

General Membership Meeting

4/6/25 at Castleton University and via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 11:33 AM with 6 members in attendance and 4 via zoom.

Secretary's report from the November membership meeting was read and accepted. Janet/Jan

Treasurer's Report: Bernie reported the checking account has a balance of \$8188.24. Compared to one year ago when our balance was \$8269, so no net increase from last year. Motion to approve Butch/Jan.

Show planning:

Judges are hired, 2 new faces to our show and one back from several years ago. Jeannie Young, Tim Abler and Cheryl Ogle. Class list was available on site for review. All Breed Leadline needs to be added in. ACFFD contract was just received this week, only increase to us is \$10/day on campers. Fees for the show were reviewed. We will plan to charge \$125 for campers for the weekend (2 nights). Thursday arrival will be \$65 and offer a one night charge of \$65 if someone is only coming in for one night and showing one day.

Keep class fees and blanket fees the same. Drop the charge to truck in and show off the trailer. The sharing of horses with in a blanket fee for people who are not immediate family continues to be a challenge, but we will hold off with changes for one more year before we make changes. Considering if not immediate family, charge per class/per person.

Early stall fee for Thursday arrival will be \$20/stall.

Shavings/Stalls/Camper online form was reviewed, it will dump the results into a spreadsheet for tracking. We anticipate the secretary may still need the paper trail and we still offer this as a paper form for submission as well. We can accept payment online via paypal or mail in a check at the time of reservation. Bernie and Felecia will monitor and follow up with the payment since nothing will be reserved without being paid. This will be a test year to see how people like to submit.

Sponsorships will remain the same amounts.

Everyone will need to enter an open halter class to be eligible for a division hi-point award.

Halter hi-point awards will be syrup and if there is only one animal shown in a sex, no hi-point award will be given.

Other hi-point awards: 6 buckles will be awarded to the 5 youth divisions and 1 to the highest youth in the all-breed W/T division. Chairs to Hi-points and pad bags to the reserves along with syrup. So we will need in total, 18 qts and 18 pts of syrup. Donations will be sought for this.

We will be looking for raffle donations, which has become a popular addition to the show.

Each exhibitor will get a welcome gift/goodie bag, Cookie Buttons and whatever else comes in.

Leadline prizes Lindsay will gather.

Other officials:

Announcer – Cyndy

Manager – Lindsay

Gate Keeper – Butch will work on

Ring Steward – Deb will check in with PJ Egan (who expressed interest late last year)

Ribbon Runners – Patricia will see if her other daughters will be able to be there to help

Games/Trail set up – Jim Sullivan and family

Photographer – Fox Portrait, Emily Shields

Food & Stall Cleaners – same 4-H groups

Vet & Farrier – Deb will arrange

Invite Bemer and Body Work people again – Muffie and Sadie

When sponsors come in, we need to share on spreadsheet, notify with email chain and promote on social media. Remove the bullet from the Platinum Sponsor if a block of awards gets covered.

Butch and Janet are planning to ride in a couple of parades if anyone wants to join them. Springfield VT and Hartland on the 4th of July.

Vermont Horse Council – Deb receive an email from them looking for members. As a non-profit club, we can join for \$50 and have our events promoted on their calendar. They will post our club information on their web site. There is a spring fling at the Rutland Fair grounds May 10th that VHC is participating in. Deb will see if we can piggy back on that and have a table there to promote the club and the saddle log program to non-Appaloosa owners. Butch/Jan made motion for us to join the VHC. Butch will check to see if there is a similar option in NH and Bernie will check on NY.

We received an email from the ApHC looking to feature regional clubs in the newsletter and marketing information. Janet will forward to Deb and have the ApHC reach out to her for information on Green Mt.

Year End Rules and Point System review for potential changes for 2025. None brought forward.

New Business:

Encourage new members. Heather Freeborn was invited, attended and joined today.

Push the Saddle Log program.

Felecia will create a flyer to promote the club and another flyer to promote the show. Everyone can print out and take to shows, tack shops, feed stores, etc. We need to get the word out to attract new members and more open riders at our show.

Janet brought up the possibility of a Gear Shop for selling Green Mt App club merchandise. She has explored the option with Strong Rabbit. We would choose items to offer. Folks could order direct and we would get the profits. We could offer a prize, like a free shirt, for sales generation. Janet will continue to work on this.

Fall meeting date: Sunday, 11/16 at Castleton University at 1:00 PM with a pot luck lunch.

Meeting adjourned 1:32 PM, Butch/Jan

Respectfully,
Deb Danforth, Secretary