

NOVAWE BOARD MEETING –Oct 14, 2024

Meeting by Google Meet Conference Call

Board of Directors

Present: Biddie Lowry, Laura Guillaudeu, Mills Smith, Nancy Wilochka, Stephanie Jennings

Excused Absence: Chelsea Tinsley

Oct 14, 2024 / 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at: **7:30 pm**

Old Business

1. Bylaws Revision Update – **first meeting scheduled for October 22, 2024 with Biddie, Laura, and Mills.**
2. Frying Pan Farm Park has let us know that we are 2nd in line with the April 26-27 weekend if WEE cancels. **Board decided that we did not want that weekend since we are having a clinic 3 weeks prior to that.**
3. Jot Form subscription cancelled as yearly charge is \$234.

New Business

I. President Report – Biddie-

1. **Emailed received from Barbara Price, Chair of International Committee (IC) about the possibility of adding on a Train to Win Clinic before a licensed show in March, if we had one scheduled. Biddie responded to her that we only have a clinic in April 2024 right now. Biddie will email her again and let her know that if the IC wants to do a Train to Win Clinic at Frying Pan that we would be happy to let them use our obstacles and help them find volunteers from our membership. Stephanie said that she could recommend two ranches that have cattle if they wanted to include a visit to a ranch as part of the Train to Win Clinic.**

II. Membership Report –Laura

1. Member count: **52**
2. Preparation for new membership year –**Laura will update the Google Membership Form and send out a notice of renewal via Mail Chimp to members in November. Benefits of membership: clinics, early registration for our events, schooling show, licensed show, Course Practice Day**

III. Treasurer Report – Biddie

1. Insurance will be renewed this month. **Biddie received the new insurance documents but hasn't received a bill for the renewal. She will contact the insurance company and pay that bill.**
2. Financial Summary for October: There was no financial activity in September. All checks have cleared.
 - a. Total Cash on hand as of 10/9/24: \$12,208.91.

IV. Events Report –

1. April 5-6, 2025 – 2-day clinic with Kim Hillyer. Discussion resulted in the Board wanting to offer flatwork on day 1 and offer a guided course walk and obstacle practice on day 2. Biddie will organize the clinic.
2. September 20-21, 2025 – venue on hold for NOVAVE. Board decided that we would like to host a licensed show this weekend. Stephanie Jennings will not be available to help that weekend. Biddie volunteered to be the Show Manager and the Board will advertise for the position of Show Secretary. Biddie will go ahead and fill out the application to use Frying Pan Park for the Licensed Show and start the Show Manager duties.
3. What else in 2025? Board would like to offer two more clinics and a schooling show. Mills and Stephanie said that they will be the clinicians and will meet and come up with a date in May and a date in June for WE Clinics. Stephanie said that she could hold her clinic at her farm and Mills suggested using James Long Park for her clinic if we can get a reserved date.
4. A schooling show date has not been determined.

V. Anything else? no

Meeting adjourned at: 7:51 pm

Minutes submitted by Biddie Lowry, Acting Secretary for this meeting.