

NEPtHA Combined Board / General Membership Meeting Sunday November 20, 2016

Board Members Attending – Tracey Imbaro, Jac Cunningham, Kim Gonder, Amber Morra, Paige Benson, Katelyne Tiffany, Sarah Nogacek,

General Membership Attending – Deb Schley, Kate Hair, Ashley Hair, Olivia Caplan,

Quorum met to hold the meeting 106 members listed for 2016

Meeting turned over to Tracey Imbaro at 10:34

Tracey Imbaro commented we had a great year, we are going to hear a lot of information today and please keep an open mind while the meeting continues.

Secretaries report reviewed

Board vote to accept – Kim Gonder made a motion to approve Paige Benson seconded, motion passed

General Members vote to accept secretary report – Deb Schley made a motion to accept the secretaries report, Kim Gonder seconded, motion passed

Treasurers report (copy emailed to secretary email to be filed)

Board vote to accept – Paige Benson made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Amber Morra seconded, motion passed

General Members Vote to accept – Motion to accept Treasurers report made by Kate Hair, Seconded by Deb Schley, motion passed

Old Business –

Budget review – emailed to the Board and copies to the members

Motion to accept made by Kim Gonder with changes to falls creek prices from \$1200/day to \$1400/day, seconded by Paige Benson, motion passed

Jac Cunningham brought up that any time a meeting is held, committee or Board minutes should be taken and submitted to the secretary to be filed so there is something to reflect back to for reference.

Jac Cunningham also mentioned that committees need to report back to the board on all decisions to cover the committee's butts on decisions that are made so the board cannot come back on the committee to cover lost expenses to the club. Example given if Jac placed a coupon in the round out for \$10.00 off as the chair of the finance committee, this would cost the club \$5 we make on stall plus \$5 out of our pocket, the club could come after Jac for the \$10/stall because he didn't get board approval.

Sarah Nogacek asked about ways we could cut down on the bounced checks, Tracey Imbaro and Kim Gonder explained we are looking onto credit card option but want to be sure we don't get hit for extra fees for doing this.

Pay pal was also discussed and friends and family through PayPal, Tracey and Kim will also look into intutit as a billing option.

Kate Hair brought up loose dogs, two horses were spooked and the riders were dumped these rules will be addressed in the show rules later.

Show Committee –

Class List review – Presented By Deb Schley Chair

Walk Trot – NEPtHA vs. PtHA was decided that we would leave the walk trot divisions as a NEPtHA Classes voted by the board – 7 for 0 against, vote passed

Walk Trot divisions will be divided as 19 & over, and 18 & Under Board vote 7 for 0 against, vote passed

Cross over fees suggested to raise to \$40.00/each cross over division board vote will raise from \$30.00 to \$40.00 to cross into each division crossed onto rather than paying two full division fees. 7 vote for 0 against vote passed

Division fees will remain the same as 2016 – board vote to leave the fees unchanged 7 for 0 against, vote passed

A nonmember fee to receive weekend high point awards was discussed

The difference between weekend and end of day awards was discussed and what membership fees at local and Pinto shows were also discussed.

Vote made that all exhibitor must be a member prior to the start of the show to receive weekend high point awards – 6 for 1 opposed vote passed

Class list – removal of Feathered Footed Division and Reigning Classes, mini Jumper hand, AM Mini/Pony Jumper (per mini exhibitors), and Simon Says for lead line and only two Judges will judge lead line classes vote 7 for 0 against, vote passed

On class list there are asterisks by some of the classes that could at risk of removal in 2018 if the number don't increase

The classic classes will be May – Showmanship, July – Color Breed, August – Sack Race, September Team Pleasure September will also have costume class

And “NEPthA” will be taken off all the Classic classes to open it to All Breed 7 for 0 against

August sack race will be changes to Walk Trot Pleasure All Ages (walk trot exhibitors ONLY) passed 7 against 0 vote passed

Elimination Ribbon Refund was discussed and the process that is involved, the computer program we are switching to will generate a list that will calculate the amounts, Kim Gonder will work with the Show Secretary and will take care of the details.

Vote to keep ribbon refunds 7 for 0 against vote passed

Shows and Judges fees were discussed we will be doing a Jubilee Show in September with PA Pinto Horse Club, Judges fees are \$1300.00/Judge/Weekend with a food booth charge, **which were pre-approved by Board Vote.**

Office Staff – Secretary and Assistant, Gate Keeper, Announcer and Ring Steward were discussed, Deb is having trouble getting in contact with secretary and would like more time before setting in stone. Board agrees

Show rules – The committee has revised the show rules and show requirements for 2017. (not in numerical order)

1. Qualifications for yearend awards – you must be a member prior to the start of the three shows you want to qualify for yearend awards. You must be a member prior to the start of the show to qualify for weekend high Point. Alicia Muscatelli made a motion to above 7 for 0 against. Motion passed
2. Show Rules ad in NEPthA to the sentence.
3. Everyone MUST check in before showing with the show secretary.
4. \$5.00 fee for copied numbers
5. Sportsmanship behaviors/Abuse leave but ad referral to NEPthA ByLaws
6. Judges - decision is final. Grievances must be followed per NEPthA ByLaws
7. Combinations - reworded

8. Solid registry unchanged
 9. Green horse – ad trainer may not show in NEPtHA Walk Trot
 10. All Breed – No Changes
 11. Feather Footed removed
 12. Return check fee changed to \$50.00
 13. Last show cash if only show
 14. Tack change and hold ad in per national rules
 15. Dogs- verbal warning, \$10.00 fine, removal
 16. Ribbon refund must be done by 4pm both show days
 17. Stall canceled – add on \$20.00 office fee on noncancelled stalls and you shall be billed for entries
 18. Exhibitor MUST leave a method of payment is required at time of check in
 19. No smoking – must be enforced
 20. Supervision – No Changes
- Motion to accept rule changes as discussed above made by Alicia Muscatelli and seconded by Katelyne Tiffany

Yearend requirements –

1. Must be a member prior to the start of the three shows you want to count toward year end
2. Lead line exhibitors do not have to be a member to show, and will eliminate the 11 & Under and make walk trot 18 & Under
3. All exhibitors must be a member prior to the July show to qualify for year end awards, exhibitors must show at three of the four shows to qualify for year end awards
4. You must show in three of the four classes to qualify for yearend awards in those classes
5. Combinations – change 3 to a number two
6. Yearend Awards – will be placed to sixth place for year end in the banquet Booklet

Katelyne Tiffany has stated that if there are any special awards MUST have a set of rules that goes with this award so there are not mistakes made in points or advertising

Alicia Muscatelli made a motion to accept the year end requirements, seconded by Jac Cunningham motion passed

Kim added that we have all the weekend high point awards for 2017

Deb Schley, Alicia Muskatelli and Katelyne Tiffany wanted an explanation on why the awards were purchased with getting board approval since the committee need to get decision approved, it was explained that the awards were purchased when they came across Kim Gonder's computer each set of weekend awards was purchased for under the \$200.00 requirement for board approval.

It was also discussed that there are items that the show committee has found and would have like to have as an option for weekend high points but they were not given the opportunity to give input.

Kim Gonder said that she would look into any items that were suggested and of anyone else had any ideas for weekend high points to let her know.

Banquet –

Katelyne Tiffany went over the awards for the banquet and it was discussed that people will pay up on an award for better awards.

Kim discussed the banquet info –

Banquet being held at Holiday In Norwich, CT on January 28th

Menu – Chicken Piccata, Top Sirloin, Roasted Potato, Vegetables, salad, coffee& Tea

5-Under - Chicken fingers, Mac & Cheese, Fries and Juice Box

12 & Under buffet \$25.00

Adult buffet \$40.00

Kim will double check on menu and get it out to board

Motion was made by Kim Gonder to give Tracey permission to purchase ribbons for the banquet, Seconded by Katelyne Tiffany, motion passed

Equine Affair –

Tracey gave the equine affair report she explained that setting up spending time in the booth and taking down, some event plans need to be set and people need to get placed to help. Alisa stated we need to start getting people committed to helping.

Income from the booth

Memberships \$287.00, Apparel \$419.00, booth income \$832.00

Tracey also brought up the North Brookfield Sportsman's Club Trail ride the winner of the NEPthA Jacket was Kristen Emmett and Heaven Sent Me Lopin

Membership raffle from equine Affair winner is Lisa Fox

New Business –

By laws – numerous changes were submitted, when a copy is put together By Jac Cunningham it will be forwarded to the Secretary and Board

Election results –

President – Tracey Imbaro, Vice President – Deb Sheley, Secretary – Katelyne Tiffany, Treasurer – Kim Gonder, Ma Directors – Amy Heath (2) Sean Humphries (1), NH Directors– Kelsey Roberson, Vermont Directors Jennifer Cotton (2) Kerri Newland (1), Connecticut Directors – Brianna Saucier, No Candidates for Maine, No Candidates for Rhode Island

Director at large – Amber Morra

Committees Appoints –

Horse Show Committee – Deb Schley

Banquet/Special Events Committee – Kim Gonder

Equine Affair/demo – Tracey Imbaro and Alichia Muscatelli

Memberships – Kate Hair

Point keeper – Katelyne Tiffany

Malissa Lalli

Grievance – Mellissa Nogacek

Website – Tracey Imbaro. Amber Morra , Deb Schley will be taught by Jen Musto how to access and update

Round up – Jac Cunningham

Nomination Chair – TBA

Bylaw Committee – Jac Cunningham

Kim Gonder made motion to send a check for the amount \$1000.00 to the Holiday Inn Norwich CT toward the banquet bill, Jac Cunningham seconded, motion passed

Motion to adjourn 424pm by Jac Cunningham, seconded by Kim Gonder

Acting Secretary Jac Cunningham