

## New England Paint Horse Club Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes 11-29-15

The meeting was called to order at 12:48 p.m. by President Amy Heath. Those in attendance were Karen Roy, Kerry Mayer, Peggy Lankowski, Cybill Beaudoin, Cindi Adams, Geri Wasylak, Samantha Wasylak (youth), Krissandra Fields, Carol Kane, Mandy Mirfield, Ann Bonner, Chuck Patti, Annie Kennedy, Devon Sheehan, Denise Reed-Gagnon, Mark Owen and Amy Heath. **Mark** presented the treasurer's report with a current balance of \$3625.13 and a synopsis of profit/loss on 2015 show season.

June 7, 2015 with Silver Heels show	- 200.00
June 27, 2015 at Skowhegan, ME	+ 750.00
August 1 & 2, 2015 at Falls Creek, Ct	- 3,650.00
Sept, 11, 2015 Cheshire, NH	+ 500.00

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Kerry M. motioned to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Denise R. *Motion carried.* Mark noted that the club had spent approximately \$2500.00 on ribbons for the 2015 banquet and show season. A discussion was held with suggestions and alternatives to be investigated for the 2016 season as this is a significant expense.

**Secretary's Report:** Karen read the minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Denise motioned to accept the secretary's report. Seconded by Peggy L. *Motion carried.* 2016 Committee selections and appointments were made. These will be posted on the website.

**Communications:** Karen received the non-profit renewal from the Corporate Division of the NH Secretary of State. This will be renewed by 12/31/15.

The election was closed and results presented by Nominations Chair, Carol K. for 2016:

<b>President:</b> Amy Heath		<b>Area 4 Directors</b>	<b>Area 5 Directors</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b> Peggy Lankowski		Krissie Fields	Cybill Beaudoin
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b> Katelyne Tiffany		Carol Kane	Pam Berry
<b>Treasurer:</b> Kerry Mayer		Annie Kennedy	Mandy Mirfield
<b>Secretary:</b> Karen Roy		Denise Reed-Gagnon	Geri Wasylak
<b>Point Secretary:</b> Kerry Mayer		Suzy Taffe	
		Laura Tuite	

Both bylaw revisions were approved with all officers, with the exception of Katelyne signing for submission to APHA. **Kerry** will get Katelyne's signature.

Denise R. motioned that the show committee add All-Breed Longeline, SPB Yearling In-hand Trail, SPB Longeline. Denise motioned that we not offer Hunter Hack and Working Hunter Over Fences in 2016. Seconded by A. Bonner. *Motion carried.* We are awaiting a response from NHQHA for joint venture.

**New Business:** Our website is renewed for \$249.00 for 2016. **Kerry** will send the payment as soon as the new checking account is active. We will discuss how to transition the website for 2017. Kerry M. will provide the Ariat award to the Silver Heels Riding Club Hi-Point Paint. This year's winner is Cybill Beaudoin. In 2016 NEPHC will be co-sponsoring a show in Cobleskill, NY with the Empire State Paint Horse Club (APHA approval pending). The show is planned for August 27 & 28, 2016 and we will submit a

variance to co-sponsor a show outside our region. No judge suggestions were received. ESPHC will contract with the facility, judges and staff. NEPHC will be responsible for providing trail set-up/breakdown for the show.

Discussion was also held on offering more all-breed clinics with local trainers. Many felt that this would not be as intimidating to new members or novice riders to attend and could also encourage some mentoring for new members. Cindy A. has offered a clinic in the past at MA Novice shows called "Showing on a Showstring" for entry level members and would be available to offer it at a club hosted clinic. Chuck Patti will also volunteer to do a clinic on Trail and we will contact Kelsey Robertson about offering Showmanship as well (confirmed). **Mandy M.** will check on a MA facility for availability.

### **Shows:**

**Katelyne T.** contacted Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock CT for rental information. Katelyne was unable to attend the meeting. Skowhegan Fairgrounds has not sent out the 2016 contracts yet but does not foresee any changes.

Kerry and Karen attended the Hazel Grove Park Assn meeting at the Groton Public Library. Hazel Grove Park is an equestrian facility open to the public. We are investigating holding a fundraiser show at the Park. Details to be provided at a later date. **Annie K.** offered Rhapsody Farm in Hopkinton, NH as a site for a fundraiser show or clinic in 2016 with the club being responsible for insurance and drags. There is enough parking for 100 trailers.

**Geri W.** reached out to Teri C. of CT Apps and ME App club as well to see if there is any interest in a joint venture.

**Communications:** Karen and Bob Drake attended Zone 7 coordinating committee meeting and provided tentative dates for shows in 2016.

Triple Crown will re-sponsor in 2016.

**Karen** presented the APHA Convention information and asked for input on the rule change proposals being considered at convention scheduled for Feb. 26-29 in Richmond, VA. Both candidates being considered for the Executive Committee are from the East Coast, Alison Umberger of VA and Karen Thomas of NC. Anyone with convention questions or concerns can contact Chuck Patti, Karen Roy or Bob Drake. All APHA members are welcome to attend.

The next scheduled meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup>. (Re-scheduled to January 10<sup>th</sup>).

There being no further business Peg L. motioned to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Seconded by K. Roy. *Motion carried.*

Submitted by K. Roy, NEPHC Secretary