

Hello everyone! After our meeting last Sunday, I am really pumped about this show season! We had a GREAT turnout for our general membership meeting I was soo excited to see all the faces (some of them new!!)!! Here are the things we covered during the meeting- if you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me!

\* First, we nominated our Grievance Committee members. We forgot to do this at our awards banquet! Leigh Nitcher, Bill Boehm, and Dustin Henley accepted their nominations.

\* We voted on some changes for our showbill for 2012:

^ Trail will be moved to after hunt seat (so after our 30 minute break) and broken up in the respective age groups, Walk/Trot 14 & Over, Walk/Trot 13 & Under, 19 & Over, 14-18, 13 & Under.

^ I am rearranging the pleasure and horsemanship as well so that we eliminate as many back-to-back classes for everyone as possible. I will email the new showbill as soon as I get our 2012 dates approved from the City.

\* We will be offering a High Point Walk/Trot and High Point Open at EVERY SHOW! Thanks to Renae Garrison for donating the High Point Walk/Trot award!!!

^ There will be a \$5 sign-up fee.

^ You MUST sign up in your division to be eligible for high point. You do not have to be a member to run for and/or win high point at a show.

^ You must show in one (1) halter class and at least three (3) performance classes.

^ You may pick up your award at the next show or send a representative to pick it up for you. I will not mail it and will not hold it for more than one show so make sure you get these picked up if you win!

\* We will not be allowing tabs to be held open this year. You must close your account before your first class. You may enter more classes as the show goes on but there are no refunds for scratches and you must pay for those added classes as you add them.

\* In the event of a rain-out where we get half a show in and you have already paid for the remainder:

^ You will be emailed a voucher for the dollar amount of the classes you were not able to exhibit in that is good for the rest of the 2012 show season, at any show, in any class, on any horse, your discretion. This was a nightmare last year so hopefully this will be an easier way for your guys to still get your money's worth of classes!

\* In the event that it rains during the week and is too wet to ride at Oak Grove, the officers reserve the right to move the show ON THE SAME DAY to Misty Rivers Equestrian Center. Parking is somewhat of an issue there as well so that will be taken into consideration. We just want to do everything possible to get our shows in and avoid double judged shows as well. If we do move a show to

Misty Rivers, there will be a \$5 horse/rider facility fee in order to cover the cost of using the facility.

\* We will be raising the office surcharge on entries from \$1 to \$2. This surcharge goes to pay awards (the remainder of your entry fee money pays payback) and we really want to be able to afford awesome awards. Their costs are always rising and so unfortunately ours must as well. Since it is the surcharge we are raising and not the entry fee, payback will remain the same.

\* We have voted to keep our circuit at Frick Park in Oak Grove MO, except in the event of a rain-out and as mentioned above, we will utilize Misty Rivers if parking is dry there as well. We have been working with the city and have permission to improve the arena footing. We will be bringing in sand and hopefully doing some dirt work to help the arena drain better so that the arena dries better and also is better footing for our horses. We have a lot of people donating time and materials to make this happen and we are so thankful for them!

\* Our \$2 gate fee is going to be collected at the gate instead of with your entries so be prepared and carry cash! If you would rather, Denise has offered to make a PrePaid Gate Fee Voucher for you. You can pay for as many people as you'd like in advance for all the shows and you will receive a ticket to keep in your vehicle that will be checked when you arrive at the park. If you are interested in this, contact Denise at [dboehm@embarqmail.com](mailto:dboehm@embarqmail.com).

**\* PLEASE PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE AD FORMS OFF THE WEBSITE AND SELL SELL SELL BOOK ADS!!!! All it takes is someone to ask, most businesses are more than happy to help out local clubs like ours. PLEASE take the ads anywhere you go in a normal day and ask for a sponsorship! All ads in the book will also be listed on our website so there are LOTS of advertising opportunities for businesses!!!!!!**

\* Again, if anyone has any questions PLEASE feel free to contact me! I have submitted dates to Oak Grove and as soon as I hear back from them I will email out a revised showbill with the new dates on it so you can all plan your season! We had great feedback at the meeting and I am really excited for this year!

\* Our showdates for 2012 are:

April 22- this is our benefit kick off show so there is no payback

May 6

May 20

June 3

July 1

July 22

Aug 5

Aug 19

Stephanie