

**ILLINOIS MINIATURE HORSE OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL FALL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 01, 2008  
HAWTHORNE SUITES**

The annual fall meeting of the Illinois Miniature Horse Owners Association was called to order by President, Sandra Grabow at 11:30 A.M. on November 01, 2008 at the Hawthorne Suites in Bloomington, Illinois. Attendance was taken by a sign up sheet and included Sandra Grabow, Jeff Grabow, Jim Wheeler, Barb Step, Melissa Meharry, Jane Lueking, Evan and Joan Harer, Cathy Hess, Amanda Minor and children, Brock & Becca, Dave and Angie Foy, Nila Johansen, and Foster and Sharon Embry. Members were dismissed to a separate room to enjoy a noon luncheon of assorted pasta's. Following the meal, at 12:30 all returned to the meeting room to proceed with the Annual Meeting.

Minutes of past meetings (March 8; June 21; July 26, 2008) were handed out with a reading of the October 18, 2008 Board of Directors meeting done by Sandy Grabow. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Evan Harer with a second by Angie Foy. This passed by members present.

Barb Step handed out the Treasurers Report with referral to the Annual Audit report that was given at the last BOD meeting. A copy was available for those who wanted to review it. The current report indicates a balance of \$14,549.42. There was discussion of a few outstanding checks that Barb will keep an eye on to see if they come through in the near future. Missy Meharry made a motion to accept the report pending audit and review. This was seconded by Angie Foy and motion passed unanimously.

Jane Lueking gave the Futurity Report and handed out the current standings as well as the 2009 Rules and new nomination forms. Although there is \$708.94 left in the Futurity Account we continue to loose horses. Currently there are six 3 year olds eligible, 14 two year olds and an unknown amount of new yearlings for 2009. After much discussion regarding what the club would like to do regarding the declining interest in Futurity, Amanda Minor motioned to add \$100.00 per class for this coming year and revisit it annually. This was seconded by Missy Meharry and passed by all present.

Jeff Grabow regretfully announced his resignation as the Youth Chairman and thanked all who made it a fun year for him. Due to his new job he feels that he cannot give this position the attention that he feels it needs. Members present thanked Jeff for a job well done. Jeff reported that currently the youth account has a total of \$748.00 and had a total of 31 youth members last year. It was suggested that Dave Minor be asked to become the 2009 youth co-chairman.

Evan Harer gave his report on the Newsletter. He said that it takes about \$1000.00 a year for paper alone and does not include the time, ink, & mailings. He has been trying to find ways to cut cost and feels that by using a fast draft it could cut the amount of ink and save about \$50.00 per issue. Evan would like to get one more letter out to members and requested members send him information as soon as possible. He is still looking for someone to take over the duties

of newsletter editor and indicated that he would prefer not to do it again next year. Sandy Grabow thanked Evan for a job well done which was echoed by all present.

Sandy reported on next year's show dates. We should know at Convention who will host this years Area IV show. At the last BOD meeting they voted to keep the show at Gordyville the last weekend of June even if we are not awarded the area IV show. They also voted to have a second show in August at the Rawlings Arena near Morton, Illinois. Those dates will be decided upon when they become available.

This years Convention will be held in Branson, Mo from Nov. 4-8 and there are several from our club and from Area IV who are planning on attending. Sandy asked for ideas or suggestions from members that should be brought up at convention and reminded us that this is our opportunity to make changes. Sandy has flyers, membership forms, pictures and IMHOA information ready to display on our IMHOA Hall Table. The Banquet Table will have brag books and coffee mugs filled with several different types of single serving drink packets at each of the 10 seating's. Samples of these mugs were given to each member attending this annual fall meeting as a thank you take home gift. These were approved by those present.

The First Reading of two By-Law changes were passed out and read by Sandy Grabow. The first By-law change presented reads: "Under Article IV Section 2 (B) add after membership. 'Any Youth who wishes to apply for membership must have an adult member who is a member in good standing as a sponsor. The adult member does not have to be a parent or relative to be a sponsor of the youth'". The second By-law change presented reads: Under Article VIII, Section 2, (B) Restriction of Office. Change- Officers shall be elected members from the state of Illinois. Change to read "Officers shall be elected from the members in good standing at the time of elections."

A Thank You note from Rollie Springer for the contribution to the Cancer Fund in memory of Cindy Springer was read by Sandy Grabow.

Missy Meharry brought up the possibility of having some type of teleconference or phone web cam available for the BOD Meetings. If we open up the officer positions to other States it will make it more difficult for travel. Missy thought it was currently about 3.9 cents per minute for the teleconference and around a \$50.00 one time fee per person for the web cam. She was unsure about a connection fee. It does require high speed internet and some wondered if this would prevent some members from running for office. David Foy made a motion to further check into the costs and availability of the teleconference and the web cam. Missy seconded the motion and this passed.

Angie Foy presented a third First Reading to a By-Law change to include the teleconference or the web cam. Her first reading is: Add to IMHOA Bylaw Article VI section (G) "At IMHOA Board Meetings any Board member whom chooses to attend the meeting via teleconference or webcam and is actively involved in the current meeting are allowed to vote on any issues being currently discussed and voted on".

There were fourteen members present to vote on our 2009-2010 Officers and Directors. Seats to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Missy Meharry's position as Board of Director.

President Sandy Grabow called for nomination from the floor for President. Missy Meharry nominated Angela Foy and Barb Step nominated Sandra Grabow. Sandy called three times more for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Amanda Minor made a motion to close the nomination and this was seconded by Angie Foy. Ballots were collected and counted with Angie Foy as the new President.

Sandy called for nomination from the floor for Vice President. Jeff Grabow nominated Jim Wheeler who declined. Missy Meharry nominated Sandy Grabow and this was seconded by Barb Step. Angie Foy nominated Missy Meharry and this was seconded by Amanda Minor. Sandy called three times more for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Amanda Minor motioned to close the nominations and this was seconded by Joan Harer. Ballots were collected and counted with Sandy Grabow being announced as Vice President.

A break was taken with several door prizes being awarded. After door prizes were given the nominations were open for Secretary. Sandy called for nomination from the floor with Missy Meharry nominating Cathy Hess. This was seconded by Barb Step. Sandy called three times more for nominations from the floor and hearing none Amanda Minor made a motion to close the nominations for secretary and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot. This was seconded by Missy Meharry and motion passed. Cathy Hess was announced as the new Secretary.

Sandy Grabow called for nominations from the floor for Treasurer. Angie Foy nominated Barb Step for treasurer and this was seconded by Missy Meharry. Sandy called three times more for nominations from the floor. With no further nominations Jeff Grabow made a motion to close the nominations for Treasurer and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot. This was seconded by Amanda Minor and motion passed. Barb Step was announced as the new Treasurer.

Nominations from the floor were called by Sandy for the Board of Directors position. Jeff Grabow was nominated by Evan Harer and was seconded by Amanda Minor. Sandy called three more times for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were closed and a motion was made to close the nominations for Board of Directors and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Jeff Grabow was announced as the new Board of Director to serve a three year term up in 2011.

After the meeting was adjourned, Barb Step presented the High Point Awards. Again, entries were down and encouragement was made to think about entering your horse at only \$3.00 a class. Awards of 9x12 plaques, with a place for a 5x7 photo insert, were presented to those winners. A large IMHOA traveling trophy was presented for the high point horse in the Single Roman Chariot division to encourage more entries in the chariot divisions. Following presentation of High Point Awards there were more door prizes given with enough for each person who attended to go home with a very nice door prize.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Step for Cathy Hess