

2012 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Members in attendance:

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| Frankie & Darl Nigh | Barbara Hibbard | Sammy & Kay Rudel |
| Gary & Lisa Barnes | Anna Barnes | Lexi Rudel |
| Jim & Vicky Allison | Mary & Michael Collings | Bob & Betty Branch |
| Emily Plett | Lisa Plett & Family | Debra Glosser |
| Marvin Lazar | Daniel & Carla Crider | Brooke Glosser |
| Jane Wagner | Lucy Kusluch | Kristy Newman |
| Jerry Reynolds | Olivia Reynolds | Traci Wright |
| Jim & Linda Woods | | |

The meeting was called to order. A card was passed around for everyone to sign and send to Dorcas Jenkins on the passing of Bob.

Barbara mentioned the upcoming shows: Glen Rose on March 24-25th, Red River Shootout in Chickasha with the Oklahoma Club on April 20-22 (double show with 4 judges each), and the Athens show on May 25-27 (Memorial Day Weekend) with the Central Texas club with a combined AMHA and AMHR show.

There was discussion about the RR Shootout moving to Chickasha, it was explained that the Oklahoma club found this facility to be less expensive and a much better facility. Also there were better hotels nearby. Also we had discussion around having 3 or 4 judges. With the AMHA hardship rules this year, our club determined having 3 judges was adequate and saved on expenses.

We talked about the Athens show move from Tyler. This facility in Athens is less expensive, it will include a warm-up arena for the driving horses, and there is LOTS of room for hooking up horses and getting through aisles. Parking is very close, camping is close to the stalls and is less expensive also. There are huge fans to keep us cooler. Traci Wright asked if there would be Driving Obstacle at the Athens A portion of the show. Frankie said there would be. We will look into renting a room there to have a luncheon for exhibitors.

Financials were handed out and Barbara went over the report. The club had a successful year with a profit of \$4000 after show expenses. We did have additional one-time expenses for our new jumps (\$1800), Donation to the Oklahoma member Tornado victims (\$250) and our donation of cash and hay to Safe Haven (\$1125). Even with that we still came away a little ahead. Plans for 2012 are to reduce show fees for our exhibitors and provide luncheons at the Glen Rose and Athens shows. Several members were pleased with how we did financially, especially since some clubs are barely able to stay in business and many lost money – some more than \$10,000.

1st door prize – halter went to Kay Rudel

2nd door prize – Horse shampoo and treats went to Lucy Kusluch

Michael Collings suggested trying to get more kids involved in shows, suggested sending a letter to schools inviting them to come to the shows and participate.

We asked if anyone would like to take the Club Cargo trailer to the shows this year. Daniel and Carla Crider had this responsibility for the last 3 years. Marvin Lazar offered to take it. For now it is at Sammy Rudel's farm. Sammy will take the trailer to Glen Rose, Marvin will pick it up and bring it to Athens.

3rd door prize – Halter went to Debra Glosser

Time to elect a Vice-President. Marvin Lazar nominated Susan Stuart. Darl, along with several members seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. All in Favor, none opposed. Susan Stuart was voted as Vice-President.

Marvin brought some magazines to pass around. Susan Stuart is on the cover of IN Magazine – Things We Love. There a great article of Susan and all the charity work she has done and promoting the miniature horse.

Bob Branch suggested that we increase the Youth Scholarship and give out more than one. Barbara said the club plans to increase the scholarship award and the number of recipients next year.

The Youth and Amateur high point awards were given out. Each received a monogrammed cooler.

4th door prize – Horse Shampoo and treats went to Linda Woods.

Youth Scholarship Award was given to Brooke Glosser

Jim Thompson Memorial Award was given to Anna Barnes

Gary Barnes suggested hosting a horse clinic. They could have it at their farm. Frankie will send out a note to members to get their interest and what they would like to work on. Gary and Lisa will work on putting together the date and schedule. Kristi Newman will donate a free horse massage for the most improved student of the day.

5th door prize – Stadium bag went to Lexi Rudel

6th door prize – Free stall at Glen Rose show went to Lisa Barnes

Barbara thanked everyone for coming. In closing Michael Collings made a suggestion that going down to 3 judges was ok, but he would like to see a minimum of 3 judges, not reducing to 2. Barbara said that is our plan to keep 3 judges at our shows. Frankie asked if there were any additional questions or comments, there were none, and adjourned the meeting.