

PNWWDA Board of Directors

July 8, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by President Jessy Olson. Board members present: Jessy Olson, Donna Longacre, Beth Bonham, Dianna Berry-Jones, Leanne Roth. Absent: Stacy Sutton, Ann Avansino, Cat Armitage, and Sara Breyman.

Motion made by Jessy, seconded by Dianna that the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2024, be approved as published.

Treasurer's report: Dianna said that information has been submitted to Rogue Credit Union to open the checking account, and it will be open on Wednesday. Discussion was the number of debit cards to be issued; it was decided to be two: one each to Dianna and Stacy, as they're co-signers on the account. Dianna will apply for non-profit status with the IRS when the account is open, as there is a \$275 expedite fee for the application.

Committee reports:

Membership – Beth received a new list of WDAA members in our region from Kathy at WDAA. She and Dianna have drafted the targeted email to be sent to the list once we've been approved by WDAA. Beth and Ann will finalize the membership application form.

Awards – Dianna and Stacy are having technical problems with the High Point Awards application form and will ask Ann for help. Beth suggested contacting Alex at WDAA as she has a background in technology.

Social Media/Website – Jessy said there is no update. (Later, Donna suggested committee reports on the website.)

Insurance – Leanne has emailed updated quotes to the Board. Donna asked if group policies are available under WDAA's insurance or USDF's. Jessy said some of her GMO's insurance comes from USDF. Beth will check with WDAA. When Dianna submitted the EIN application, she selected an option to hold the officers harmless. Jessy suggested waiting on D&O insurance at this time.

Education – Beth reported that one of the Arabian clubs in Oregon is considering holding a clinic next year with Ann Judge who is a WDAA judge and rides the Denver Broncos' mascot. She will follow up with that club.

Youth – Donna did a clinic in Alaska and said there is interest in our affiliate, but we need a brochure. Beth said she understood that Ann and Stacy and possibly Dianna are working on it. Donna has an article and pictures of the first youth rider to get her US Pony Club certification in WD; could go on our social media.

Breed Affiliates – Jessy thinks this ties in with the awards program because of breed awards. Beth sees it as networking with breeds. Agreed it can be both.

WDAA Application – Beth received a new affiliate handbook and forms from WDAA. The requirement is that non-profit status must be applied for and received before applying to WDAA. Beth will ask WDAA if we can apply even though our status is pending. Dianna and Beth will put together the packet to send for our application. All Board members should send their 2024 dues (\$20 each) to Dianna by July 15 by check in USD. Donna suggested combining 2024 scores and 2025 awards and also to offer a year and a half membership special. Dianna and Stacy will discuss.

PayPal – Dianna will talk to PayPal to determine security despite our insecure website. There was agreement to add a 4% surcharge to PayPal transactions to absorb the service fee. Jessy will ask how their GMO handles it.

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 5 via Zoom. Executive Board at 6:00pm, full Board at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Submitted July 31, 2024, by Beth Bonham, Board Secretary

Accepted August 13, 2024