

General Membership Meeting

11/19/23 at Castleton University and via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM with 3 members in attendance and 5 via zoom.

Secretary's report from September board meeting was read and accepted. Lindsay/Jan

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in checking account \$9132.44. (11/13/22 balance was \$7290.91, 1/21/23 bank balance was \$8850.58) Accepted Lindsay/Janet

The show financials currently look like:

Income \$16,044.50

Expenses \$15,935.34

We still have a few folks that have not paid up on their campers, stalls and shavings. It was suggested to send a paper copy via USPS with a comment "Looking to wrap up our year". Waiting on about \$670.

2023 Point Standings available and in newsletter. No questions on totals.

Nominations/Elections of Officers and Board of Directors:

Jenn suggested keeping the same slate of people. Jan/Brigham asked the secretary to cast one ballot to reelect the current officers and directors. Some discussion regarding participation/attendance of everyone at the meetings and availability to do so. It was suggested and accepted (Jenn/Brigham) to swap Butch to the two year term and Michael to the one year term. All were in favor.

Banquet: Sunday, January 21, 5:00 PM at the Lake Bomoseen Lodge (last year's site) as it is a central location. Lindsay will make the arrangements. Same amounts for awards as last year (\$30 Champions, \$15 Reserve Champions) Let Deb know your preference for awards by December 1st if possible.

Club Events:

Jenn and Jan expressed what a good job the board did together to make our show run as smoothly as possible given the rain and wet conditions.

2024 show 8/16-18/2024; suggestions Pre-label and assemble the Ch/Res prizes to be handed out. Syrup is highly sought out as a prize and was missed for halter awards, which were changed to a circuit format rather than individual. It is hard to get the syrup donated and depends on the production of the year. Vermont Sugarmakers Assn has a list of producers on their web site that can be used for a reference. Jenn commented on how special the bags handed out to the Leadliners was.

Stalls/Campers/Shavings need to have their own form and be prepaid for next year to be easier on the secretary with less crossover. Folks can use the paypal option or mail in, but will need to be reserved and prepaid next year. We will remove them from the entry form total, but have a line for office use only that can include those items as paid or unpaid.

Class list: Add NP WT Showmanship, NP WT Ranch Riding. (Will need to check new rules about cross entering showmanship.) Also may be rule changes around Performance Halter and Ranch Conformation. Maybe offer only open Ranch classes not Junior and Senior.

Should remove "Open Appaloosa" classes and look at that category of "Instate" year end awards.

Consider pointing any open show in any state towards the "Open Appaloosa" competition awards, not limiting it to shows in Vermont or Appaloosa only classes. Will work on this concept for spring meeting. Secure NOW the stall cleaners, 4-H group for food, secretary, judges, lodging, gate keeper, ring steward, announcer. We will need to think of someone to do show manager during the show, Lindsay will not be available to do that this year.

Old Business: Saddle Log hours – we need to have options for fewer than 100 hours. Offer recognition for 50 and 75 hours. Not everyone in Vermont has the opportunity to ride 12 months/year.

New Business:

Old Timers Horse Show – wondering about the possibility to run this since UVM is now enforcing that adults must wear a helmet in any UVM sanctioned event. This directly effected the attendance at this year's show, which is a fund raiser for Rutland County 4-H program.

Regional Officer Meeting – should we reach out to the other northeast regional officers to suggest a joint meeting to come up with a plan to support each other and share ideas around a possible series awards with participation at those events. Janet will reach out to Krissy at WMAA.

Spring meeting date: Sunday, 4/7 at Castleton University at 10:00 AM.

BOD meeting before banquet/after Christmas – January 11th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM