

General Membership Meeting

4/7/24 at Castleton University and via Zoom

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

Secretary's report from February board meeting was read and accepted. Butch/Jan

Treasurer's Report: Bernie reported the checking account has a balance of \$8519.13. This reflects the collections received in the fall from the show bills, memberships and credit card transactions. We have received one sponsor for our show to date, from Donna Barcomb, \$50 to sponsor 5 classes. She reports she is 50cents off, the bank shows more than the books. Motion to approve Lindsay/Jan.

Show planning:

One judge has a change in her transportation plans, she and her husband plan to drive now, but the contract was issued to accommodate flight and rental car discount. Deb will need to circle back with Kilbane to spell out exactly what we are covering for the fee agreed to. Had hoped that she and Long could share a rental car.

ACFFD contract has not been issued yet. Photographer contract is signed. Manager still to be arranged. Lori asked if she could bring her grandsons again, they are hoping to get the whole barn to come to our show.

Janet is working on the syrup donation of 12 Qts and 12 pints so far. Her mom has a connection. Bernie will donate 5 pints. We just need 5 quarts now. Way ahead of last year with the syrup collection.

Everyone needs to work on cash donations and product donations for the raffle.

The new form for stalls, campers and shavings is set and good with Lori. Deb will reach out again to see if the 4-H club will do the food and make arrangements for the shavings with Briggs.

Deb will check Ashley Audet for farrier on call and veterinarian.

Insurance policy runs 7/31-7/31, so renewal should be automatic.

Prizes: Nylon brief case is 9.97 for up to 11 and 9.17 for more than 12. Embroidery will be extra. We should buy a couple extra to use in the raffle with out the year and champion on them.

There are 17 Champ and 17 reserves needed.

Lets place all our focus on the show and not try to do any other events, our group is too small to burn out.

Year End Rules and Point System review for potential changes for 2024.

- Instate division change to Open division; eliminate "Appaloosa" specific classes, align more with ACAAP categories. Allow open classes from competition in any state, not just Vermont.
- Saddle Log create a category for 50 hours

No Old Business

New Business:

Encourage new members. Need to maintain 15 ApHC members in good standing to keep charter. We need to reach out to past exhibitors and members who have not yet renewed and encourage them to join. Promote that as a member, they are not charged the exhibitor fee at the show and that their membership matters. Email past members their membership form and ask if there are any changes.

We need more facebook action, promotion of year end award options.

Potential NY State Fair offering an ApHC show right after ours during the week. Not really a conflict for us and not many people want to go show at a fair of that size.

Fall meeting date: Sunday, 11/17 at Castleton University at 10:00 AM.

Next BOD meeting 5/9/24, zoom, 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM

Respectfully,
Deb Danforth Secretary