

# **Maritime Barrel Racing Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 9, 2021

### **I. Call to order**

Chris MacLean called to order the General Meeting for Maritime Barrel Racing at 6:42 pm, on October 9, 2021 at the Hants County Exhibition Grounds, Windsor, NS.

### **II. Roll call**

Kaleigh Denton, 30 present at start of meeting, 15 - 20 arrived as the meeting progressed.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Kaleigh Denton read the minutes from the September, 2020 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Elaine MacLean and seconded by Tracy Higgins.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

Tommy Fraser reviewed the Treasure's Report:

Opening Balance: \$19,241.98

Closing Balance: \$22,370.49 (Expenses from this current show will be deducted)

Trust Account 3571.97 (Check for Windsor top 10 will be deposited when received)

Approved by Tracy Higgins

Seconded by Ed Grant

### **IV.) Old business**

- a) Discussion around the competition group A and group B. This formatting was only used first show, and then we were able to go back to the original formatting.
- b) We had to cancel Sussex for a second year in a row. This was due to the fact that members would have to quarantine for 14 days upon returning to Nova Scotia. We lost our deposit of \$250.00.
- c) There was no concern around regumate.
- d) There was discussion around volunteers and ring crew, and members felt it went well this year.
- e) Drug fees were not collected this year.

## V.) New Business

a). There was discussion around making members feel comfortable to volunteer for ring crew. People are hesitant to try if they do not have any experience and are uncertain of how to properly measure where the barrel or pole should be placed. We will encourage people to shadow the ring crew and make it a more approachable position. This will be announced so people feel welcomed and comfortable to volunteer throughout the day.

b). There was discussion about pony measuring. The old book where the official measurements have been recorded has gone missing.

Tracy Higgins made a motion “to find the book, if not successful start a new book to document the pony measurements”

Joan Grant amended the motion

“to find the book, if not successful start a new book to document the pony measurements. There will be a new set of rules created for measuring ponies to ensure consistency”

Seconded by Abe Higgins

Voted and passed

c.) Discussion around people not adhering to dress code. It is important to abide by the rules. We have photographers, and sponsorship at our shows and it’s important that we are following the dress code rules to keep a degree of professionalism. It would be beneficial to abide by the dress code. However, this has not been enforced. The western designed shirt exception is broad and could be more specific. People are wearing western logos, versus a western design. We will try to police it more, add this to the entry form, and remind people throughout the day at the shows.

Tim Parker made a motion “to reference the dress code rule on the entry form”

Seconded by Tracy Higgins

Voted and passed

d.) There was discussion around the dash rule. It is not being followed, and therefore it should be removed.

Joan made a motion to “remove the rule 1.22. In down and back, the barrel must be 110 feet from the start/finish line.”

Seconded by Mary Lou

Voted and passed

e.) There was discussion around the value of Ullis photos, that we all admire and love so much. Not only does he take beautiful pictures at our events, but he also helps out with ring crew. It was discussed that we should acknowledge his contributions to our club.

Chris MacLean made a motion

“to donate \$100 to the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Brookfield, Nova Scotia, and give him an honorary membership”.

Seconded by Tim Parker

Voted and Passed

f.) There was discussion around horses' behavior in the warmup ring. Some people are concerned that there are horses who kick, and the riders are not paying attention. If anyone has concerns at a jackpot they are encouraged to talk to a director.

g.) There is currently a time limit for horses to begin entering the ring. However, we do not have a rule about how long horses have to start their pattern. Discussion was held whether we need to include a rule about how long horses have to start their pattern. Exhibitions are a show, and the extensive time some riders take to start slows down the show and is dead time in the arena. However, members feel that it is up to the exhibition to create their own rule to police this at their show and we do not need rule to address this issue.

h.) Warm up ring etiquette was discussed. It is important to remind people that a warmup ring is there for people to warm up, and not socialize or stand.

i.) The drug policy was discussed. Some members feel that it is limiting one's ability to best support their horse. While it is good to have a drug policy and protect our image, we need to review, and discuss the necessity of the policy.

Kate Madsen made a motion “to eliminate the current drug policy, with exception of the part about parahiliaia”.

Elaine to add to the motion to be modified to “for one year, and then rediscussed next year”.

Voted and passed

j.) There was discussion around shows and regions. We have almost 200 members, and the eastern region represents a quarter of the membership. We typically have club jackpots in the other three regions of our province; however the eastern region is often left out of club jackpots.

Kaleigh Denton made a motion “to have one club sponsored show in Cape Breton to represent the eastern region”

Second by Tommy Fraser

Voted and passed

k.) Discussion around awards and banquet. It would be nice to acknowledge those who have been going to all the shows, especially the youth.

Tracy Higgins made a motion “to tabulate the youth, small fry and pony points and recognize them.”

Seconded by Lindsey Baker

Voted and passed

Nominations for Directors was held:

Elaine MacLean

Cindy Wamboldt

Tracy Higgins

Tommy Fraser

Cherie Parker

Abe Higgins

Danielle Pike

Kaleigh Denton

Jessie Taylor

**The following members declined the nomination:**

Tim Parker

Lindsey Baker

Christine Doane

Kevin Bateman

Judy Bateman

**2021 Board of Directors:**

Elaine MacLean

Cindy Wamboldt

Tracy Higgins

Tommy Fraser

Cherie Parker

Abe Higgins

Danielle Pike

Kaleigh Denton

Jessie Taylor

Chris MacLean

**VI.Adjournment**

Kaleigh Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Tracey Higgins

Minutes submitted by Kaleigh Denton

Approved by Chris MacLean