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### Only One to Go

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Can you believe that there is only one more show weekend left in the show season? By the time you get this, the Northern District Fair show will have come and gone and we will only have the second leg of the Cherry Blossom Series August 22 and 23 in Traverse City.

We have been blessed with good weather and a fun, safe show season. You all should be proud of the progress each of you have made with your horses. Try and make the most of the last show and enjoy the company of your fellow show buddies.

As the end of the show season draws near, our thoughts are

starting to turn toward next year and all the things that will occur to wrap up this one. Included with this newsletter, our forms for nominations to the NMAWHC board and also rule proposal changes for the By-Laws. Please take some time and consider how you can help the club by running for a board seat or nominating someone who you feel could help out.

Everyone is qualified!

The board needs your new energy and willingness to help to do some of the leg work involved in keeping the club running smoothly.

As mom always used to say... "Many hands makes light work!" We are all volunteers

and without your help, the club struggles to continue.

There are several seats and officer positions that you are qualified to support, so please consider helping volunteering your name for the ballot for any position! There's nothing wrong with on the job training and past board members are behind you to support you!

The second set of points for this season are included with this newsletter and are available on our [www.nmawhc.com](http://www.nmawhc.com) site. If you have questions or concerns about them, you should contact Michelle Henderson at (231) 855-5505.

Until next time,  
Enjoy the ride...

### Presidents Message

It's hard to believe August is already here. I keep waiting for summer to arrive. We have certainly been blessed with outstanding weather for show our horses. Let's keep it coming for a little while longer while we finish out our NMAWHC show season.

Once again I'd like to thank everyone for all they did to make the Anna Bay's Memorial Show a huge success. We couldn't do it without you. I would love to hear from you with your suggestions for next year. I've talked to many of you who were at the shows, and I'd like to get all the information together so the board and I can get to work on the things you feel we can do better next time. We have all noticed the hard times in our area. Participation has been down at all the

shows: this is an area we will be focusing on as we plan for next summer.

Speaking of planning, we are already beginning to work on the early stages of planning for the Tack Sale. We have asked for input from our membership and so far have received none. This is a huge undertaking, and if there is no support for the sale, it may not happen. All feedback can be sent to Deb Cochran, she has graciously agreed to be our general contact and she is great about getting the information to us quickly.

August is also planning time for Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (high school Eq teams). If you are not aware of what that is all about, check the website at [www.MIHA.ORG](http://www.MIHA.ORG) or contact me. I'm the District 18 Chair representing the greater Grand Traverse area. Teams are

Forming now. We begin our meets in September in Traverse City and in October in Ludington and Midland. Once our summer season is finished, we start all over again!

The Northwestern Michigan Fair was also held in August. .

Have a fun out there and keep in touch!

**Kris Deisler**

This presidents message was written August 3, sorry for the delay in getting it to our members-Tammy

# Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2009

Cedar Run Eye Center, Traverse City, MI

**Meeting Convened:** 6:37

**Previous Minutes:** Not available due to absence, motion by Sandy to table until the August meeting, second by Jennifer, motion approved. Kris will follow up and locate June Minutes.

**Treasury:** Presented by Ginny, Mike motioned to approve, Sandy seconds, Motion approved

**Present:** Jennifer, Mike, Ginny, Kris, Sandy, Deb T, and guest Jessica Tate

**Absent:** Goldie, Deb C, Danielle, Rose and Shelly

## **Committee Reports:**

Anna Bays committee met prior to the full board meeting, things are coming along nicely for our second weekend. Ginny requested copies of the judges contracts to prepare checks; she also asked if someone else could arrange for judges lunches, Mike graciously volunteered. We are still trying to resolve the unfilled positions of Medical Staff for the July event. A spirited roundtable discussion was followed by a brainstorming session; the result was for everyone to try and contact any medical staff they knew that may be willingly to help with this task.

Tack Sale: No response has been received as of yet to indicate club support for the 2010 Tack Sale. Jennifer indicated that her busy winter schedule will require much more assistance if she volunteers to head up the tack Sale again. This topic will be brought back for action at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Logistics seem to be getting worked out between publishing, website and distribution. Deadline for the July newsletter is July 10, with points through the end of June to be included.

Points: It was discussed and decided to invest in a printer for our new computer. Michelle and Deb C have taken on this task and completed it for only \$75. Thanks to Shelly and Ginny for their support in the purchase! It is a great addition to our technology system.

Old business: Kris met with representatives from Franks Poker Palace to inquire about fundraising efforts. They were receptive but told him there was a 2 year waiting list for Non Profits interested in working with them. No follow up required.

Mike motions to adjourn at 7:10 seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Deisler

# We Need You!!

**Ribbons Still Available**

## Ballots In Up Coming Issue

Forms for nomination to the Board and Officers of NMAWHC are included with this newsletter. Also included are the By-law rule proposal changes from. Both deserve your careful consideration. If you or anyone you know wants to be involved with this great local equestrian club, please make sure to name them and send in your nomination form. Also, think back to the show season and consider if there are any rule changes we could make to be more efficient and effective. That form also should be filled out and returned in a timely manner. Remember that the club is composed of volunteers and your help and input is needed!

In the coming months newsletter will be forms for the member voted part of our year award banquet. As we conclude this show season, think back and keep in mind those who you feel deserve to be voted for in the Sportsmanship category for each age division as well as Member of The Year and Show Of The Year.

There will also be ballots for board and officer positions as well as the By-Law proposal changes. Both of these need to be carefully reviewed and you need to make your vote counts by returning your ballots in the allotted time. These are just a few of the privileges of being a member of NMAWHC. Take advantage of it!

NMAWHC and NMOF still have ribbons to donate to a worthy cause. These are new ribbons that have not been handed out and they need a home. If you know someone or an organization that could put them to good use, please contact Ginny Diesler at (231) 941-7278 or (231) 642-7621 or Tamra Schill at (231) 263-7011 or email [ttthorses@aol.com](mailto:ttthorses@aol.com).

There may be a 4-h riding program or disabled or handicap group that could put these ribbons to use. Or maybe you know someone that quilts and could use them. We are open to any use and do not want to throw them away.

Give use a call!

## NMAWHC Calendar Of Events

**Board Meetings;** All the meetings will be held at 6:30 pm at the Cedar Run Eye Center in Traverse City on the first Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted on the [www.nmawhc.com](http://www.nmawhc.com) website. Please watch the website for changes prior to each meeting. The next meeting will be on Sept 2. Please join us. Your support and presence is welcome.

**Show Dates;** NMAWHC approved

Watch this area for 2010 shows!

### **Other Events:**

MIHA shows: NW MI Fairgrounds, TC  
Sept 12, Sept 19 and Sept 26

Trailing for Triumph—Weekend of September 19—Breast Cancer Support and Fundraising party open to the public... please attend! ... see <http://www.trailingfortriumph.org/> or contact [debcochran@hotmail.com](mailto:debcochran@hotmail.com) for more information. We'd love to have you attend, offer a door prize, offer a silent auction gift, or ride—"Horses for Hooters" Ladies! It all makes sense!

Michigan Quarter Horse Breeder Futurity:  
MSU Pavillion, East Lansing, Sept 17-20

Northern Michigan Paint Horse Club Show  
and Sweepstake Sept 12-13

Mason County Saddle Club show , Ludington, Sept 12

*Have an event you want listed? Email me at [NMAWHCnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:NMAWHCnewsletter@aol.com) and I'll get it on the list!*

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Your contributions are always welcome!

If you have an article, personal news or  
any things you wish to share with the  
rest of us, please contact Tammy at  
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## NMAWHC Survey

Please take a moment to complete this survey in order that we can better serve our membership. Please send completed survey to Kris Deisler, 4353 N Long Lake Road Traverse City, MI 49684. Thank you for taking the time to help us.

Are you currently a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you actively show horses \_\_\_\_\_

How many shows do you usually attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer

1 day \_\_\_\_\_

2 day \_\_\_\_\_

single judged \_\_\_\_\_

double judges \_\_\_\_\_

How important are the following items as they relate to your choice to attend an event (please rate 1 to 5 with 5 being the most important)?

camping facilities \_\_\_\_\_

footing in the arena \_\_\_\_\_

judges \_\_\_\_\_

location \_\_\_\_\_

ribbon quality \_\_\_\_\_

stall facilities \_\_\_\_\_

show high point awards \_\_\_\_\_

year End High point competition \_\_\_\_\_

Year end award \_\_\_\_\_

Which horse show venue is your personal favorite?

Big Rapids

Cadillac

Gaylord

Kalkaska

Traverse City Fairgrounds

Traverse City Horse Shows By The Bay

Windsonnet

Other \_\_\_\_\_

What specific recommendations do you feel would make NMAWHC shows better in the future?

Do you have an interest in a leadership position within NMAWHC?

### Year End Points

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The points are current through the end of Aug 2009. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Michelle Henderson at (231) 855-5505.



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