

## General Membership Meeting

11/7/20 via Zoom and in person at Jan Lingner's home

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM with 11 members participating in the meeting.

Secretary's report from BOD zoom meeting on 9/12 was read and accepted. Jan/Jenn

Treasurer's report was given and approved with \$12,013.87 in the checking account. Deb/Jan

Year end point standings were made available via email. If there are any questions please contact Deb.

Election of Officers and Directors: Brief discussion was held and a motion was made to fill all upcoming vacancies with the current people serving those roles. Jan/Janet Motion passed.

Banquet and Spring Membership meeting were discussed. Should we keep them as separate events or combine them back into one event? Members expressed how they enjoyed having two events that created more time for social activity. Due to the current state of gathering restrictions, we may need to consider a venue that has the ability to provide for social distancing with a room large enough for that to occur. George tossed out a restaurant on Rte 7 just north of Rutland. There also is a large banquet room at Sweet Caroline's in West Rutland. We will check on both venues. Will be dutch treat. Four dates were suggested between February and March. First choice is 2/20, with alternate dates of 3/6 or 3/13. Much will depend on the state of the virus. Award amounts will remain the same at \$30/\$15. Put logos on as many items as possible. Past items given with logo: Sweatshirts, jackets, vests, blankets, chairs. Please give your requests to Deb by 12/31.

### 2021 events:

Show will be 8/27-29 in Plattsburgh. Grounds have been confirmed and are under contract. Jenn has secured donations of syrup for goodie bags and halter champions (1/2 gal and qts). Office/announcer staff has been secured, George on the gate check in. Two judges have been secured, working on the third.

Events in Rutland? Would like to try to offer a gymkhana this year. Katie suggested more heavy promotion, earlier and through Audro Acres newsletters. Create an event on facebook and make shareable. The current trend is to award money 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> (\$7-\$5-\$3) rather than tickets or ribbons then offer ribbons 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Keep Champion and Reserve ribbons for day end. \$20 entry fee. Maybe offer a Jackpot Barrel class as well.

Potential dates: June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> maybe a Rutland series? Discussion around one during the fair. Would need some sort of gate pass for pre-registered riders or re-imburement for paying at the gate. Deb will check with Rutland on the dates and possibilities.

### Old Business:

Vickie wanted to know why we were having the show in NY and making Vermonters have to get a Health Certificate just to attend our own show. Concerned with the extra cost for the health paperwork. It was explained that there weren't any facilities in VT that could handle the size show and be as affordable for the club. Most exhibitors attending travel to enough out of state shows, so they already have and plan on getting the certificates for the season.

Vickie also commented that she doesn't do email often and therefore gets meeting notices late or after the fact. Discussed what method of communication does she prefer? Just let someone know.

Spring membership meeting: Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am at Jan's home, separate from the Banquet. Good opportunity to bring new people to the meeting. Have the ability to Zoom folks in, if travel is not appropriate for the current state of the virus.

We still need to get our \$200 deposit back from Addison. Jenn B will contact Kathy Nisun for the deposit.

Sportsmanship and Scholarship nominations can still be submitted. Applications will be in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM. Katie/Butch

Respectfully,  
Deb Danforth, Secretary



## **2021 Dates:**

February 20, 2021 - Year End Awards Banquet (Alternate dates March 6 or 13)  
Rutland area location pending – Dependent on COVID rules

April 18, 2021 – Spring Membership Meeting, 9:00 AM, Jan Lingner's home,  
Cornwall

August 27-29, 2021 – Vermont Maple Classic Show, Clinton County Fair Grounds  
Plattsburgh, NY

OPEN Gymkhana being planned date/location TBA