

WAQHA Meeting, January 18, 2025

Members in attendance: Kendall Thyres-Sheriff, Jennifer Galbraith, Gwen Prince, Leah Grundman, Linda Henry, Shelly Tooley, Cassie Duggan, Tia Koehler as proxy for Macy Koehler, Linda Graves, Haley Graves

Officers for 2025:

President-Kendall Thyres-Sheriff

VP: Jennifer Galbraith

Secretary: Gwen Prince

Treasurer: Leah Grundman

Board members: Linda Henry, Cassie Duggan, Haley Graves

A thank you card and gift certificate was presented to Linda Henry for her years as being show treasurer for the Paper Valley festival. A huge thank you to Linda for the great job! The new show treasurer will be Sherri Albinger.

There was a lengthy discussion with Trish Schmahl regarding stalls and finances for the Paper Valley show. A decision to rent 100 stalls was made based on the addition of the PHBA classes to the show. Tia Koehler thought there would be approximately 40-50 stalls rented by PHBA members.

A few ideas were brought up regarding fundraisers, activities and food at the show. Trish will check on the availability of the food vendor they will be using at their show. If available, we would like them to provide food as the Paper Valley show. Kendall will check with the youth club to see what fundraisers and exhibitor party they plan to do. We will follow-up with ideas for Paper Valley once that is completed.

Gwen and Jennifer will make a list of jobs we are responsible to perform at the show. Tia mentioned the PHBA members are willing to help. This includes several jobs that need to be done once the show is completed.

WAQHA and PHBA members will provide food for the judges, stewards, gate person and announcer. Each club will provide food for 2 days. We will also provide snacks, coffee and beverages. Details to follow. We are doing this to save money from costs at the food stand.

We ask all members to reach out to trainers and ask them to purchase the shavings from the Paper Valley show rather than purchasing all of their shavings from the Lazy Days circuit. We would like to capture the profit from the shavings for our show.

All members are asked to solicit sponsorships for the show. If a sponsorship of \$200 or more is obtained, WAQHA will purchase a banner that will be displayed on the rail near the office. Please inform Gwen of any sponsorships that are obtained. Please reach out to trainers and businesses.

Meeting dates for 2025:

- February 11 at 6:00 pm at Willie Beamons, 2590 County Rd II, Neenah, WI 54956 (Tuesday)
- March 11 at 6:00 pm at Willie Beamons, 2590 County Rd II, Neenah, WI 54956 (Tuesday)
- April 17 at 6:00 pm at Willie Beamons, 2590 County Rd II, Neenah, WI 54956 (Thursday)
- May 6 at 6:00 pm at Willie Beamons, 2590 County Rd II, Neenah, WI 54956 (Tuesday)
- May 24th after the show (Lazy Days) (Saturday)
- August 30th after the show (State Show) (Saturday)
- October 9 6:00 pm at Willie Beamons, 2590 County Rd II, Neenah, WI 54956 (Thursday)

Respectfully submitted by Gwen Prince