**W.P.R.D. Minutes: January 15,2025**

The meeting was called to order by new President Alexis Vanderhoof at 6:30pm, with 13 members in attendance.

Minutes from the December meeting were presented and read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Beth Moss and 2nd by Ona Mahoney. Motion carried.

Treasurers report was given by secretary Cherie Anderson due to Treasurer Nicole Varee being ill and unable to attend. The December balance was $15,701.04. Paid T-Mobile in January in the amount of $55.00, which left a new balance of $15,646.04. Upcoming expenses anticipated will be $260.00 to New Beginnings Church for tack swap venue. Also, have not received contract for the fairgrounds as of this date, but will also make a payment to commissioners when Nicole receives it. 1099 forms have been mailed to all 2024 “employees” .

Public Relations: Sadly, Robert Helch passed away of a heart attack on January 8th. A motion was made by Beth Moss to donate $500.00 to the Helch family from WPRD Horseman’s Fund and 2nd by Leigh King. Motion was carried.

Also, Cassie Sienecki lost her wonderful dog, Nugget.

Audit Committee: 2024 audit showed everything to be in good order and passed with flying colors! Thank you Nicole, Ona, Chuck and Gwen. On to 2025!

Budget is complete for 2025. Amendment was made to increase the Show Manager fee from $130.00 to $150.00, due to additional responsibilities for show season. Motion made by Ona Mahoney and 2nd by Leigh King. Motion carried.

Tack Swap: All set for Saturday, March 15,2025 at new Beginnings Church. Forms are available on line and from secretary.

Old Buisness: After a small discussion, it was decided to stay with the P A System that we’ve always used, due to excessive costs to install all new equipment and lines, plus, it is believed that the current contractor has a standing contract with the fair board.

Board of Directors will decide a meeting date for 2025.

We have experienced a change in judges from previous schedule. Duane Stutzman will now judge Sunday, September 14th show and Elizabeth Pope has agreed to move to Saturday, September 13th.

New Business: Sponsor Book is up for debate. Looking for alternative ideas for sponsors. Will still be announced at each show. Also discussion about class prizes for 2025. ( Ribbons,payback,etc.) Looking into contacting different companies who may want to donate horse related items, feed, etc., for daily prizes.

Web site upgrade and On-Line availability. Alexis is willing to put this together. Looking into new email address to do the upgrade. Motion was made to create a new Web site by Beth Moss and was 2nd by Leigh King. Motion carried.

Effective February 1, 2025, Horse Protection Act is requiring, through their e-mail, that they must be notified 30 days prior to any event involving equine. This will be an added responsibility for the show manager.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm, was made by Ona Mahoney and 2nd by Beth Moss. Motion carried.

 Next meeting will be February 19, 2025 at Perkins of Meadville, back room. Submitted by Secretary, Cherie Anderson.