

NWMHSPA Alliance General Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom – November 16, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by President Syndi Kanzler.

Attendance

Syndi Kanzler, Jennifer Brown-Ostler, Janna Niesen, Erin Moore, Rob Crater, Amy Blossom, Marney McGovern, Laura Wright, Carlene Frawley, Judy Cates, Dori Hignight, Lonnie Purdue, Sheryl Shwartz, Greg Shwartz

Approval of Previous Minutes

The meeting minutes from February 23, 2025 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Rob Crater presented the Treasurer's Report. Current balances in both checking and savings accounts were reported. The 2025 show report was also presented. Discussion followed regarding financial loss due to increased expenses from hosting a three-judge show without an increase in exhibitors.

Convention Report

- Area VIII awarded the 2026 Area Show
- Membership fees increase December 1, 2025
- Exhibitor payback of \$3,000 discontinued
- \$2,000 club hosting incentive remains
- New rule book to be printed in 2026
- Congress scheduling and qualification rules under discussion

Show Report – June 2026

- Judge: Janice Silvio
- Ring Steward: Bella Steward
- Announcer: Phil Kearns (unconfirmed)
- Secretary: Jennifer Dembowski
- Gate: Rob Crater

Discussion included cost-saving measures, ribbon expenses, sponsorship for Supreme sashes, and photography policies. No contracted photographer; participation allowed at no cost.

Awards – 2026

- Rookie Award (new exhibitors)
- Inspirational Award (sportsmanship)
- Amateur Supreme classes continue

Sandi Powell Memorial Award

A new perpetual award recognizing excellence in driving. Sponsored by Syndi Kanzler for five years. Inspired by Potlatch Farm Bixby Carried On (Bixby).

High Point Amateur Program

Includes Alliance, WISK, Itty Bitty, and Ridgefield shows. No Shetland nominations in 2025. Awards will be mailed when completed.

Exhibitor Dinner

Hosted by Alpine Club with live auction fundraiser led by Melissa Thompson.

Election of Officers

- Treasurer: Janna Niesen
- Vice President: Deb Sims-Boosalis

Other Business

- Newsletter to be created by Judy Cates
- Template to be provided by Deb Sims-Boosalis
- Coffee station relocation discussed
- Membership renewal incentives announced

Next Meeting

February 2026 – Date TBD

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM