

General Membership Meeting

4/2/23 at Castleton University and via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM with 10 members in attendance and 2 via zoom.

Officers and Directors were introduced.

Secretary's report from March board meeting was read and accepted. Brigham/Butch

Treasurer's Report: Bernie still doesn't have access to the account or any of the treasurer's materials from Jennifer and George. Deb will work on this with Jennifer.

Show planning:

Product and cash donations are being solicited. Sponsor forms are available here. Jan will work with State Line Tack. Brigham has a cash donation committed. Bernie has 25 \$10 GC from Dover. Felecia is working with Cheshire Horse on gift certificates. Janet has maple candy for Champ/Res bags and a couple of cash donations in the works.

Bernie is working on the PayPal account, but is waiting for banking information.

Janet has a block of 10 rooms for the show at the Marriot in Middlebury at \$230/night with a 2 night minimum. They will be sending a contract. If the 10 rooms fill, they will add 5 more. Reservations will need to be made 30 days prior to get the discounted rate. They recommend to book 2024 as soon as we know dates.

Felecia is working on the syrup donation of 17 Qts and 17 pints.

Mobile Tack Shop – Heather will ask Adirondack Tack if they would like to come down. We can promote her presence and possibly do a facebook event with her before the show.

Farrier still up in the air, can ask Ashley Audet.

Felecia will check on the Dak rep to see if he would like to come.

Ringmaster – Becky Kennedy is interested, she will need a camper to stay in.

GateKeeper – PJ Egan?

Deb will ask her vet, all the vets in the county are on a weekend call rotation.

Shavings – Briggs is just down the road, we will need ~100 bales, they are currently \$4.40/bag. We will try for Thursday pick up. Lindsay said she could check on a trailer from Tractor Supply with a free day rental deal to move the shavings.

Bernie will see about a quote on embroidery for the stall from bags, from a place in Saratoga.

Deb will check on prices at Initial Ideas for embroidery, t-shirts and hats.

Year End Rules and Point System review for potential changes for 2023.

- Meeting attendance – in person or via zoom will be allowed. Youth 14 and over must attend, under 14 must be represented by parent or guardian.
- Keep Extreme Trail/Mountain Trail
- Keep Distance Trail
- Keep Gymkhana as is
- Eliminate the non-Appaloosa awards for the Instate category
- Add Saddle Log with awards by level of hours completed for 18 & under, 19 & over. Mirror LCAC program, any breed of horse or pony. Add to the membership form \$5.00 to register.
- Add Leadline to Instate and Regional divisions

Jan/Lindsay moved to approve all the above changes. Passed.

No Old Business

New Business:

New logo on the website. Need to work on getting the fillable pdf forms up on the website.

Need to check into a new banner/flag with the new logo.

Incentives to attract new members – promote new Saddle Log program, participate in parades (Hartland 4th of July Parade). Offer ways youth can earn their membership in the club by working at events.

Encourage everyone to make contact with 3 new people to work on eliminating the stigma of the breed.

Mentor people who are new to showing, promote the friendly helpful side of our members.

Fall meeting date: Sunday, 11/12 at Castleton University at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned 11:40 AM