

**Membership Meeting
Fields Memorial School
January 27, 2009**

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

John read the minutes from the January 2008 meeting and the minutes from the October 2008 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the January 2008 and October 2008 as read, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance ~ \$2,036.05

Income: ~ \$39,290.24

Expenses ~ \$39,666.86

Ending Balance ~ \$1,659.43

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report has read, seconded, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Banquet: The banquet went well. We are booked for next year at The Groton Inn & Suites. The banquet will be held on November 21, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robin introduced the 2009 Officers and Board of Directors.

Officers: President ~ Robin Schaedler, First Vice President ~ John Luond, Second Vice President ~ Cynthia Ann Bowen, Secretary ~ Deborah Luond, Treasurer ~ Laura Madera, Membership Secretary ~ Christin Politowicz, Point Recorders: Dawn Albrecht and Cheryl Freemantle. BOD: Ann Avery, Sally Barrett, Jennifer Chapman, Dennis Dwyer, Courtney Lawrence, Heidi Nottleman, Heather Rowley, Susan Wyatt.

Show Dates:

Robin shared the show dates and the Judges. All the information is on the WEBSITE. The Youth Team Show is scheduled for August 16th. The SNEHA Therapeutic Horsemanship Class will held at the May 31st, June 28th, and the August 16th shows. Robin also pointed out that all shows will be at the Woodstock Fairgrounds except for the September 20th show, which is the Colchester Lions show, held at the Hebron Fairgrounds.

Show Help:

Robin shared that we are in need of a Ring Master. This is a paid position of \$60.00 for the full day or \$30.00 for half day. John read the job duties of the Ring Master, which are also available on line (Rules & Regulations page 17 – 18). If you are interested in helping us out please submit your name and available dates to Robin. You don't need to commit to the entire day we can break it down into 2 sessions before the lunch break and after the lunch break.

New for 2009:

Youth/Adult Classic Walk/Trot Pleasure this class will be run the same as the Youth/Adult Classic Pleasure. The class will be judged at a walk and trot/jog only. The Youth rider must be a walk, trot/jog rider.

Horse Show Booklet:

Everything you need to show with us and more will be located inside. Space will set aside for advertisements, farm, business, or personal messages. Forms are available here tonight or you can

download it off the Website. The breakdown of prices are on the form, also the top seller of advertisements will receive a certificate for 3 free classes to be used at any of our shows except the September 20th. We are also offering "Show Season" advertisement. For \$100.00 your business, farm, or an individual's name will be posted at all Shows, listed in our monthly newsletter, listed on our Website, and will also appear in the Horse Show Booklet. The deadline for the ads is the March 31st general membership meeting.

Trail and Showmanship Courses:

We are looking for some fresh ideas. If you would like to try your hand at course designs just remember they need to be user friendly for all experience levels. Or maybe share some ideas on how we can use some of the obstacles we have in different ways. Please submit your ideas to Robin for Board review. The exact number of obstacles we have are listed on the website. We have poles, barrels, 2 bridges, cones, rope gate, mailbox, a set of jump standards, and 2 flower boxes.

New Year:

Robin shared as we are entering a new show season she would like to remind everyone that it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with our rules and show requirements. It is easier to address a question before it becomes a problem. It is also important that everyone conduct himself or herself as role models at all times. The use of **profanity in or out of the ring, as well as any act of cruelty to a horse will not be tolerated.** If you witness this please bring it to the attention of any Board of Directors member or to the staff in the Secretary Booth so it can be address.

Pot Luck and Fashion Show:

This will be held on March 31st. Deb Luond will coordinate the dinner part, please contact her by March 15th. We will be following the dinner with a Fashion Show with the help of JoAnn Gross from The Little "B" Barn and others. If you would like to help with the modeling please contact Robin or Brittaney ASAP. We are hoping you find this both entertaining and informative. More information will be available next month. This will count as a meeting so you must be present at Roll Call to count.

FYI:

We are PAC approved again this year. Also check with your local or national associations to see if they participate in open horse show awards ei: Arabian, Saddlebred. These awards are separate from our year-end awards.

Check out the Equine Journal's February issue for some Banquet highlights. We are hoping to utilize our space more effectively. Cheryl Freemantle will be submitting articles so if you have any pictures or ideas please contact her by e-mail Cheryl.Freemantle@hp.com.

Robin shared a notice from CHC for more details check out their website at www.cthorsecouncil.org.

Christin took roll call. Just a reminder, your name will be called until you make 2 meetings. Once you have made your 2 meetings your name will no longer be called. If you have any question regarding your membership or meeting attendance please contact Christin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah Luond (secretary)