

**Northern Saddle Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Barbara’s office “Accounting on Broadway”**

Present: Barbara Erni, Downie Phillips, Kim Gruis, Geri Brown, Clare Hobson, Erin Rowsell, Allie Glavina, Anika Gattiker

Called to order: 7.00pm

- 1) Additions to Agenda: 7.4.: Show Season summary M/S Kim/Erin, AIF
- 2) Approval of previous minutes: M/S Allie/Kim AIF
- 3) Correspondence: invoices from BC Hydro and Smithers Feed Store
- 4) Treasurer’s Report: presented, reviewed and filed
- 5) Events:
  - a) Glenn Stewart: May 1-5, 2025 (already previously approved)
  - b) Schooling Shows: tentative dates discussed
- 6) Reports: Membership 140, Facebook 891
- 7) Ongoing business:
  - a) Gina will step down as event director
  - b) Barbara will step down as president, will stay as director
  - c) Gail will step down as barns director
  - d) Anika motioned to change number of directors from 9 directors to 5 directors. Clare seconded motion. Tabled.
  - e) Show season summary: **see attached summary** prepared by Allie. The 3 shows made a profit of around \$2,106.88 **\*\*show expenses were ~ 50% subsidized by sponsorship**
- 8) New Business:
  - a) Roof Repair Indoor Arena: Gail is on it. Maybe Stewart Roofing? 250 877 0919
  - b) Invoice for NSC Server upgrade: Clare paid \$375.11 for the upgrade. This amount is for 3 years. Shouldn’t require another upgrade then, should be good for a while. Erin motioned to reimburse Clare for the amount paid, Geri seconded, AIF
  - c) Erin motions to have her son fix the jump trailer, labour is free, material (treated lumber) is \$946.83. Downie seconded it, AIF.
  - d) Dressage ring: Erin motions to buy a 20x60 plastic dressage ring to set up. It can be taken apart and stored in the dressage show office. \$1,452.76. Downie seconded the motion, tabled to next meeting as amount combined with previous expenditure is over \$2,000 limit per meeting.

- e) Ribbon order: Allie will figure out how many ribbons need to be ordered for next year and present amount at the next meeting. Maybe we could ask members to recycle their old but still new looking ribbons?
- f) New Facebook Admin: Kim will take over from Gina

Meeting adjourned: 7.56pm

Next meeting: Nov. 6, 2024 at 7pm, Barb's office

## 2024 Northern Saddle Club Show Series

### Year in Review

#### Mission Statement:

This show series aims to bring the equestrian community together, foster the partnership between horse and rider, promote the skill development of riders in Northern BC, and prepare competitors for recognized shows in the rest of the province (and beyond!) if that is their ambition!

#### Events:

- Babine Animal Hospital Spring Classic (May 18/19)
- Smithers Feedstore Summer Classic (August 3/4)
- Happy Pony and Pup Co. & Four Winds Saddle Services Series Finale (September 20/21/22)
- Year-end Awards (virtual – online)

#### Goals:

<p><b>Knowledgeable feedback for riders</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were able to provide high quality judging throughout the season for all disciplines:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Western: Nicole Klassen, Dahrl Paley</li> <li>○ Dressage: Burgi Rommel (HCBC), Cat Armitage (EC), Stephanie Schake (GP rider/trainer)</li> <li>○ Hunter/Jumper: Katy Ostburg (EC), Cat Armitage (HCBC), Pamela Schroff (Pony Club A level)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We were able to pay for experienced course design (previously a volunteer role) @ \$200/day             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jane Lloyd-Smith, Leah Germain</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We were able to cover travel (airfare/ mileage), accommodation, and food expenses for out-of-town officials from Langley, Lone Butte, Prince George</li> </ul>
---	---

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were able to sanction 2 of the three shows with HCBC, and provided opportunity for Summer Games qualification</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recognition of Accomplishments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency in placings – placings announced for western/gymkhana/hunter/jumper/flat at all shows. Dressage placings/scores posted for all shows.</li> <li>• Division Champions/Reserve Champions announced at all shows, and posted in our Facebook event page</li> <li>• Continuously updated season point standings after all shows, posted on NSC Facebook/event pages</li> <li>• Ribbons at all shows, and high-quality prizes for Champions/Reserve Champions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participation prizes for lead line riders</li> <li>○ Prizes for Intro to Hunter riders (no year-end awards)</li> <li>○ Sportsmanship Awards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Year-end awards for Division Champions/Reserve Champions and overall highpoints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Virtual year-end awards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Accessible to riders of many levels</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided competition in Western Performance, Dressage (Eng. &amp; West.), Hunter, Jumper, English Flat, and gymkhana in various combinations throughout the season.</li> <li>• Provided a wide range of classes at all levels (lead-line and walk/trot to high level performance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ex. Fall show had ~100 classes in program, plus gymkhana!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We were able to keep class/division entry costs reasonable (\$15 for most classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Division format for Western further reduced price per class and encouraged participation</li> <li>○ \$15 for Introductory Dressage (\$20 for higher levels)</li> <li>○ FREE lead line classes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Made continuous improvement to program/scheduling in order to eliminate ring/coaching conflicts - riders could feel organized, supported, and have opportunity to try a variety of disciplines</li> </ul>

**Participation:**

<b>Number of Horse/Rider Combinations</b>				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Gymkhana</b>
<b>Spring</b>	42	10	32	
<b>Summer</b>	29		29	
<b>Fall</b>	40	10	23	7

<b>Number of Class Entries</b>						
	<b>Western</b>	<b>Dressage</b>	<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Jumper</b>	<b>Flat</b>	<b>Gymkhana</b>
<b>Spring</b>	32	53	52	37	11	
<b>Summer</b>		41	54	52	19	
<b>Fall</b>	46	48	46	34	9	35

Comments:

- Western participation largely walk/jog – some Senior riders loped, no Juniors loped
- Most of the season 2'3"/2'6" hunter/jumpers were very popular, Fall show shifted heavily to lower levels. Almost no participation at 2'9", no participation at 3'0", 3'3", 3'6"
- English Dressage saw all levels from intro to Intermediate 2 (except for 4<sup>th</sup> level), and Western Dressage from Intro through 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 3 combinations ride freestyles.
  - Participation at higher levels increased at fall 2-day dressage format
    - We had 6 horse/rider combinations at 2<sup>nd</sup> level + over the season!
- Flat classes almost exclusively Junior riders