

WPaPHA June 2015 Open Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Charlene Michael, Secretary.

Board and Staff In Attendance: Mary Gamble, Co Vice Chairman; Meghan Sullivan, Co Vice Chairman; John Ham, Treasurer; Kristi Airgood, Co Secretary; Charlene Michael, Co Secretary; Mandy Bittner, Sponsorship Committee Chair.

Members in Attendance: Sasha Shapiro

Since the current Chairman is no longer able to fulfill the obligation of the position; the first order of business was to address the remainder of duties and division of such.

BANQUET: Prior to the meeting, the date of the banquet was confirmed for Thanksgiving Saturday with Allegheny Country Club. Ms. Gamble, Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Ham agreed to organize the banquet set up, invites, menu & pricing respectively with Mrs. Airgood offering to help set up & Mrs. Michael offering to help tear down afterward. Mr. Ham provided rough, preliminary budget for year-end banquet prizes.

Jr. PHA: Mrs. Sullivan has agreed to ask Ms. Zavarella if she would like to remain the point person for Jr. PHA activities and meetings. The board discussed the possibility of scheduling a field trip to OSU veterinary clinic or Cleveland Veterinary Clinic later this year.

CLINIC: Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. Michael and Mrs. Airgood agreed to move forward with research on a list of clinicians in terms of pricing and availability. Ms. Sullivan agreed to post to our Facebook page asking our membership for suggestions on clinicians. The board agreed that HOC was the preferred host site due the ability to provide overnight stabling. Prior to the meeting Mrs. Herrmann (HOC facility owner/ manager) agreed to be the host location for the 2015 clinic & provided date options to us.

SCHOLARSHIP: Prior to the meeting, Ms. Nichole Begley (adult member not present), has agreed to research and come up with scholarship criteria, in hopes that we may potentially award that at this year's banquet.

SHOW 2016: Mr. Ham agreed to reach out to Mrs. Herrmann to determine the state of repairs to ring 1 at HOC. The board would like to see the repairs completed and supports holding our dates to give HOC a chance to make necessary repairs. However, a contingency plan with pricing research gathered from multiple sources to hold a "B" or "A" rated show at another facility, as well as the probable need for one or more corporate sponsorships to make that a reality was discussed. Further discussion was tabled until more information can be provided about the status of HOC ring repairs.

RULES CHANGE MEETING: Potential dates for the 2016 rules change meeting were discussed. We hope to have Laurie Davis, Points Secretary, provide a yes / no voting format again this year. The board also will provide a blank write in ballot for election of board and staff.