

General Membership Meeting
10/17/21 – Jan Lingner’s home, Cornwall, VT

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM. There were 8 members and one guest in attendance.

Secretary’s report was read and accepted.

Treasurer’s report was given and accepted: \$19,018.29 in checking (Peoples United). Deb will check with Landy to see what options are available to invest, to generate some interest on funds not needed in the checking account.

Year end point totals were distributed, brief discussion regarding how they are tabulated. (Minimum placing under 3 judges, maximum best 8 placings.)

Election of Officers & Directors; the following slate was nominated and unanimously elected:

President – Jennifer Baker
Vice President – Jan Lingner
Secretary – Deb Danforth
Treasurer – George DuPrey
3 Yr Director – Jennifer DuPrey
2 Yr Director – Janet Barraby
1 Yr Director – Brigham Logue
1 Yr Director – Bernie Wiesen

Banquet Plans: December 4th, Saturday evening. Many restaurant locations were discussed: Fire & Ice in Middlebury; Sweet Caroline’s in West Rutland; Southside Steak House in Rutland; Middlebury Vo-Tech restaurant program. Try to keep support for locally owned business.

Year End Awards: Ideas to Deb by 10/31; Champ \$40/Reserve Champ \$20, no certificates, just a program.

Discussion of 2021-2022 events:

Appaloosa/Open Show – Next year’s show will be August 26-28, returning to the Addison County Fairgrounds, in New Haven, VT.

Changes to the show:

- FPD Halter place at the end of all halter classes
- Eliminate the Master’s NP division
- Add 35 & Over NP division
- Add NP Walk Trot Ranch classes
- Add Open Ranch High Point Award
- Add Open Walk Trot All Breed High Point Award
- Move Showmanship to Sunday AM
- Eliminate Saddleseat classes, Western Reining, Western Riding
- Add in Breaks
- Add Green Western Riding, In Hand Yearling Trail, Weanling halter
- Keep order of English Saturday, Western Sunday
- Office Staff set for 2022
- Will need extra Casella dumpster
- Deb will see about VT Bliss for food truck

- Photographer – Jennifer DuPrey will check with Kelley Raiche and Heather Hanselman
- Judges to try: John Tabb, DeeDee Douglas, Bruce Army? \$1200 to cover judging and travel

Gymkhana – Monday, Labor Day, September 5th at Rutland Fairgrounds. Had a decent turnout this year despite the fluctuating weather. Brand new electric timer available was a little tricky but got the hang of it. Suggestion to get wooden boxes for the timer to sit in so the tripod doesn't get bumped or shift when the dirt gets wet. Jennifer DuPrey will see about getting some made for the fair. Great group of members stepped up to help run the Gymkhana: gate, set up, announce, time recorders, booth help etc. Jenn, Jan, Judy, Brigham, Deb, Butch and Janet all helped out and worked well together.

Other events? Maybe consider and open horse show at Rutland early in the season. No need for fundraisers. Hold off on trail ride until more interest.

Old Business:

A few options for the spring meeting, when we consider changes to the point system, were discussed. There has not been any participation in the Distance Trail, Extreme Trail or Instate Hunter Jumper categories for several years, we may want to eliminate them. As participation and interest levels have changed we may want to add the following categories: Regional Non-Pro Walk Trot and Open Ranch; Instate Adult Walk Trot; for both Regional and Instate make the youth 18 & under for the WTC divisions.

No applications have been received for the Scholarship opportunity and no nominations for the Sportsmanship Award.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

Respectfully,
Deb Danforth
Secretary