

General Membership Meeting  
4/3/22 – Old Chapel, Castleton University, Castleton, VT

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM. There were 10 members in attendance and one over the phone.

Secretary's report was not read as it had been published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was read with \$13,660.47 in checking (Peoples United). This is a significant reduction from the fall report with few expenses incurred. We will check into this. (Turns some large checks had not cleared when the fall report was given.)

2022 Show:

- Stall reservations are at 67.
- Deb is working on lodging for the officials, there is a Film festival in Middlebury on the same weekend so most places are already booked up.
- Ring Steward: Julia will have a newborn, so we will need someone new. It is a paid position. Looking for suggestions to fill the slot.
- Gate Keeper check in: George? Not sure
- Office staff and announcer are all the same.
- Dumpster company has been contacted and hope to have donated.
- Sponsorships: Janet will work on social media promotion to look for financial support or donation of goods. She will see about the Cookie Buttons again too.
- Goodie Bags: Bernie will see about getting the bags to fill. We will need everyone's help to get items to put in the goodie bags. Need about 80.
- Farrier on call will be Heather Huchro.
- Syrup: Looking for donation of Qts and ½ gallons
- Food Concession: a few possibilities – Vermont Bliss, Michelle Butler, Chrissy's husband
- Games classes: Jim Sullivan will help with the set up
- Will need a new bridge made this year, the old one was tossed.
- Champion/Reserve prizes: ideas were tossed around; we will ask Julia (Goldun Custom Creations) about offering gift certificates that can be used towards any of her products (ribbon shadow boxes, horse hair jewelry and keepsakes, number magnets, etc)
- App Journal Ad: Do we want to put an ad in for our show to support the club and journal? Discussed and yes, lets do a ½ page ad even though it won't necessarily increase attendance at our show. It will show our support of the ApHC. Deb will work on this.
- Shavings all set.
- Stall Cleaning: we will need a group to do this
- Bernie suggested we convert all our forms to fillable pdf documents.
- Electronic payment options were discussed; not at this time, risky and have fees attached

Gymkhana on Labor Day, 9/5/22: last year was fun will see if we can set something up in Rutland for this year. Butch announcer, Jan and Judy in the booth. Need to see about boxes for the electronic timer. No split with fair this year, see what they want for a fee. Same events, have prizes for day end awards (halters, bags, etched brushes) Overall hi-point Julia GC. Will need a food truck and promotion. Send out flyers, fairs, social media.

No other event suggestions were brought up.

Fall meeting date: 11/13/22 here at Castleton, 10:00 AM.

Show Rules and Point System: Any proposed changes for 2022?

Youth divisions: Combine all to be 18 & under for the W/T/C division in both Instate and Regional.

Add WT Adult division for Instate and WT NP division for Regional

Add Ranch division for Regional

Delete Open Hunter/Jumper division in Instate

Leave Extreme Trail and Distance divisions even though there is no participation at this time.

All in agreement with these changes.

Jenn Baker asked if we want to create a revolving plaque in Charlie Cole's memory for Barrels or Stakes at our show. Stakes seems to be the class he was most consistent and successful in.

Old Business:

Everyone should take the time to do the ApHC survey that is out. You can only submit one from each IP address.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully,  
Deb Danforth  
Secretary

