

OPEA General Meeting Minutes from 12-14-25

President Sandy Bendele called the meeting to order after the potluck lunch.

Those present: Sam & Anita Westfall, Lynn & Floyd Branson, Libby Crandell, Marilyn Dunahay, Robert Meyers, Darrel Bilke, Trisha Armstrong, Terri Penick, Cory & Craig Roehrs, Sandy & Mike Bendele.

Last year's minutes were on the Web Site. Sam Westfall made a motion to approve, and Lynn Branson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee minutes:

GFTG report: Marilyn Dunahay reported that the GFTG show during the Color Breed show did very well. Our numbers increased. There were 82 horses shown in Futurity, which was up 25 horses from last year. There were 185 entries – up 75 from last year.

The GFTG classes had an additional bonus money of \$5000 in sponsorship & OPEA paid \$200 per class to the highest palomino that placed in a class. It is felt that it will continue to grow.

We need to continue to increase our sponsors.

Libby Crandell reported that GFTG paid out \$93,506.36 in the Futurity classes along with OPEA's bonus payout of \$3000.00. The Stallion owner received 10% = \$7,622.19.

Floyd Branson said he had blue drapes to donate to the GFTG booth.

Darrel Bilke advised GFTG wait for the dispersal of funds in the future in case a horse does not pass a drug test. He also reminded us that the Color Breed show follows Pinto show rules.

OPEA Treasury report – Libby Crandell presented the OPEA finance report. Sam Westfall made a motion to approve the report, and Lynn Branson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Sam Westfall made a motion to repeat OPEA's sponsorship for 3 classes at the PHBA World Show next year. Seconded by Anita Westfall and motion carried.

Sam Westfall made a motion to repeat OPEA's \$5000 sponsorship to GFTG Futurity for next year. Seconded by Anita Westfall and motion carried.

Anita Westfall made a motion to repeat the \$200 OPEA bonus money sponsorship to the highest place palomino in any of the GFTG Futurity classes. Floyd Branson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Libby Crandell made a motion to increase the GFTG Sponsorship from \$5000 to \$7500 next year. Cory Roehrs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cory Roehrs discussed that Amberly Phelps from Missouri wanted to see if OPEA would be willing to do a show with them. It was agreed and asked that she follow through with the

discussion with them and present the particulars to the Show committee of which she has now been added to that group.

Libby Crandell made a motion to move the OPEA account from Wells Fargo to Edward Jones. She felt they were a better fit for the benefits of our money. It was seconded by Floyd Branson. Motion carried.

President Sandy Bendele presented the slate of officers.

Nominations for:

Open:

President: Sandy Bendele
Pres. Elect: Anita Westfall
VP Show Chair: Sam Westfall, Sandy Bendele,
Mike Bendele, add Cory Roehrs
VP Treasurer: Libby Crandell
VP Secretary: Sandy Bendele
VP Finance/Class Sponsor: Marilyn Dunahay
& Lynn Branson
GFTG Show Chair: Marilyn Dunahay,
Committee: Libby Crandell, Robert Meyers,
Anita Westfall
Website: Sandy Bendele
Youth Leader: Replace Heather Kubik with Cory Roehrs
Awards: Robert Meyers
Past President: Sam Westfall

Amateur:

President: Lynn Branson
Pres. Elect: Sandy Bendele
1st VP: Kathryn Roehrs Claxton
2nd VP: Heather Kubik
Secretary: Cory Roehrs
Treasurer: Elliana Roehrs

Youth:

President: Raylynn Kubik
President Elect: Morgan Branson
Sec/Treas: Levi Kubik
Past President: Makenna Branson

Directors:

- * 3 year: Leonard Berryhill, Leigh Berryhill, Bob Story
- * 2 year: Nikki Longacre, Marilyn Dunahay, Ross Kubik
- * 1 year: Cory Roehrs, Floyd Branson, Sandy Berenson

Sam Westfall made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Anita Westfall seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Sandy Bendele adjourned the meeting at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Bendele – Secretary