

Sept 29 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees- Laura P, Laura S, Renee, Kathy, Susan, Paula, Jim, Ellen, Karen

Agenda review from last meeting:

- Treasurer report accepted as is, seconded by Paula
- Secretary report accepted as is, seconded by Ellen/Laura S

September 10th show discussion/review:

Panera lunch reimbursed which should add back to overall \$ left in our budget

Liz J received checks by mail that also need to clear in bank to credit NHDEA account

Susan will review totals, review of budget for next meeting

Volunteers

- Left earlier than the end of show, discussion to continue to overstaff and get volunteers on board that can come for second half of show day to ensure coverage for end of day

- Sold two shirts for \$10 each as liked by competitors

- Laura S/Laura P to do count of ribbons/inventory

- Karen, are we still considering hats?

Discussed 50% reimbursement for competitor who had same horse w 3 numbers, NHDEA handled well

Susan looked into a couple bylaw questions regarding monthly meetings, clarifying if every month or every 4 months...? (Bylaws reviewed after Paula left meeting)

USDF Omaha NE Convention:

Emily by default will delegate, not sure if anyone in person plans to go or delegate? Please add, more info to be shared on how to delegate

- **Laura P. taking over delegate responsibilities**

2024 Show Season:

How to proceed again and other show things for the coming year. Need to organize and plan, get ribbons in order, advertise 2 phase earlier than we did this year- Event Entries seemed to go well, review levels, offer upper levels if there's at least 3+ entries at the Modified/Preliminary level. Discussed only offering the Eventing Dressage only tests. Liked both judges

Paula working on Sponsorship form to have a way to get payment before advertisements, make these available at shows upon board approval

Year End Awards have started coming in!

Paula's notes to merge with rest of meeting notes by others

Left at 7:45

Renee began taking notes

New News

2-Phase

- April 13/14, pick the better day based on the weather
- Will decide on specifics as date gets closer
- Would have had more entries if had gotten the word out sooner, this is the plan for next year

- Share calendar of events at banquet?

Dressage Shows

- Decide schooling show locations
- Laura P thinks that we should have at least 1 show still at Atkinson as we know them and they make it easy to set up
- Should we have shows at UNH again?
- Liz no longer running schooling/rated shows
- Should we do one recognized show? No recognized shows in NH after Liz stops running Oyster River
- No nearby rated shows
- Use UNH as a rated show location? Only issue is the venue is expensive
- Admin fees \$400, w/o Foxvillage fee
- Need to get into NEDA omnibus. The price for this is \$100 fee
 - Need to make this de
- Rated shows have a lot of paperwork, and no one on the board has the knowledge required
- Could use Liz's end of Sept/beginning of Oct show date
- If there was a year to start a rated show, this would be the best year
- Should we look into finding someone to mentor us for rated shows? We are currently not in a position to host a rated show.
- Kat Kilcommons may be willing to mentor/help us
 - Could also ask Sue or Deborah
- Jim thinks it's a good idea
- Karen says go for it if we want, but need 2 people who have run a rated show before - 1 secretary, and 1 manager
 - Board member can be an assistant to learn the process
- Reach out to Liz and ask her for a mentor recommendation
- \$50 fee already sent into NEDA for the schooling show
- Susan made a motion to go ahead with paying the \$100, vote passed unanimously
- Fall rated show, spring schooling show
- Need location/manager/all add information by Nov. 1
- Does UNH have an increased fee for rated shows?
- Could Longfellow be a potential venue location?
- Laura S volunteered to run the Spring show
- Spring show historically the first weekend of June, but may want to do the second weekend
- Should rated show ribbons be different than schooling show ribbons?

Non-Show Events for Next Year

- Run another Ride Review Ride at Dawn Frazer's barn
- Run informational or riding clinic?
- First Aid Clinic

Banquet - Nov. 12

- A few offers for raffle items
- Working on finding businesses to donate items

- Kathy has raffle tickets
- Use Eventbrite
 - Ellen already has an account
 - Payment received through Eventbrite directly
- Laura P in charge of awards for banquet
- Raffle
 - Karen has 2 wooden horse pieces to donate
 - Laura P is going to donate Lulullemon on skincare products
 - Renee/her trainer and Susan to donate new unused horse items
 - Photographer to donate a session
 - Cara at Seastar may be donating something
 - Kathy's trainer is going to donate something
 - Have something male-oriented
 - Beer, pint glasses, sports, etc.
- NHDEA needs to provide table decorations, although the Puritain does have tablecloths already
- Volunteers for setup/clean up
- We have two trophies, we need small replicas to hand out
 - Where are the original trophies? In the trailer? Does Kat have them?

Board Member resignation

- Kyle resigned due to lack of time, although is still able to volunteer
- Kat showed up to the fall show and was very helpful
 - She is interested in re-joining the board
- Do the bylaws state that we need to have 11 board members at all times?
 - Should we edit them to have a required range of board members?
- Lindsay Robertson is feeling left out, and was hoping to be more involved

Next Meeting: Oct 22 @ 3:00pm