

General Membership Meeting  
3/16/19 – Mt Abraham School, Bristol, VT

Meeting called to order at 12:25PM after the Pot Luck Dinner. There were 10 members in attendance.

Secretary's report was not read as it was printed in the newsletter, it was accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted: \$7,231.16 in checking (Peoples United).

Discussion of 2019 events planned:

Appaloosa/Open Show – This year's show will be August 24 & 25, at the Addison County Field Days, in New Haven, VT. There will be ApHC classes, open classes and classes for every riding ability level. We had 3 judges booked but one just backed out because of health issues. Working on hiring another 3<sup>rd</sup> judge. We will award 3 placings and 4 sets of points. We have adjusted the stalls cleaning fee to \$30, to make it more desirable for a group to do as a fundraiser. We will be holding our **only** club open Gymkhana at the show on Saturday at 6:00 pm. That way we will be sure to have more help in attendance.

Jobs at the show:

- Trash – have the bags, Brigham will be in charge of emptying the barrels each day. Neil will take care of the shavings bags by bringing them to the recycling area.
- Shavings distribution from shavings stall – Madison will be there on Friday to handle. Deb will bring her dolly.
- Stall Cleaning – Katie will work with the FFA group to set this up for Sunday/Monday.
- Gate Keeper – George
- Food Stand – Chrissy's husband will do this in the Dusty Chuck.
- Trail Course – set up the night before
- Bathroom upkeep – everyone should help tidy up as we go each day.
- Prizes – Champions, Stall front bags to be embroidered, still need Reserve prizes; Deb will get syrup for Halter Grand/Res
- Prize Stall inventory – need everyone's help with getting prizes.
  - Buckets – Jan
  - Alfalfa cubes/Treats – Deb
  - Jenn will check with Sonja Blanchard on maple donations
  - Deb will reach out to Cowboy Magic, Mrs. Pasture's cookies, other samples
- Patterns – Deb will generate patterns for the show and put together the pattern book.
- Sponsors – Everyone should help with recruiting various sponsors.
- Fairgrounds – Jenn is still working with them on maintenance items.

Gymkhana – We will only do the one open gymkhana Saturday night during the show.

Fundraisers – different ideas were shared about raising funds to help purchase items for the prize stall; Paint N Sips work well and can be fun.

Ways to increase membership were discussed. Everyone is encouraged to go out and personally recruit new members.

Fall Meeting Date: November 17, 2019, noon at Castleton University.

Pointed Gymkhanas – Since we will only be having one, we will point any other gymkhanas members want to attend and then submit their placings for the year end award system. Deb will modify the results reporting form for gymkhana results, requiring the secretary's signature to validate the placings. We will count a minimum/maximum of three best gymkhanas, one of which must be our event on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Katie/Judy

Show Rules and Point System for 2019: No changes for the show categories. We will need to modify the Gymkhana rules to accept results from events other than ours. Not everyone has our events, how to make this work was discussed. Katie will come up with a list of different events that could fit into our categories "Barrels, Stakes, Keyhole." She will get them to Deb who will rework the point system rules for Gymkhana.

#### New Business:

Deb spoke about the changes occurring at the Rutland Fairgrounds. The old race horse barn is being gutted next month and brand new stalls will be constructed, all by donation of labor and materials. A cement pad for a manure pit and another for a wash rack are in the plans. The new arena will be inside the track and will be 200x110. Looking for donations of fill for the arena, as well as funding for the pvc fencing. There will be ways to sponsor a stall or classes held at the Central Vermont Horse Festival being planned for Labor Day weekend. There will be an open show on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>; a 2-phase event on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>; and a Gymkhana on Labor Day, with all proceeds going to continued improvements for the horse facility.

Charlie/Judy made a motion for the club to donate \$500 towards something at the new facility in Bill's memory. It was decided that the funds could help with the announcer's booth and that we could name it for Bill.

Scholarship – We received a scholarship application from Brigham Logue. His application was reviewed and motion was made by Jan/Judy to award a \$500 scholarship to him. Bernie will let us know about his school ceremony, so he can formally receive it then.

Deb mentioned that she emailed old members about the meeting. She will continue to email them with the new changes in the gymkhana program, to try to increase the membership base again.

Always looking for new ideas and helpers. Please reach out to any one on the board with any ideas you have or would like to see the club pursue.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35PM for the Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle and Awards Banquet.

Respectfully,  
Deb Danforth  
Secretary