



155 Fixler Rd.  
Wadsworth, OH 44281

February 13, 2024

**In attendance**

Bonnie Gallegos

Paul Opdyke

Silvia Silva-Gomez

Eddie Gandy

Mike Powers

Lucho Dapelo

Becky Oley

Juvy Pina – Absence

**Minutes:** there were no changes to the January minutes. Mike made a motion to accept them, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucho, motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Bonnie presented the P&L along with the bank balances: checking \$26,523.36 & savings \$116,140.55. Eddie made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silvia, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Advisory Council:** Eddie reported that the committee is still looking for a candidate somewhere in the eastern part of the United States to participate. It was determined that Mike Powers will be the liaison for BOD.

**Website:** Paul has been working with Janna Loeffler on the major reworking of the website. The membership website survey showed multiple needs that have not been addressed for several years. Janna will be lead project manager of Kelly Powers and Natalie Braverman. The work is to be completed in phases and closely

managed with frequent updates and feedback opportunities to be sure the work is done to the BOD's and member expectations. The initial cost estimate \$2,000 and will be billed as the work is completed. The project was approved.

**Gold Rush Show:** The Gold Rush Show committee is asking for a ONE-TIME exception (2014 show only). Requesting to allow adults to use bumper spurs in the AOTR classes as well as Amateur Performance classes. Mike made the motion to grant exception, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edie. Motion passed.

**National Show:** Nick Breaux & Athena Averette have been working on the class list among other things. They are trying to expand the Amateur classes so there will be more participation with level 1 & level 2. They are also adding Novice classes. After much discussion it was decided that Bonnie will be giving Nick & Athena a call to discuss a few minor tweaks. BOD would like to see the 1) recommendation of description of qualifications between level 1 & 2, 2) no combination of horse genders in the champion of champions classes 3) no age split of horses for each class and 4) BOD would also like to propose a name change for the major sponsor of the show – suggestions were Platinum or Diamond.

**2025 National Show:** Kerry McGinley has taken the lead to find another location/facility for the national show in 2025. She will be reporting her findings to Paul and the BOD. As of now she is in the discovery stage.

**DSLID:** Dr. Sabrina Brown (lead on DSLID) from the University of Wisconsin offered to do a brief and informative discussion with the BOD to share updates on their research findings. A time will be set up in the near future.

**Meeting adjourned:** motion made by Edie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie, motion passed.

