

General Membership Meeting

11/13/22 – Old Chapel, Castleton University, Castleton, VT

Meeting called to order at 10:17AM. There were 7 members in attendance.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. Bernie/Brigham

Treasurer's report was given and accepted: \$7,290.91 in checking (Peoples United, now M & T Bank).

Brigham/Janet

Year end point totals were available on site and will be sent out.

Election of Officers & Directors; the following slate was nominated and unanimously elected, Brigham/Lindsay:

President – Janet Barraby

Vice President – Lindsay Keyser

Secretary – Deb Danforth

Treasurer – Bernie Wiesen

2 Yr Director (1yr left)– Michael Dunn

2 Yr Director – Brigham Logue

1 Yr Director – Felecia Foley

1 Yr Director – Butch Barraby

Having a second signer on with electronic access to the checking account was discussed. Deb will be the second access/signer along with Bernie.

Banquet Plans: December date will be cutting it close for potential award requests. Will try for a Sunday in Rutland area, January 8th looked to be a good date, Lindsay to work on securing a restaurant.

Year End Awards: Ideas to Deb by 12/1; Champ \$30/Reserve Champ \$15; (Janet/Brigham) no certificates, just a program.

Discussion of 2023 events:

Appaloosa/Open Show – Next year's show will be August 18-20, staying at the Addison County Fairgrounds, in New Haven, VT. Fewer conflicts with other shows, lodging, etc.

Fees were discussed; what we are charged and what we need to charge exhibitors. Since the show doesn't start until 4:00 on Friday, we will only be charged a ½ day rate for the facility on Friday. Anyone coming in before noon on Friday will be charged an extra full day for stabling and camping.

2023 Fees: Campers \$75, early arrival \$35/day

Stalls \$75, keeping the multi-stall incentive; early arrival stalls \$20/day

Blanket fee \$165, Youth \$125, open-all breed \$125

Shavings \$6.50

Exhibitor Fee \$10

Class fees \$9, open \$12

Late fee \$20 if the week of show

Lindsay can be there to monitor early arrival counts.

Janet to work on sponsorships.

Felecia will be the Social Media director in charge of promotion.

Deb will send out modified class list for review.

Changes to the show:

- Add Hunter Hack classes after all HUS, hold in new enlarged practice ring to avoid set up issues with games in the main ring.
- Change trail classes so that all Ranch trails are at the end and the course can be modified.
- No Goodies Bags – have a give away item instead (t-shirt, laundry bag w/logo for example)
- Have a raffle for a gallon of syrup
- Random draws for Vermont items throughout the weekend
- Show wide Champ and Reserves - ½ gallon and Quart of syrup
- Halter Champs – Quarts and pints
- Youth champs – not syrup, something else
- Some sort of exhibitor party (bake off, ice cream, pizza?)

Discussion on new ideas for show still in the works:

Exhibitor incentives to add into a class to get it to another point level (GC, Green Mt Coffee, Maple Crème)
Bonus bucks off show bill to random exhibitor numbers
Pleasure Horse game classes? Hunt Seat Keyhole?

Stall cleaning -Scouts, 4-H club

Food – Addison 4-H club?

Stall assignments – Lindsay

Show Contact – Committee members, set up a club email address and respond that way rather than by text.

Board will continue to work on show items via zoom meetings, possibly monthly?

Spring meeting: April 2, 2023 at Castleton University. Lets look at ways to increase our membership.

Old Business:

Website was discussed will see about Google hosting and fillable pdf forms.

Jennifer asked about how long to keep old insurance policies and bank info. It was agreed to keep only the last 6 years of information. Motion was made and passed by Lindsay/Bernie to shred all older paperwork.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40PM.

Respectfully,
Deb Danforth
Secretary
