

General Membership Meeting  
11/18/17 – Castleton University, Castleton, VT

Meeting called to order at 3:05PM. There were 8 members in attendance.

Secretary's report was not read, but circulated.

George gave the Treasurer's report: \$12308.97 in checking. Accepted as presented.

The year-end final point standings for were available in hard copy and circulated. They are also on the web site. Please submit your award requests/suggestions to Debbie by 12/31/17.

Discussion of 2017 events:

Regional/Open Show – The show this year made \$358. Everything went well and we have booked the same weekend for 2018. It is the last weekend to qualify for the world show. Several new exhibitors attended and had a great time. They love the friendly people and the great facility.

We will making some changes in the order of classes and the fee structure. We will need to increase the camping and stall fees, as well as limit the blanket fees to just regional classes or just instate not a combination of both. We will also be increasing the stall cleaning fee, it is a lot of work. We have the same manager, ringmaster, (regular) announcer and secretary lined up for next year. Judges hired for this year: Kelley Hedges, James Simpson, and Todd Bailey. We will put Trail on Sunday AM, set up in the Butterfield arena, all in hand classes will be on Saturday, with Games on Sunday afternoon. We will run our club open Gymkhana on Saturday after the show is over, while the work force is already in attendance and at a good arena. We will adjust the Non-Pro to have Walk/Trot, Novice, Regular and Masters, eliminating 35 & over.

Gymkhanas – All three were smaller this year. Need some changes for next year, vary locations.

Trail Ride – None held due to lack of interest.

Nominations/Election of Officers and Directors: Judy Cole/Jan Lingner, moved to elect the following slate of officers and directors - passed unanimously.

Nominated and elected to the officer positions were –

President – Jennifer Baker

Vice President – Jennifer DuPrey

Secretary – Deb Danforth

Treasurer – George DuPrey

2 year director – Katie Little

1 year directors – Rachel Fillioe, Bill Rounds

Banquet Plans:

We will try to book the New Haven Town Hall for a March, 2018 date. We can get this location at N/C, where the Legion hall has fees. Once again, we will combine it with the Spring meeting. We will eat first, hold the meeting, and then do the awards. We will have a 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction along with the Pot Luck dinner and BYOB. A flyer will be sent out and posted on the web site. We will need an RSVP from everyone planning to attend so we can plan the seating and food. Guests are welcomed.

Awards were discussed, we will spend \$30/\$15 per award and do certificates again instead of ribbons. Please get your award requests to Debbie by December 31st.

There were no Scholarship applications submitted. The funds will be held over and added to next year's amount, if there is an applicant next year. Applications will be accepted by mail. We will entertain any equine educational purpose for any member.

No Sportsmanship Award nominations have been received. The award and its criteria were discussed. Any nominations are welcomed to a board member.

2018 Event dates:

Auction – will try a spring date next year, down in Pownal.

Gymkhanas – Some dates as usual: 6/3 in Brandon, 8/25 at Addison, 9/23 in Rochester.

Trail Ride – On hold, need someone to organize.

Show – Dates reserved at Addison: August 25, 26.

Old Business: none presented

New Business: none presented

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully,  
Deb Danforth  
Secretary