

General Membership Meeting  
4/18/21 – Jan Lingner’s home, Cornwall, VT & Zoom

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM. There were 8 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: \$10,652.91 in checking (Peoples United).

A Thank You note was received from the Vermont State Fair and read aloud. It thanked the club for the donation of funds used to build the new Announcer’s booth in memory of Bill Rounds. It also thanked Deb Danforth for all her efforts in the rebuilding of the horse facility in 2019 on behalf of the club.

Discussion of 2021 events planned:

Appaloosa/Open Show – This year’s show will be August 27-29, at the Clinton County Fairgrounds, in Plattsburgh, NY; contract signed. We have all 3 judges booked and under contract. We will award 3 placings and 4 sets of points.

Jobs at the show:

- Trash – have the bags, Brigham will be in charge of emptying the barrels each day.
- Casella’s will donate the container for the garbage
- Shavings distribution from shavings truck – Neil will be in charge.
- Stall Cleaning – Tangled Reins 4-H club \$25 each
- Games set up – Jim Sullivan in exchange for camper hook up.
- Gate Keeper – George
- Ringmistress – Julia Adams (yet to confirm)
- Food Stand – set
- Announcer & Secretaries - set
- Bathroom upkeep – everyone should help tidy up as we go each day.
- Halter Champions - 9 Quarts and 9 half gallons donated
- Exhibitor Goodie Bags – need everyone’s help with getting items for these; Jenn is working on the bags to be donated by Maplefields and some single serve syrups.
- Need approx 100 bags – have coasters left from last year, will see about pens, stall front cards
- Janet will see about Cookie Buttons from Vermont Country Store
- Cups or Ribbons for class placing
- Patterns – Deb will generate patterns for the show and put together the pattern book.
- Sponsors – Everyone should help with recruiting various sponsors.
- Show end Champion prizes: need ideas, Deb will make and donate 20 recycled grain bag shopping bags to put the prizes in (suggestions: Paperwork portfolios, tote bags, etched glasses)
- Host hotel – will ask Bernie to work on this (LaQuinta), we will need 5-6 rooms for show officials.

We have some items that have been donated for a raffle type prize. Tree Top Equipment Repair has donated a \$300 Husquavarna backpack leaf blower. May get some others to add to it.

The new barn is full, some booking in race horse barn.

Gymkhana – Monday, Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup> at Rutland Fairgrounds during the weekend festival. We will split the take with the fair and operate under their umbrella. Brand new electric timer available to use. Need to promote to farriers, Cambridge group, Audro Acres group, Kennett group. Flyers will be

available to hand out and post online. Need lots of promotion. Reviewed the draft program and added two walk trot divisions, one for adults 14 & over and one for 13 & under. There was a concern about the Jackpot Barrels and having ringers come in just for the cash. Discussion of splitting the event if entries warrant. Will pay out 80 % to 4 places.

Will need members to step up to help run the Gymkhana: gate, set up, announce, time recorders, booth help etc. Jenn, Jan, Judy, Butch and Janet all agreed to help out.

Fall Meeting Date: October 17, 2021, 10:00AM at Castleton area.

Show Rules and Point System for 2021: Add a cutoff date for points to be 10/15/21. This will allow for an early December (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) banquet, before weather gets iffy. Award suggestions to be in by 10/31.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00AM.

Respectfully,  
Deb Danforth  
Secretary