

NEPthA Fall General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start time: 10:07AM

1. Quorum met

Members present: Jac Cunningham, Tracey Imbaro, Ashley Hair, Stella O'Donnell, Jessalyn Killackey, Sue Killackey, Maggie Walsh, Sabrina Smith, Rodney Winthers, Meghan Kotecki, Cher Golden Lago

Board members present: Sarah Nogacek, Kim Gonder, Kate Hair, Amy Heath, Jen Cotton

2. President calls meeting to order
3. Spring meeting minutes voted to accept:
 - a. Kim motioned, Amy seconds, unanimous vote to accept

4. Treasurer's report: print out available at the meeting:

- a. upcoming expenses:
 - 1.falls creek farm: \$2500 deposits
 - 2.Banquet: \$2 thousand
 - 3.Judges: \$500
 - 4.Year-end awards: \$8 thousand
- b. No questions asked about treasurers report
- c. Jac motions to accept, Kate seconds

5. Old business:

- a. Tracey:
 - 1.Discussed how the club has been chasing an exhibitor for a year and a half for money that was owed the club (bounced check). The said person has since gone bankrupt and the club has decided to cease pursuit to get the money. It would end up charging the club more to pursue then the money that was owed.

2. There was a suggestion made to have a list of persons who owe money to the club and make it so they are not allowed to show until they pay and to be on a cash only basis in order to show. Have the list in the show office in order to keep track when everyone checks into the show
3. Amy suggested that in order to show, any person who owes money must pay the back balance before being allowed to show

b. Committees:

1. Banquet:

- 2017 banquet: will be held at the Norwich Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT.
 - a. There will be a silent auction and raffle
 - i. Members who wish to donate items need to contact Kim
 - b. The show committee and banquet committee are working on getting awards and ribbons ordered for the banquet
- 2018
 - a. Will need a volunteer to be banquet chair
 - b. We have gotten a good deal with Norwich because the club can file a CT123 form so that we don't have to pay sales tax on the meals which ends up being cheaper
 - c. Can also look into state tax forms for non-profits for other states such as Rhode island and new Hampshire for future banquets.

2. Equine affaire:

- Booth:
 - a. booth in same spot
 - i. sue Mandeville let us borrow stall drapes
 - ii. Kim is bringing clothing apparel/new signs, tri-fold boards

- iii. promoting pinto, class lists will be available, usually get a ton of people in
 - iv. Membership raffle: Kate has a cell phone holder: will start October and run through equine affaire. Will pick winner at banquet.
 - v. Will have merchandise to sell
 - vi. will have info about the long eared division
- b. Breed demo:
- i. demos at 1:00, 1:45 and 3:35 on Sunday at the equine affaire.

3. Nominating committee/memberships

- 81 voting members
- sent out 80 ballots and received 39 ballots back
 - a. In the past we got 5-6 back.
 - b. Secretary got original nomination forms
- Memberships
 - a. 2017: 107 paid members, 2016: only 85
 - i. 12 lifetime
 - ii. 51 mass
 - iii. 28 CT
 - iv. 12 NH
 - v. 1 Maine
 - vi. 4 Vermont
 - vii. 7 NY
 - viii. 1 PA
 - ix. 3 RI
 - b. Asked the board to buy lifetime membership cards: so she does not have to mail them every year and they keep the same numbers.
 - i. Will look into how much it would be for vista print.

ii. Same cards different color and have lifetime member.

iii. Up to 21 paid members for this year (2018)

4. Horse show committee:

- 2018 show season

1. Jubilee: may combine with PA or NJ

2. July: looking to combine with NE mini

3. Judges: 19 judges

1. 18 out of 19 contracts back

2. one judge is at congress right now

3. Each show will have 4 judges except for the jubilee show.

4. Patterns:

1. Jac is working on patterns

2. real trail patterns

3. Going to have patterns that are challenging but won't take up a ton of time

4. If anyone has any suggestion please email Jac.

5. Question for trail: suggestion: Anyone who is entered in a trail class, have 10 dollars added to show bill. This will let anyone practice trail all weekend and then will not have to worry about anyone collecting money.

6. Classics:

1. may: showmanship

2. July: color

3. august: wt pleasure

4. September: team pleasure/costume

7. October show: offering paint classes through pinto, futurity/maturity for pinto

8. Futurities will be NEpTHA classes: colors and solids will be able to go in it together.

1. 2 and under futurity
 2. 3 and over all sexes/types
 3. Mini all ages/sexes
 4. 5 and under English pleasure
 5. 6 and over for English and western
9. Office staff:
1. approached two people for gate keeper
 2. looking into Matt Wadman for the announcer
10. Sponsor form: Jac has it, will send it out to members and will be on the website
11. 2018 budget: will get put together with new vp/with falls creek farm
12. Class list: Tracey handed out potential class lists,
1. 4 pony classes: voted on keeping them:
 - i. in favor : 10 opposed: 4
 2. All breed classes:
 - i. when we started everyone had broad spectrum with split English and western.
 - ii. Does not warrant to split anymore
 - iii. basic 6 classes: halter, showmanship, eq, pleasure, trail, discipline rail.
 3. w/t classes: looking to make them nationally pointed. Youth: 11 and under:
 - i. vote: to keep youth ptha 11 and under- get rid of them
 - ii. Instead: nptha wt youth 13 and under-unanimous vote- passed
 4. Change class list: move obstacle driving to first driving class rather than in the middle of driving classes: will make classes go smoother
13. Show rules:

1. Tracey suggest: rule change proposal: instead of one more than half the division to qualify for awards, instead have to show in a halter and 3 performance classes
 - i. leadline and walk/trot can show in youth halter but do not have to for qualifying .
2. Add: not allowed to have any logos or stamps on numbers
3. Add: a statement of liability that does not hold the club or directors liable for any falls or injuries.

14. Perpetual trophies:

1. Neptha amateur trophy:
 - i. donated by young lady and was willing to donate it back but cannot get it back.
 - ii. Kate and Ashley hair will donate trophy.
 - iii. Change to show in a minimum of 3 shows and must be a member of ptha and neptha prior to the first show.
2. My Dakota gold trophy:
 - i. change: awarded to the horse that accumulates the most points in the ptha open division,
 - ii. halter, color, performance classes to count,
 - iii. must show 3 shows, neptha and ptha member, never to be retired.
3. Super horse award:
 - i. add: must show at all shows to qualify, color to be included

15. Show office:

1. Jac: upgrades: program worked incredibly well, a couple issues: Wi-Fi very slow and old. If anyone else gets on it boots the show computer off.

5: Constitution and bylaws:

- no new news, sent to membership, no comments, no changes

6: Round up:

- looking into different lay out of round up, national forms-youth/am scholarship form, heritage foundation

Election:

- a. President: Kim Gonder
- b. VP: Kate hair
- c. Secretary: Sarah Nogacek
- d. Treasurer: Jac got the most votes, denied, no one elected
- e. CT: Meghan Kotecki
- f. Ma: Melissa Lali
- g. VT: Jen Cotton
- h. NH: Haley Paradis
- i. No votes for RI or ME
- j. Board vote:
 - Brianna Saucier, Has not attended meetings/emails, requirement according to bylaws and constitution, looking for vote to remove :
 - i. Kate motioned, Amy seconds, unanimous vote
 - ii. Lynda Whaley second amount of CT votes, appointed to take 1 year spot
- k. Kim appoints: Melanie Peterson, Carrie Ryan (Johnson) , Sabrina Smith, Ashely Hair to take 1 year seats to represent states unrepresented
- l. Kim appoints Jac Cunningham as chairman of the board
 - Vote: Kate motions, Jen seconds, board votes unanimously

Committee chairs:

- a. Nominating committee: Kate/Ashely hair
- b. Horse show committee:
 - Awards/stalls/campers: Kim Gonder
 - patterns/trail: Jac Cunningham
 - Youth: Stella O'Donnell and Sue Killackey
- c. Events committee:
 - Equine affiare Booth: Tracey Imbaro
 - Breed demo: Sarah Nogacek/Carrie Ryan (Johnson)
- d. Grievance: Lisa Nogacek
- e. By laws/constitution: Jac Cunningham, Cher Golden Lago, Amy Heath

Adjournment: 1:46 pm

- Kim motions, Kate seconds