

## **NWHCA Spring 2010 Board Meeting May 22, 2010, Maple K Farms, Colfax, WA**

### **Call to Order**

President Tom Newton called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

The Winter Teleconference minutes were approved as written.

Tom expressed the feelings of everyone on the board on how well the spring meeting was going. The Kammerzells have had things so well organized, and the speakers for the day (Naomi and Sue on halter training and showing, and Tom on cattle handling equipment) absolutely captivated the attention of everyone in attendance.

**2011 Spring Meeting** – Lisa Jennings may be able to host the meeting, but she is concerned about the possible cost. The board discussed the possibility of getting sponsors to help with financial assistance or with products in exchange for advertising at the meeting or in The Fold or on the NWHCA website. Tom stressed that the NWHCA budget cannot stand an increase of the \$800 that is set aside for the spring meeting, but that he would sign a letter that could be used to solicit sponsors. It was also mentioned that while we are a non-profit corporation, we are not a 501c3, and therefore sponsors could not deduct contributions from their taxes.

**Future spring meetings** – Robin Wolfe agreed to host the 2012 Spring Meeting, and Tom and Deanna Newton will host in 2013.

### **Elections**

The following officers were elected, terms will be one year until the Spring 2011 meeting:

President	Tom Newton
Vice President	Naomi Ewing
Secretary/Treasurer	Sharon Howard

**Regional Show** -- the regional show will be held at the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup.

**Stipends** -- the board discussed the possibility of providing a stipend to The Fold editor. It was further suggested that the AHCA rep has to pay a large amount out of pocket to travel to AHCA meetings, and perhaps we should consider a stipend for that person as well.

Following was a discussion about whether we actually need another AHCA rep, and the decision was no, we don't. Naomi Ewing is on the AHCA show committee and reports back. There will possibly be an NWHCA member on the next AHCA board. And frankly, we don't get much support from AHCA anyway. So, unless an eager volunteer steps forward, we will not nominate another AHCA representative from NWHCA.

But back to paying The Fold editor. Great idea, but nothing in the current budget to accomplish that. If we did pay, we'd have to raise membership dues.

Cheryl volunteered to put together a proposal together for seeking sponsorship for ads for the website and The Fold.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.