

General Membership Meeting
11/17/19 – Castleton University, Castleton, VT

Meeting called to order at 12:00PM. There were 9 members in attendance.

Secretary's report was read and approved, Jan/Judy.

George gave the Treasurer's report: \$14,083.36 in checking, everything paid to date. Accepted as presented. Insurance for the year was discussed – it covers up to 7 events for \$575 for the year.

The year-end final point standings for were available in hard copy and circulated. They will be posted on the web site. Please submit your award requests/suggestions to Debbie by 12/31/19.

Discussion of 2019 events:

Regional/Open Show – The show this year made \$3300.00, the Gymkhana held at the show made about \$50.00. Everything went well, we continue to grow a little each year. The Canadian dollar at par brought in some new exhibitors and the stall incentive helped a few people too (keep for 2020). We have booked August 28-30 for 2020. We reviewed suggestions for next year that were received from exhibitors. We will move all trail classes to Friday afternoon, starting at 4:00 and split the games classes over both Saturday and Sunday. We will add Saddleseat, Open and Non-pro, and Youth Ranch classes. Stall cleaning price received complaints so we will go down to \$25 and have the same group do the cleaning again this year. Keep the same shavings set up, trash will need bigger contractor bags and duct tape. Instate equitation classes will do patterns and no rail work so as not to have to set and reset cones. Officials were discussed – see if Cyndy is still interested and where she might like to stay; will need new ring mistress, Julia Adams? Lori, Chrissy, and hubby will do all the same jobs this year. Discussed prize stall and other options. Will check into something that every exhibitor gets – cups, shopping bags? Having a variety of inventory of prizes is too hard, will keep it simple and basic. Most only want the points and not prizes anyway.

Gymkhanas – Attendance and participation was minimal this year, everywhere. We will not do at the show next year.

Nominations/Election of Officers and Directors: Judy/Jan, 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 – Vickie Smith

Secretary – Deb Danforth

Treasurer – George DuPrey

2 year director – Katie Little

1 year directors – Bernie Wiesen, Brigham Logue

Banquet Plans:

Restaurant locations and dates were discussed. With such small numbers, pot luck is weak, so lets try to go back to a restaurant. George will check with Country Kitchen. Deb can reach out to the Sunrise here in Castleton. Will try for February 29, 2020, PM. Once again, we will combine it with the Spring meeting. We will eat first, hold the meeting, and then do the awards. A flyer will be sent out and posted on the web site. We will need an RSVP from everyone planning to attend for the location head count. Awards were discussed, we will spend \$30/\$15 per award and do smaller combination certificates. Awards requests were discussed on site.

2020 Events:

Show will be 8/28-30/20 at Addison. We will specifically be asking members to do certain jobs again.

Gymkhanas: maybe hold at the new Rutland arena on June 28th, with double points? Hold some NBHA classes with it?

Open show: maybe do one in Rutland?

Fundraisers: do a Silent Auction Quilt and 50/50 raffle at the show?

There have been no Scholarship or Sportsmanship applications submitted yet. Applications will be accepted by mail. We will entertain any equine educational purpose for any member.

2020 Event dates:

Banquet – February 29

Gymkhanas – 6/28 at Rutland

Trail Ride – On hold, need someone to organize, maybe the rail trail.

Show – Dates reserved at Addison: August 28-30

Open Show - ?

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully,

Deb Danforth

Secretary