

Central Maine Team Penning Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4, 2009 - Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officers Present: Lynn Boynton, President, Garrett Lambert, Vice President,
Dawn McNutt, Secretary

Directors Present: Linda Bailey, Cindi Briggs, Al Golick, Melinda Ripa, Janette Ross, Andi Thayer

I. Treasurer's Report

Lynn presented the Treasurer's Report. The checkbook currently has a balance of \$3,951.49. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the board.

II. Secretary's Report

Members received the minutes via e-mail. The secretary's report was accepted by the board.

III. President's Report

The Bangor Fair has expressed an interest in holding a ranch sorting event on August 8th. The fair has lost the draft horse events and the demolition derby, so they are looking for agricultural exhibits. They would pay for cattle rental, trucking expenses, panel rental and added money. Andi and Lynn are putting together a proposal.

The timer clock is fixed.

Raz and his cattle are ready for the 2009 season.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Membership Committee

Cindi has sent welcome packets out to all the people who left their contact information during the Horseman's Conference. She has gotten some responses and hopefully some new riders.

B. Sponsorship Committee

We have received \$1100 this month, \$1500 year-to-date. We need to get a new banner for MacKenzie Power Equipment because of a spelling error. Sheila Leavitt volunteered to approach a Coca-Cola distributor for a sponsorship. We could offer to only sell their products in the café.

C. Fair Committee

Garrett has contacted the Skowhegan Fair about a set-up time. We can start Friday afternoon. Our trailers must stay down back until after the draft horse show is over, late Friday night. Janette thought that the fair would be setting up the panels for us. Garrett will check on this.

Garrett has also spoken to Rupert Pratt from the Farmington Fair. We can start getting set up Saturday afternoon. They are giving us \$1800 this year. \$1600 will be paid to Raz for trucking.

Cindi has spoken with Lincoln Orff from the Windsor Fair. They are thrilled that we are coming back. We can get in Thursday evening and we will ask them to make sure that someone is there to direct us to our parking/camping area. We will ask them for permission to rope off a designated area for penners. Someone will till the arena prior to the penning this year. Garrett will check back with Lincoln prior to the event, confirming the details with him.

Andy Leavitt is building a portable stand for the timer clock.

Al is going to contact the Rochester Fair...

Janette asked about fair awards. Lynn suggested we contact local tack shops for donations of tack to use as prizes.

Cindi made a motion to award a prize for the fastest time of the day at the fairs, instead of giving awards to the first place teams. Al amended this motion. We will award ribbons to the 1st place teams in each class and award coolers to the team with the fastest time of the day. Garrett will check with the fairs about providing the ribbons. The board decided on a cost limit of \$150 for the coolers. Linda will order them. Andi seconded this motion. It passed.

V. Old Business

A. CD

Andi nominated Lynn to do the speaking on the informational CD to be played at our events. Sheila & Cindi are putting together music to play during the warm-up time and also the national anthems.

B. Online Registration

Dawn is working on making registration available on the website. One spokesperson would sign up the team. Pat will assign an 'order of go' number to the team. Registration would not be accepted after noon on the Wednesday prior to the event. Payment would still be made at the end of the day for each event, with winnings subtracted.

C. Dedication

Pam has put together a write-up about Bruce for the Program Book. Cindy Bickford has also provided some information, which Garrett will get to us via e-mail. Dawn will choose photos to use.

D. Merchandising

Janette is working on a bumper sticker design. Lynn asked if we could get decals instead. We will hold off on t-shirts and focus on hats & decals. Andy asked about making the decals trailer sized. Andi told us that the barrel racers use these as awards. Janette will research it for us and report back with prices. Linda reported that silk-screened t-shirts are \$9.50 each for a single color; \$2.25 more per color. They require a 24 shirt minimum order. Linda suggested taking pre-orders for tees and then placing an order when we have 24. The board asked her to order 20 hats now, using the old logo. (10 in dark blue and 10 in pink.)

E. Rule Changes

Janette made a motion that all 3 team members need to be in the arena when disputing a call made during their run. Melinda seconded and the motion passed.

F. Job Descriptions

The board reviewed the descriptions that have been compiled for the judges, timekeeper, announcer and rider representative. There will be a meeting with all of these people prior to the season starting, so that they are all on the same page and clearly understand what is expected of them.

Al made a motion that the description of the Riders' Representative's responsibilities be printed in the Program Book. Garrett seconded. The board approved.

VI. New Business

A. Work Day

We are planning a work day at the arena in Leeds on May 2nd, starting at 9 a.m. (No rain-date) Andi will bring a PA system and speakers. Dawn will send a message to the club members. We will work on a shade stand for the line judge, install new flooring for the pen judge's stand and also a roof for it. Cindi suggested that Greg would do the construction in exchange for a banner. Tom will help him. We will also need to clean the banners and hang them. Everyone should bring gloves, rakes, utility knives, tools and cleaning materials. We would like to approach Raz about building a semi-permanent stall area – panels or wooden stalls with a fabric roof for shade. If installed beyond the arena, riders could possibly stand in the shade between runs. Melinda suggested that we could build a structure and members could build their own stalls inside. Tom can get a cover from a building that is being replaced, but he needs help to do it. He's looking for volunteers.

B. Bangor Fair

Andi explained the proposal that she is putting together to present to the Bangor Fair. \$1040 for cattle rental (52 head), \$1600 for trucking, they would pay for panel rental, \$2500 added money. Raz will get 50% from entry fees. This could be a fund raiser for the club. We would add a youth/rookie class because there are many 4-H riders that will already be there for the fair and they would love to try sorting. This event would get us into another area of Maine. There are riders down-east that would love to compete in Bangor. This event will attract a lot of media, which is good, except for the fact that it is a city fair and they don't have the draft and oxen events any longer because of PETA involvement. We are waiting on final approval from the fair.

C. Show Managers

Farmington Fair – Paul Ripa & Garrett Lambert

Windsor Fair – Linda Bailey

Bangor Fair – Andi Thayer

Lynn will contact other potential show managers...

C. Larry Kuyper Clinic

At this point we have riders a wide range of abilities signed up – very beginner to advanced. Hard to hold a clinic where everyone will feel like they've learned something. We discussed the possibility of holding it at Leeds during the summer. Janette will ask Larry about this. The board voted to cancel the clinic in April.

D. Tough Enough to Wear Pink Buckle Run

Cindi is organizing a fund-raising class to be held during our August 1st & 2nd event at Leeds. She is looking for sponsors and donors. She is hoping that Killin' Time will play for us Saturday night – Andi said they would be able to play, as far as she knew. The club will be purchasing t-shirts, which the riders can buy and wear during the event and the profits will go to breast cancer awareness. There was some concern amongst the board members because our dress code calls for Western shirts. Garrett made a motion, which Linda seconded, and the board approved, to allow Cindi to continue to putting together this event.

E. Next Board Meeting

Our next Board of Directors' meeting will be held after the work day on May 2, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn McNutt, Secretary