounds but not in competition or exhibition. **AND** remove the corresponding rules from pages 19 and 20. **ADD:** All attaching hardware must be removed. *This is a change for the liteshod, trail pleasure, and country pleasure divisions where they do not allow bands on the show grounds.*

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**Include:** V. A. 3. Youth 13 and under, including leadline, must wear approved safety helmets when showing or riding on the show grounds. This is a current rule that needs to be included in the rulebook.

**Change from:** V. A. 3. e: Stallions shall be barred from any class the conditions of which specify that a youth exhibitor is to ride. Exception Walking Pony Classes, in which stallions are permitted.

**Change to:** Stallions shall be barred from any class the conditions of which specify that a youth exhibitor is to ride/show. Exception Walking Pony Classes, in which stallions are permitted and Weanling at Halter Classes.

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**Change from:** V. d. 3. b: Amateur trail pleasure horses are not allowed to show in any other plantation classes (liteshod, plantation, or country pleasure) at the same show, but they are eligible to show in halter and versatility classes at the same show.

**Change to:** Amateur trail pleasure horses are not allowed to show in any other plantation classes (liteshod, plantation, or country pleasure) at the same show. They are eligible to show in halter, versatility, and TWH Pleasure classes at the same show with non-amateur exhibitors.