

Northumberland County Riders
2023 Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 6 April 2024, 6p.m.
Cobourg Yacht Club, 100 Hibernia Street, Cobourg ON

MINUTES

Present: NCR Executive, Members and Guests

1. Call to Order: 6:20 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda as amended - Moved by: Marj May
Seconded by: Brenda Casteels- CARRIED
3. President's Message: Anna Turnbull welcomed members and guests, thanked the past executive and club members, outlined the order of the evening's proceedings and communicated the goal for 2024 to expand the executive, increase membership and engage members to help at shows. Anna also emphasized the need to increase sponsorships and donations to the club.

ACTION: Two sign up sheets listing jobs that need volunteer support were circulated among the attendees.

ACTION: The 2024 Treasurer will provide a Sponsorship Appeal Letter and Form to the 2024 Secretary to post on the Club's Facebook Page and the new website for members to access

4. Treasurer's Report - Anna presented a financial report on behalf of treasurer, Marj May. The report shows the club ended the 2023 season with a deficit of \$1,364.42. The deficit underscores the need to increase membership, sponsors and donors.
5. Elections
 - President - Anna Turnbull, 1st - Marj May, 2nd - Sam Austin, ACCLAIMED

- Vice President - Marj May, 1st - Brenda Casteel, 2nd - Sam Austin ACCLAIMED
- Treasurer - Helen Turnbull, 1st - Erin Immel, 2nd- Sam Austin, ACCLAIMED
- Secretary - Kaitlin Lewington, 1st - Mel Dale, 2nd- Crystal Filip, ACCLAIMED
- Western Pleasure Director - Mel Dale, 1st - Anna Turnbull, 2nd Kaitlin Lewington, ACCLAIMED
- English Pleasure Director - Brenda Casteels 1st - Anna Turnbull, 2nd- Helen Turnbull, ACCLAIMED

6. New Business

- a. Sponsors - Anna emphasized the need for sponsors to offset the costs incurred by the club including awards, judges, AGM and Banquet, equipment and services at shows. Anna acknowledged the initiative already taken this year to secure sponsors and donors including: Pleasant Ridge Saddlery (8 gift cards at \$25), Apple Saddlery (4 gift totes), Green Hawk (3 gift totes), Just in Time Sanitation (Port-a-Potties for 4 shows), The Hitch N Post (3 gift totes), Picov's Tack Shop (16 gift cards at \$25 each), Katrina Jeschke (a number of items including a picture frame, jewelry, horsehead light, and plaque), Kelly's Excavating (\$250), Arclight Customs (\$250), TimberTrail Western Riders (will promote NCR at all their shows this season), Peter and Josh Blakely (four wheeler and driver).
- b. Volunteers - Kaitlin Lewington went over the jobs listed on the signup sheet and encouraged members to make themselves available on show dates.
- c. Fee Structure changes 2024 - Anna presented the fee structure changes in an effort not to deter registrations but at the same time to reflect the financial needs of the club. Fees: \$150 includes membership and unlimited entries at 4 shows. \$75 is one day unlimited entries but not a member. \$30 to be a member. \$30 for one day up to 3 entries. The rate for a family of riders is \$150 per parent and \$60 per child.

- d. Class list changes - A fulsome discussion was had with membership participation. A consensus was reached. There will be 34 classes in 2024 up from 31 the previous year. To accommodate the additional classes the majority of members voted **to change the start time for shows from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

It is recognized that class lists need to be posted with the registration form on the new website promptly to allow riders to register prior to the 12 May show.

ACTION: Revised class lists will be sent to Kaitin to be added to the new website. Kaitlin will also highlight the new start time for shows.

- e. Constitution: Anna spoke to the new NCR Constitution. She informed the attendees that the rules for both Western and English riders are provided in Article XVIII General Rules and apply to all NCR shows.

ACTION: The constitution will be posted on the website and presented at the 2024 AGM for ratification

- f. Kaitlin Lewington spoke to the website she created for NCR which will allow for online registration and payment. It will be separate from the Facebook page. It will provide access to the constitution and class lists and while riders are encouraged to allow any photos to be posted on the club's Facebook page there will be a waiver which will allow a rider to refuse permission to post their photo.

- 7. Motions: To receive the financial report as presented. 1st Amber Willdig, 2nd Rachel Filip - CARRIED

- 8. Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.