

PtHA of NYS Minutes of the Meeting, September 24th 2017

Attendees: Adam Slater, Angela Slater, Priscilla Nisiewicz, Dona Sharping, Florence Riley and Lee-Anne Dickson (via FaceTime)

GUEST: Catherine Jatton

President Adam Slater offered welcoming words and introduced Catherine Jatton from the New York State Appaloosa Horse Club and her sample show bill. Round table discussion involving the possibility of having the ApHC club join our Pinto club for a show followed. This would be in similar format to what we have done in the past with the Palominos. The appy club has between 25-35 horses and would be encouraged to compete in our Open All Breed classes as well. Official decisions will be made once our show dates are set and the ApHC of NY has been informed. Catherine left the meeting following this discussion.

Board Meeting called to order at 12:45pm

President Adam Slater presented the official notice of resignation from current Vice President Michele Hogan due to her impending out of state move, this resignation was accepted by Adam Slater. For the remainder of 2017 Adam Slater has appointed Dona Scharping as Vice President of the PtHA of NYS.

Priscilla made a motion that the Board of Directors seats be changed from EIGHT to SIX. This was seconded by Dona. CARRIED.

Angela and Karin will now look after stall bookings and payments as well as assignments. This is a better way to monitor payments, reservations and cancellations as both ladies are in the show office and have a working knowledge of payments and entries.

Adam advised that the PtHA of NYS will be looking for a new VP as well as show committee members and a youth advisor.

The PtHA of NYS will require a new VP to be elected during the regular elections in November. In addition to that, we are canvassing for new show committee members and grievance committee participants, a co-youth advisor and gate person. Florence made the suggestion that there should be two people appointed to the gate that split a "shift" equally. It would be less taxing on our people this way. There was also some discussion of a small gazebo or shelter for the gate person, to protect them from the elements.

Adam brought to light with the support of Priscilla and Angela that the current PtHA of NYS bylaws are very confusing in the way that they are written outlining the duration of executive. Specifically Constitution V, section 1 and also Constitution 4, section 1. The length of the "terms of office" are not clear and may need to be amended to better reflect the permitted time in office. Currently, four terms is the maximum time frame, and this should be changed.

Lee-Anne initiated a discussion about boosting entries for our challenge classes. Maybe some changes to the Western Pleasure and HUS with the addition of Horsemanship, Equitation etc. There was also a discussion regarding sponsors for the Challenge classes. \$150 covers the buckle and ribbons. It was agreed to keep the belt buckle as prizes and the ribbons to top ten participants. Lee-Anne Dickson will continue to look after the Showmanship Challenge with Susan Howe as a Sponsor. Lee-Anne will confirm that Susan will sponsor again in 2018, and approach a few other potential sponsors. Also it was mentioned that the Challenge Classes should AVOID being at the end of the show days- we don't get enough participation.

Adam suggested dropping a judge, and going with three judges to cut down on costs for the shows, it was decided that we will NOT be doing this for 2018 shows. The club has secured the June, September and August dates- there will be no more four day show as many members felt the costs were too high having two shows over four days. Adam and Karin are continuing to work with the NY State Fair on booking the grounds for our 2018 dates- we currently need a May date and possible an October? This will be confirmed within a few months.

NYS PtHA will be adding a full slate of Amateur PtHA Walk-Trot classes- to include, showmanship, equitation, English pleasure, western pleasure (which we currently have) as well as horsemanship and trail. This will be in addition to our Open All Breed/All ages walk trot division. The PtHA approved walk trot classes are quickly gaining popularity with both PtHA and APHA and very large at some shows and we hope to build our size as well.

Adam will also be looking in with PtHA National office to see about adding some Donkey/Mule classes as some national shows have them already.

Adam would like to bring back Sponsor banners and will look more into this.

The Shows will also be looking for a contract food vendor to feed our competitors and judges. There were many issues in 2017 with this.

Priscilla made the motion to end the meeting at 1:41pm and this was seconded by Dona.

1:44pm Meeting adjourned.