



## 2008 SHOW SEASON OFFICERS

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**Date:** August 24, 2008,

**Re:** Informational , Key Dates and Deadlines (please see key dates and deadlines later in letter)

**From:** Tyler Simpson  
S.S.H.C. President

**To:** Club Members

Hello to all! Well as you all know this year it's been very busy with the club, work & home. This year we thought it was going to be tough on the club due to the rising cost of well "EVERYTHING". But this year we had almost all the shows bringing in just as much or more than last year on entries and money. The numbers at the open shows have increased except for a couple. In my mind I think it was due to everyone was staying more local than traveling.

Our budget this year thus far has been good. We even have our bucking chutes paid for. We will start setting these in place after the show season since we want them secured in place. At any time you can attend the meetings or go the club website and go to the calendar and pull up the minutes to see our treasurer report on the budget. Our meetings have been very productive and great for the club. The club votes on issues at the meetings. So if there is anything you need to have addressed, please bring it up at the meetings. If you don't want to bring it up in front of everyone, please go to one of your Board members or myself and we will bring it up for discussion at the next meeting. We've done this several times and problems have been solved "that we know about".

I want to thank all that have made this year enjoyable. I especially want to thank this year's officers and the hand full of dedicated workers to make our shows run smooth. Without all of your dedication and hard work it would make the shows very difficult to have. Everyone loves to get the ribbons and end of the year awards. Everyone also wants the minutes, rules, work points, photos, and show points posted on the website. I would like everyone to think about what all takes place for this to happen. Nothing is for free. There are a lot of hours spent to gather, double check hours and points, type up, and enter the information on the website. There are lots of hours regular members don't see because it's all happening in the background. We are trying our best to have all this information up to date. But everyone needs to understand that this all takes time and the handful of members doing this for you also have regular work & farm life at home to juggle this in their schedule.

With that said, it also takes money for the ribbons and awards. Our biggest money generation is the cook shack and entry fees and second is the sponsors. If we don't make sure we have either one of these, this makes it difficult to get nice awards. This year we asked for your help with 10 hours for open show and 5 hours for fun shows for you to qualify for year end awards. The rule was posted in January and has been mentioned several times throughout the year. When I see the small handful of workers at the shows and they are almost the same ones every show, it's difficult for me to understand why everyone waits to the last show to try to qualify. These work hours have been a part of the rules for several years and 15 hours per year is a small amount to help out the club and make things easier on everyone. This year we have had many work days and non-open show events to achieve your 5 hours. The open show points would come out to be just 2 hours per show and you all know our shows are very lengthy. You also have the pre-show and post-show at all shows to achieve these hours. You all joined the club for some reason or another. I would like to see this club work as a "TEAM" and pull together to make great things happen for what's best for the club.

**Key dates & deadlines:**

### **Club elections:**

**You need to get your nominations in to me by August 31<sup>st</sup>.** This year the Board approved having a deadline so this would give members and nominees time to campaign for office. This also gives the membership time to get to know who is running for office. Some members still don't know the officers by face, but by name only. **Elections and voting for officers is at the October monthly meeting** and new officers take office in November. All officer positions are up for grabs except 2 Board positions which Mary Loomis and Mike Onder will stay on for another year.

### September Open show:

The last open show to get your work points and show points. This is also our sponsor appreciation night and pulled pork dinner for our sponsors and members. We're asking members to bring a dish or dessert to pass. Members, please let our sponsors get their plates first and then all members can get theirs. This show will also be televised on local cable TV. The show is going to be recorded and you will be able to buy a CD or VHS tape of the complete show. This is taking place because of our sponsor Fidelity. They are very excited to be part of the club and help celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year.

If you are interested and want to give some history on the club, please let one of us know. We would like to have positive information about the club over the years. I know some of you have been members since it has all started and remember how the club evolved over the years. **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that the show is being recorded and video taped.** You really don't want to say or do something that you don't want everyone to see or hear that would reflect badly on you or the club. I just ask everyone to be positive since this is for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Awards Banquet:

This year the awards banquet will be held on **November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles hall in Sullivan.** We are going to have music, dancing after the awards ceremony, an art contest for next year's Show Book cover, and catered dinner with dessert for you to enjoy. This is our way to say thanks for a fun and great year and enjoy yourself.

Again I want to **thank you** all for a fun and great year. I have enjoyed being your President for the last 2 years. We have a great club and a very nice arena & facility. We are still growing and improving the club every year. We need to keep this club going in the right direction. We have one of the best clubs and facilities in Missouri. I hear it at every show from persons that show. They really love the way our shows and facility are set up and ran. So we all need to do our part to keep our club growing and in good condition. As this also helps keep our younger generations from playing video games and running around.

I have been asked and nominated to run again for office. I have accepted the nomination. But I encourage any one of you if you are interested in running for office please let me know. I still plan on being a very active member if I'm not re-elected. This is your chance if you feel that things are not going (in your opinion) in the right direction. I ask all new officers please think of "what's best for the club and for the many, not the few".

Thanks and hope to see you all at the next few events left this year.

Regards,

Tyler Simpson  
2008 S.S.H.C. President



