

**Big Bend Horseman's Association
General Membership Meeting
November 8, 2010**

Officers and Board Members Attending:

Wade Smith, Sherri Dean, Jane Essig, Pam Clark, Margaret Smith, John Sparks

President Wade Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Wade began by mentioning three letters received by BBHA: A letter from Patricia Garner thanking BBHA for involvement with the Farm Tour at North Florida Community College (Green Industries Institute); a letter from TMH Foundation thanking BBHA for the donation to the Sharon Ewing Walker Breast Health Center; and a letter from Lighthouse Childrens Home thanking BBHA for the donation in memory of Patricia Garner's mother.

There was no meeting conducted in October, due to not enough members present to make a quorum. A motion was made for the minutes from the September 13, 2010, General Membership Meeting to be accepted. The motion was seconded. The Club voted. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Jane Essig presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded. The Club voted. The motion carried.

Facilities: Sherri reported that the arena is dry and Gordon will be placing sprinklers on it. There will be a work day Thursday, November 11, 2010, mainly to drag the arena; the Board will be responsible. There will be a work night Friday, November 12, 2010, starting at 4:30 or 5:00 PM, to set up tables, etc; anyone who can help is welcome.

Website: Please notify Sherri of any changes needed. Sherri also mentioned that there will be a "Blessing of the Animals" at the Mays House on Saturday, November 20, from 6-10PM.

Ribbon Sponsors: Sherri reported that ribbon sponsors are still needed for the show.

Trail Riding: Susan Sparks reported that the trail ride at Natural Bridge was great, with about 20 people participating. One suggestion was to mark the trails better.

Clinics: Pam Clark provided information on the Showmanship clinic coming up on December 11. The clinician will be Jennifer Johnston. Fee is \$15 – bring your own lunch. Members can audit for free. If enough people sign up, we can split the groups with another clinician. Pam asked members to think about what clinics they might want to see for next year.

Old Business

Show Rules - Dress Code: Sue Everett and Doyle Conner will report at the next meeting.

Awards Banquet: The Banquet will be at the Monticello Opera House on January 8, 2011. Tickets will be \$10 each; the Club will pick up the difference.

New Business

Show Work Requirement: The Board has approved a show work requirement of three hours the first half of the show season and three hours the second half of the show season, based on the number of shows scheduled annually, in order to qualify for year-end awards. There will be a sign-in sheet at the shows; work can be done for someone else, but must be indicated at the time the work is done. The Board will continue to be responsible for covering "work nights"; others are welcome to help, but work nights will not count toward the show work requirement.

Show Start Time: The Board has approved a change in the start time for shows. Effective with the 2011 show season, shows will start at 9:00AM.

Announcer/Registration Booth: Don and Sue Everett have donated a building to BBHA; the Club will be responsible for moving it and setting it up at the Evil Twin Arena.

Pre-Entries for Shows: The Board has approved an increase in entry fees. Starting with the 2011 season, entry fees will be \$5 per class or \$30 per day for members, and \$6 per class or \$35 per day for non-members, with a \$1 per class or \$5 per day discount for pre-registration.

November Show: For the November, 2010, show, there will be a special raffle; tickets will be given to those who pre-register and for each non-perishable item donated. It was noted that people who pre-register are not penalized if they need to cancel or change classes. There was a question about getting copies of the patterns; if the judge provides them in advance, we make extra copies. Some judges will not provide the patterns in advance.

Show Judges: Karen Iversen will be the judge for the November show. If anyone has suggestions for other judges, please notify Sherri.

Show Secretary: The Board is considering having a paid Show Secretary; this position would be filled by someone who does not show, possibly a non-member, who would commit to attending ALL shows during the season.

By-Laws Change – Membership: A proposed change to the By-Laws regarding membership was presented. See attachment "A". The change will be voted on at the December membership meeting.

Photographers: Ford and Bambi Bond requested to be at the November show to take photographs. Photos will be posted on the BBHA website, and will be available for purchase directly from the photographers' website.

Nominations for 2011 Officers and Board: Susan Sparks headed a nomination committee. She presented a slate of candidates. Some changes were made. See attachment "B". Additional nominations can be made at the December membership meeting. Voting will be held at the December membership meeting.

Other Business

- Jed Dillard reported that the proceedings for the Ocala Equine Institute are online; Jed will provide the link to Sherri. They will also be available at the Jefferson County extension office library.
- Sherri reported that the Humane Society is not sure if they will be interested in providing concessions next year due to low receipts.
- The Main Street Monticello festival will be on Friday, December 3, from 4-9PM. They have offered BBHA a free booth; we can't make sales, but can hand out membership applications, information, etc.

A motion was made to adjourn; the motion was seconded; the Board voted and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Essig,
Treasurer, acting Secretary

Attachment A
Proposed Change to By-Laws

Section 6. Reinstatement

A person wishing to be reinstated after a disciplinary action must submit a new signed membership application and be sponsored by a BBHA member in good standing. Upon written request signed by a BBHA member and delivered to the Secretary, †The application must be signed by the sponsoring BBHA member and delivered to the BBHA Secretary. The Board of Directors may reinstate a former member by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all Board members upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Reinstated members are ineligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors or hold office for 24 ~~12~~ months after reinstatement of membership.

**Attachment B
Slate of Nominees**

President Sherri Dean

Vice-President John Sparks

Secretary Margaret Smith
(not Show Secretary)

Treasurer Jane Essig

Directors (5-one of which should be the Immediate Past President)

Wade Smith
Doyle Conner
Morgan Strauss
Pam Clark
Donna Winsloe