

General Membership Meeting

11/17/24 at Castleton University and via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 10:18 AM (some issues logging in to the zoom meeting) with 4 members in attendance and 6 via zoom.

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

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in checking account \$10,939.43. Accepted Janet/Lindsay

2024 Point Standings available and will be in the newsletter and on the website. (Unable to share via zoom due to meeting set up access.)

Nominations/Elections of Officers and Board of Directors:

Jenn suggested keeping the same slate of officers. Jenn/Janet asked the secretary to cast one ballot to reelect the current officers. Discussion held on openings in the board positions: 3yr, 2 yr, 2 1yrs slots available. Patricia Heer will take the 3 year slot, Brigham will renew his 2 year slot, Felecia and Jan will round out the nominations for the 2 1 year positions. Janet/Jenn made the motion, all were in favor.

Banquet: Sunday, January 26, 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 15th if possible.

Show dates for 2025 were reviewed:

- CT show May 3-4
- Garden State: 4/11-13 and 8/9-10
- GEAR: 5/30-6/1
- LCAC: 7/19-20
- Big Apple: 7/26-27
- Granite State: no info
- Green MT: 8/15-17

Club Events:

2024 show review – weather cooperated this year, however there were challenges with office staff, billing and lack of workers.

2025 show – 8/15-17 at Addison. We would like to find a new secretary. Amanda Banker is not doing it anymore we have been told. Lori Redmond is not available. Cassie Kennett is not available. We really need to find someone who can do a good job and work with the ApHC reporting software.

2025 Class list: Add both WT youth divisions; 10 & Under and 11-18. Make sure to schedule Ranch classes to avoid the banding issue. Initial review of 2024 list did not seem to be a problem. Doug Mileham offered to design a Ranch Trail course for us. Eliminate Men's and Ladies' pleasures. Keep Hunter Hack and Heritage. Easier to cancel classes than add them and offer classes folks might want to qualify for, for the World show.

Open all breed classes – add all breed headline. Need way more promotion early in the season with flyers that can be posted in tack shops and at other horse shows.

Need to work on getting way more cash sponsors for 2025.

Deb will work on Judges, then the show application after the first of the year. Discussion regarding the blog discussion around 2 or 3 judges and expense for regionals to have three. Will see what the ApHC does around this type of discussion. Most folks objecting were not in the Northeast.

Janet will work on emails to other NE regionals to work on how to support each other's shows and possibly combine or offer circuit awards for attendance at them.

Old Business: None

New Business: No scholarship or sportsmanship award nominations have been received.

Spring meeting date: Sunday, 4/6 at Castleton University at 11:30 AM. Bring a friend.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 AM

Respectfully,
Deb Danforth
Secretary