

The meeting on ZOOM was called to order at 10:14 am by President Amy Heath. Those in attendance were Mark Owen, Amy Heath, Karen Roy, Tami Donohoe, Carol Kane, Jess Hayes, Alison Williams, Geri Wasylak, Cybill Beaudoin, Paige Benson, John Gill and youth member Sam Wasylak.

Secretary's Report: Carol K. made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as written. 2nded by Paige B. *Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Mark reported that beginning balance in January was \$31,706.54 and our March balance is \$33,207.93. Karen R. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nded by Geri W. *Motion carried. The youth club checks need to be corrected as we received them with the incorrect telephone number and title. Mark will work the corrections with the branch.*

Communications: Tami D. was contacted by Barbara's Custom Hats as they will be co-locating in Goffstown, NH and would like information on a vendor spot at some of our shows.

Show Committee: Jess reported that the hotel blocks have been completed for the Deerfield and Northampton show and that the club would receive her 7% commission as a donation ☺. Carol reported that Rodney & Sabrina are unavailable for both of these shows. Jess has reached out to Photography to Remember for both of these shows. Alison will reach out to someone in Maine for photography at the Skowhegan show. Karen R. made a motion to accept the show manager contract for 2021 provided by Cindi A. 2nded by Mark O. *Motion carried.*

Gerri W. made a motion to table discussion on all-breed Ranch award, let the show committee review the class list and determine what classes and divisions may need revisions. 2nded by Mark O. *Motion carried.*

Gerri and Sammy presented a preliminary proposal for discussion about offering a \$1000.00 all-breed sponsored reining class at our Northampton show. Sammy has been discussing sponsorships with NRHA trainers outside of NEPHC. Jess recognized all the hard work Sam put in on asking the right questions, judging requirements, trainer research on her own. Sammy and Gerri will continue to research and check with Cindi re: contractual requirements on facility, judges, warm-ups, etc. prior to further discussion by BOD.

Scoharie County BOH notified ESPHC that shows would move forward for 2021 so Yankee Union stall reservations, hotels, etc. are in process.

Youth: Alison reported that NEPHYC is donating jars of peanut butter to GSPHC Youth club service project. We have received 10 memberships to date and ordered an APHA informational kit for our youth to promote the Paint Horse and our club. Youth had to postpone their service day at Serenity Farm. Sam updating social media and newsletters for our youth members. Potential to put together promotional booklet or division sponsors to bring awareness to our club. There is a public speaking, hippology, knowledge based youth info being offered by APHA. Youth would like to do the candy swap when they pick up ice cream at Ice Cream social at Yankee Union.

Awards: Year-End Orders are being placed for buckles, tumblers, sheets, jackets, etc. Kathy R. has ordered All-Around show end orders for Yankee Union.

Convention: Report out on virtual convention that had the highest number of directors ever in attendance. Karen R. assigned to Regional Club Advisory Committee, Haley P. and Bob D. assigned to Professional Horseman's Committee. Chuck P. has been assigned to Equestrian experience committee. All updates are on APHA website.

New Business: Karen R. made a motion to establish a New England Paint Horse Club scholarship to award an annual scholarship in memory of Zina Slade. 2nded by Geri W. *Motion carried.* We will establish a non-profit scholarship fund account at our bank with donations to the fund and develop criteria to apply for the scholarship. Geri will send Karen info from other sources and Alison will talk to youth club about a kick off donation.

Motion made to adjourn at 11:52 a.m. by Karen R. 2nded by Geri W.

The next meeting will be held on 4-11-21 at 10:00 a.m. at Benson Performance Horses on 28 Walden Terrace, Saugus, MA 01906.