



OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elections will be held at the October 26th meeting. Rule changes will also be voted on. This is an important meeting, so please plan on attending.

If your children are planning on attending the meeting, please bring a snack for them to share.

Membership Meetings

Field's Memorial School
Bozrah, CT (7:30 PM)

Oct 26#

Not a qualifying meeting; voting purposes only

General Membership Meeting
Field's Memorial School
September 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Robin Schaedler.

Sadie Beatrice read the secretary's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Christin Politowicz, seconded by Deborah Luond. Motion carried.

Donald Beatrice read the treasurer's report.

Beginning Balance	\$9137.51
Income	4489.10
Expenses	1755.73
Ending Balance	\$11870.88

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Deborah Luond, seconded by Christin Politowicz. Motion carried.

Old Business

September 19 show - Colchester Lions at Hebron Fairgrounds. The judges were Melissa Proulx, seconded by Beth Stone. We made a profit of \$254 from our SNEHA classes.

September 26 show - The judges were Beth Stone and Ed Golembeski. We had 87 entries. We made a profit of about \$1414.08.

A question was brought up about Lead Line. The judge was placing younger children above the older ones who did their own work. All the judges are given a copy of the rule book and the rules are on the bottom of the judge's cards. We can't tell them how to judge, but can share feedback. There was also some discussion about Pam speaking to the judge. She should not be influencing them. We will remind her of that next year.

The points are on the website through August 15th. If anyone had not made any meetings at that point, their names were dropped from the list. Tonight is the final meeting to qualify. If you have not made your second meeting tonight, your name will be removed before the final posting. You must have show in each class in each division 3 times each to qualify. The final points will be audited and on the web ASAP.

New Business

Rule changes were submitted. They will be read tonight along with whether or not the board recommended the submissions. They will be voted on by the membership at next months meeting.

1. Helmets to be allowed in any class regardless of discipline without penalty. This is currently listed as a show rule and will be included under attire in the rule book.
2. Exhibitor's assigned number must, at all times be prominently displayed on the exhibitors back or both sides of the saddle pad/blanket. At no time should the rider's hair obscure any or all of the number. Without number properly displayed they will be automatically disqualified. The board supports the addition.
3. Currently the rule states that a handler must be age 18 or older to lead children in lead line classes and I think it would suit the club better and possible make participation possible for more people if the rule was for handlers to be age 14 and up with W/T/C experience. The board does not support this change. It is in the opinion of the board that this responsibility is best served by an adult.
4. I would like to see the points for Open Jr. Fitting and Showmanship to be on the same horse and rider team, or the horse alone. The Board does not support this change as all points for juniors, in those classes specifically for junior members, are kept on the rider in the event of horse change or injury, allowing junior members to continue to accumulate points for the year.
5. Request a rule change forbidding the use of crops, whips or baiting in order to encourage the horse to perform the showmanship pattern. The board does not support this as it currently states in our rules under tack requirements tack is breed specific. It is the position of the board that this would best be left to the judge's discretion.
6. Nominations for both officers and board of directors to close in September at the General Membership Meeting. Names of nominees and a short write up on each nominee to be posted on the website and mailed to the membership. Elections to be held at the October General Membership meeting. Nominations for any position will only be taken from the floor the night of elections if there are no nominees for that position at the September General Membership Meeting or if an individual accepted a nomination but did not "win" the vote and

wishes to be considered for another position.

We are working on plans for next year and are open to suggestions.

Nominations

Lynda Whaley read the list of nominees that she has. They will be in the newsletter and posted on the website. If you are interested in running for a position, please see Lynda ASAP.

Board of Directors

Curtis Chapman
Kim Ridzon
Laura Phillips
Paul Sapia
Mary Redmond (not confirmed)

Point Recorders

Jean St. Denis
Sarah Confer
Laura Sottile
Paul Sapia

Treasurer – Donald Beatrice

Membership Secretary – Karen Sapia

Recording Secretary – Sadie Beatrice

Second Vice President – Arline Card

First Vice President – Teri Smith

President – Lynda Whaley

Sarah Confer nominated Teri Smith for president. She did not accept. You have to accept your nomination, and be in attendance at the election unless you submit a letter in advance, in order to be voted in.

Banquet

Donald said that all the information is on the website and we do have copies with us. Robin will take ads for the booklet, including congratulations to riders, a special thank you, etc. We will have a brown bag raffle and will gladly accept donations. In order to be nominated for one of the perpetual awards, you must be a member of the club. The Ed Clark award is for the non-exhibitor only.

Roll Call was done

A motion to adjourn was made by Deborah Luond, seconded by Christin Politowicz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sadie Beatrice, Recording Secretary