

Minutes of the Meeting

PtHA of NYS- GENERAL Meeting- Sunday October 14th, 2018

Attendees: Adam Slater, Angela Slater, Priscilla Nisiewicz, Dona Scharping, Dawn Lelakowski, Florence Riley, Carol Bridges, Matt McCabe, Sarah McCabe, Denise Orman, Deb Schley, and Lee-Anne Dickson (via Facetime)

Guests: Tara Huwa and Kathy Reinhert from Empire State Paint Horse Club.

Meeting called to order by PtHA of NYS President Adam Slater at 10:44am. Adam welcomed everyone, confirmed with Lee-Anne who was in attendance via Facetime.

Reading of the past meeting minutes from March 25th, 2018 as read by Angela Slater. Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Angela Slater and seconded by Denise Orman. All in favour.

President Adam requested Treasurers report provided by Priscilla;

Treasurers Report: As of September 30th, the club has 9382.32 in the checking account and \$989.81 in the other checking account. The youth has \$500. Denise had some questions on net income, and the financial programs used to calculate. Priscilla explained that the club made approximately \$5000 this past summer.

There was a discussion surrounding judges, judging fees and payments. The 2018 goal was to keep as close to \$1300/judge as possible. This must be revisited for 2019 as there are only a select few judges that were able to come in around our budget price of \$1300. The only reason some were able to do the \$1300 is that they were a couple and shared a room. Motion made by Carol Bridges to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Priscilla. All in favour.

Ongoing Business: Priscilla received the 2019 bill of \$75 from the NYS Farm Bureau and she would like to pay it. Motion made by Denise to pay it, seconded by Angela. All in favour.

Election – Nomination forms are in, Rebecca Carlson was not able to attend, but provided the nominations via email. For 2019 Executive they are as follows;

President: Adam Slater and Priscilla Nisiewicz

Vice President: Dona Scharping

Treasurer: Priscilla Nisiewicz

Secretary: Lee-Anne Dickson

All of the above will accept the nominations and stand.

The Board of Directors (BOD) has some members that will be serving their second year of the two year term in 2019. They are; Florence Riley, Susan Howe and Angela Slater. We do require three more,

Nominations have been made for the following as Directors;

- Sarah McCabe. *Accepted.*

-Dawn Lelakowski. *Accepted.*

-Karin Smith (unable to attend, but Priscilla has confirmed she will accept the nomination)

-Ann Washeleski will **not accept** a nomination or serve on the BOD- but would like to help out any way she can. That has been noted.

Denise inquired to see if it was possible for Priscilla Nisiewicz to run for two positions, and serve as President (if elected) and Treasurer. It was confirmed that there is nothing stated in the bylaws that this is not permitted, and that NePtHA has someone that serves in similar Executive positions with no issues.

Priscilla proposed that we use an online voting system like "Election Buddy" to do our voting. We may get better turnout for those that don't like to, or forget to return paper ballots. She advised it is very easy to do, costs about the same as buying all the stamps for these ballots and return envelopes and it might encourage members to actually vote. IT was also discussed that family memberships get one vote, individuals get one vote, voters must be over 18 and also you have to have purchased a club membership by June. Karen to provide and edit our membership to include all those eligible to vote and send to Secretary Lee-Anne.

Deb Schley raised concerns about invalid email address information and asked Secretary Lee-Anne when she sends out emails how many bounce back. Lee-Anne advised only one, but that has been fixed now. Lee-Anne did advise that we have one member for sure that does NOT have an email address, but the voting information can be sent to her phone, which we do have. All in attendance with the exception of Deb Schley feel that we may get more who actually submit votes using an online tool. Motion was made by Priscilla to use this software and it was seconded by Dawn Lelakowski. 9 in in favour. Carried.

The election for the 2019 Executive and BOD will be done via Election Buddy software and will be carried out by Secretary Lee-Anne Dickson. Voting will be open from October 17th to November 17th at 12 noon. Voting results will be announced at the next General Meeting, to be held on Saturday November 17th, 2018 at 2:00pm at The Western Ranch Motor Inn in Syracuse.

New Business: Guests Tara and Kathy from the ESPHC presented some valid reasons on why PtHA of NYS should partner again with ESPHC and reminded us that we made \$1500 at the last show for basically doing nothing. YES there were mistakes but it was a learning opportunity for both clubs this year and we could do better. Discussion ensued around show formats, costs, approvals, special events, issues and areas of concern from our present members. Dawn L. advised that we should look into a Survey Monkey form to be sent out to find out what the members want and who we should partner with. The nice thing about paint and pinto is that if we can convince exhibitors to cross over, then BOTH

clubs made money. Kathy and Tara departed meeting hoping that we will consider again forming a partnership with ESPHC.

-In 2019 the 4H Barns/Pens will be under construction for the June show- discussion around locations and possibilities for that show. Members have heard that the NBHA show is moving to the new ShowPlex and that the 4h Barns will be torn down. This is not an official statement from the Fair- but it has been heard. Mention of returning to Cobleskill or perhaps Horseheads or Elmira- but neither have the stalls and facilities that we need.

- The Show Committee needs MEMBERS!! We need folks to help make decisions, and just helper with ideas and show organization. Perhaps an awards committee AND a fundraising committee is in order.

-Dawn L. would like to help with awards. She advised that we should indeed have separate awards and fundraising folks. We need to let folks know that they don't have to be on the BOD to be on the show committee or the fundraising committee. Dawn can help with fundraising and she has two friends that manage Walmarts that can help with items. Dawn also mentioned that we need to raffle off items and sell tickets for stuff that "everyday" folks can use, like \$500 gift card to Walmart or Lowe's or something like that. Perfect for a horse person OR anyone that can shop- that will increase ticket sales!

-Possible food fundraisers like running the fish fry's and we get 20% of profit from a local fire department, it's a great idea to raise money.

- Discussion around the new \$30 award sponsorship required for year -end award qualification. It should be due at the very first show, so that it's out of the way. Some people have complained that it's like buying their own awards, because they paid the \$30.00 from their own pockets. That was not the intent of this, it was to obtain sponsorship of minimum \$30.00 for the club- not to add an extra \$30 onto the show bills. Also in regards to the \$30 fee, some were turned off by this amount- finding that \$20 or \$25 was a more reasonable amount to ask for. People are getting fed up with always asking for \$20 here and \$20 there.

-Youth Club- the youth club was created to the get the kids involved, but are they actually doing anything? Will need to decide in the near future if there is any interest in keeping the youth club around, and who can run it etc.

-The possibility of adding a late entry fee was mentioned- this would eliminate some last minute cramming in the show office the morning of the show and encourage others to use the early entry, via email/fax/mail system that some currently use. It will help with added workload and stress for our office staff at the shows!

-next meeting, adding to bylaws for the use of Election Buddy being permitted will be put to a vote.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Angela at 12:49pm, seconded by Dona. **ADJOURNED.**