

**, Western Chapter New York State Horse Council General Membership Meeting
February 17, 2018, Iron Kettle Restaurant, East Aurora, New York
Minutes**

After buffet lunch and speakers Lissette Ruotolo, NYSHC Western Region VP, spoke on Inherent Risk reform and, Lida Mosovich, spoke about Roanchar Ranch Draft Horse Rescue, the meeting was called to order by the President of the Western Chapter Board of Directors, Peter Tarnawskyj.

Attendance was taken and ballots were handed out at the door.

According to the agenda:

IRS compliance, we have engaged the services of a CPA to file forms 2016 and 2017.

Tops cards are continuing to be sold, proceeds go to the Town of Aurora, for use at Knox Farm State Park. Barbara Moore introduced Deana Fleetwood, Western Chapter member and new co-editor of the Western Chapter Newsletter.

President Peter Tarnawskyj, introduced the slate of candidates and asked if there were nominations from the floor.

Barbara Moore said that there were ballots and envelopes available for voting in order to maintain a secret ballot.

Barb Cunningham said that envelopes were not necessary.

Phyllis- while we are speaking about voting I would like to point out that accORDING to the NYSHC membership form a membership is allowed one vote per membership' a family membership so family memberships allow one vote

Mary Szarek concurred that it was stated one vote per membership, referring to the State by laws which state that a family membership is a General membership and Yen memo get one vote.

Discussion ensued disagreeing with those statements led by Barb Cunningham(?) and Sharon Kettner(?) - my apologies if names are incorrect it was very difficult to tell who was talking as many were speaking at once

Peter Tarnawskyj said he would phone Steve Ropel, President NYSHC, and let him make the decision. Via speaker phone Ropel agreed with the original statements made by Jensen and Szarek that family memberships allow one vote.

Barbara Moore then asked If people who show a receipt but are not on the membership list should be entitled to a vote since there are listed members present who enrolled later than some who have not made it to the list yet youth members do not have voting privledges. Ropel stated that the list was what we should follow.

Nominations from the floor were attempted, Barbara Moore nominated Michelle Walters and due to Walters absence from the list she was declared ineligible, Deana Fleetwood, a youth member who was given a ballot when she arrived even though it is stated in the NYSHC by laws the attempted to nominate Sharyn Westerline and Sharyn was also declared ineligible, three voices were raised at Deana for her attempt to nominate.

Barbara Moore- stated that she understood we would be following the established procedure but she thought that due to the fact that we had a youth member present who had enrolled later....

Barb Cunningham asked Barbara Moore if she wanted the youth member removed from the eligible to vote list

Barbara Moore finished the statement that perhaps this was something that should be looked at in the future because it is clearly discriminatory to depend on a list that apparently has nothing to due with time of payment.

Peter Tarnawskyj presented the slate for election and asked if there were any other nomination.

Someone suggested that the slate be accepted and Peter T called for a vote on the slate.

Vote carried. Board elected term to expire 12/31/2019 are Barb Cunningham, Ann Czaplá, Mary Szarek, Sharon Kettner, Pateicia Burch, Megan Mangold, and Barbara Moore

Peter Tarnawskyj asked that all Board members stay when the meeting was adjourned in order to elect officers, then stated he would call a special Board meeting within a week for election of officers.

Barbara Moore, Secretary Western Chapter New York State Horse Council