

November 11th, 2018
10:00 am. – 11:35 am.

Attending:

Taylor Ginn
Kris Nicola
Sue Trask
Amanda Fogg
Rikki Babcock
Sandy Porter-Bean
Heidi Blodgett
Madison Blodgett
Audrey Bean Bailey
Katrina Janes
Danielle Moody
Rena Samay-Houle
Nicole Schobel
Peggy Paine (phone)

Agenda:

Treasurer's Report:

Banquet:

Cost of Governor's: \$2,322.76

Adam's Gift Certificates: \$1,190.79

Ribbons: \$704.15

Charged for 101 people but only 83 paid

Banquet Income: \$1,288 + silent auction income of \$389. The total income was: \$1,677.

Budget for this year: Dollar amount would work again. It wasn't much of a difference because we subsidized for the cost of per person.

Current income: \$9,334.56

Roughly the same as last year at this time

Year End Awards

The season has ended. Ribbons haven't been ordered yet. It's usually the vice president's role, but the vice president is currently in Hawaii.

Open for Discussion: Brought up 1st-6th and the participation ribbons to encourage the younger riders. We could do slightly smaller for participation ribbons? Pony Club Championships does participation ribbons: small three streamers with different colors so they're not confused with the 1st-6th ribbons.

Do we want to mail them out if they don't come to the awards banquet? They could pay the postage for it. If there's more awareness, we might get more attendance. Post this on Facebook?

Motion: To have 1st - 6th place ribbons for two phases and three phases. Generic participation award for all who participated, and they must come to the banquet in order to receive their award.

Motion Passed.

Scoring/Other Discrepancies

Questions were raised about scoring at two events this year. At the end of one particular event, there had been someone retired/eliminated, but still placed as third. There were radio calls to say the specific rider was eliminated. There was another rider with the same issue that was placed in first.

Was this a jump judge issue? Are there better ways to organize jump judges? Using children seemed to be a problem.

There was another situation at a two phase: the rider was clearly disqualified, had to have unauthorized assistance to finish, and was still placed.

In one more discrepancy, at a dressage/two phase/jumping show, the eventers were charged an extra \$5 fee. MeCTA people shouldn't be charged extra for New England Jumpers Association for two phases?

Peggy Paine: All of this should be addressed on the entry form. Should there be two separate forms for dressage and/or jumping? Or three separate entry forms?

Changes to Event Calendar

There was someone who was concerned with event additions to the calendar, chasing points, etc.

It was noted that other affiliations have a 60-day notice before adding it to the calendar. It should be enough time to say they could get it done/completed within two months.

Those who cancelled this year did a terrific job of notifying if/when something wasn't going to work out. Communication was well-handled this year.

We want a 60-day pre-event date/notice.

Some other questions popped up: Do we want to go back to closing dates? Leave it up to the organizers? USEA charges a late fee, and other organizations allow for less money charged if an entry is in early. It was also noted that some organizers build in time slots for potential additional entries last minute.

Another question: Are we doing a disservice to allow the late people come in? It would be helpful to have a natural consequence for being late.

Motion: To establish a \$10 late fee and closing dates for events.

Late fee must be listed on entry forms for all events.

Motion Passed.

Gift Certificates

Some wanted to do membership gift certificates for Christmas. We don't have anything right now that we could send. Could we do something online? It would be something feasible to do.

The person also has to send in the membership form to the membership secretary.

Banquet Date + Location

The banquet committee has called around six different places in Waterville/Augusta areas. We are going for a venue that will hold 125 people.

The price for Elks Lodge would be around \$2800.

Best Western: \$19 dollars per person.

The Senator Inn in Augusta could be a possibility? The Waterville location was closer for a majority of people.

Calumet Club in Augusta?

TnB's in Waterville? Wouldn't need to find a caterer?

Taylor Ginn volunteered to do a slideshow of photos. We would need a projector. Could we pay the \$25 fee?

Price range budget: All of them are feasible, and it will need to be broken down to how much we're going to charge each individual. The individual cost last year was \$23.

Discussion surrounding those who didn't pay: There should be at door fee, even if there were small children that wouldn't be eating? Can we send out an invitation regarding RSVPs, notifying what's going on, and including a late/door fee?

If Elks Lodge is chosen, we could do \$25 dollars a plate.

Dates:

Would like a Saturday with Sunday being a storm day on Sunday?
Going for January 26th.

Elections

We need four officers and two delegates at large (one north/south – Allana Luther and Brianna Graves).

Peggy Paine is willing to continue as Treasurer.

We have an election committee, who finds out who is interested in being an officer, and we then have a ballot.

Contact Beth R. to do this?

Other Business:

Meeting patterns? Are they going well? Did we enjoy having 2-3 meetings pre-show season?

Sandy Porter-Bean is suggesting that she'd like to have an ultimate two-phase.

Membership:

Taylor wants some new rules/policies regarding membership, including suggesting an online option piece to doing membership (Paypal). There were also questions surrounding membership numbers (do we need them?). They make no sense with the current system. Would we be able to check off a box if we're a member on the entry form? It was suggested that there be a google document listing members (without phone number or address). We're moving towards trying a year without membership numbers, and assessing how it went at the end of the 2019 season.

There were some discussions surrounding membership payments and timing of payments. Taylor would prefer no cash unless it's given at the banquet. We would also like a deadline or a late fee for membership (though if someone moves in towards the middle of the season, we can't do that). Some comments included: Should it be sent in 30 days before the first show? People could also sign up for membership on the day of a show, but that particular show wouldn't count (unless they used Paypal?).

New Website:

Rikki wanted everyone to take a look at the website/anything needed to be addressed/changed. It's simple and user-friendly.

Can pictures of members be put on the site? Could it be a running slideshow?
Send them to Rikki so she can post them on the site.