

NYPEA General Meeting
1/24/2009

Meeting called to order at 1:35 by NYPEA President Shannon Whitney.

Secretary minutes of the November meeting were read by secretary, Karen Andrews. Darlene LaFave made motion to accept the minutes as read, Marleen Cowie-Smith 2nd – motion passed

Treasure's report was read by Gary Andrews – a motion was made by Vicky to accept the treasurers report as read Suzanne 2nd – motion passed (Treasury passed to Lynn Martin.)

Committee reports

Public Relations – Peggy Flaherty is going to place two ads in Horse Bits. Karen Andrews will place an ad in PHBA Magazine. Shannon Whitney is taking care of the breeders ad. Marleen mentioned the possibility that we might be able to get free advertising in Country Folks. Gary will contact them to see if they will put info in for free. Kathy Warne will contact Lancaster to see if they will also print our information for free.

Futurity – Futurity results will go to Karen Andrews to post on the website. Mike Green is keeping the classes the same this year, but is open to suggestions by exhibitors. Ribbons already ordered. Mike will get Shannon a one page info sheet on futurities to include in a mailing.

Point Keeping – Shannon ended up doing the points for 2008 rather than Kathy Kinney. That saved the club \$100.00. Alecia Oberholtzer volunteered to do points for 2009.

Amateur - Karen reported there will be an Amateur meeting at the Breeders show since it was a big hit last year. Renee reported that one person still owes for the candy sale. Other than that, the candy sale did pretty well. Suzanne suggested a fun class for fund raiser...doggie trail... Kathy Johnston is doing a stall raffle at the futurity show.

Year End Awards & Banquet – Shannon reports 42 adults 5 children this year. Year end awards are done. Schneiders raised their prices between the quote and ordering, but we're still ok. Shannon will do it again next year. People can combine awards and possibly do belt buckles next year.

Show Committee - State Fair August 26th, Breeders May 22nd (3 judges regular show) + more Palomino classes on 23rd & 24th. Parish August 22nd – Vicky is working on the program and Nancy Wilde will judge. Discussion regarding adding AQHA classes at Parish followed. Parish program will be advertised as an open show with a condensed listing of classes to attract more open exhibitors. Parish show will start at 9:00 this year to accommodate additional classes. We need show secretary and office help for Parish show. Carol Nalepa will help in the office and Karen will submit results after the show.

We will leave the program the same for this year and Darlene will try to find additional office help and ring crew.

Kathy Warne called John Lester at Cayuga County Fair and they've had an open show there for the past few years and they are looking for someone to come in and hold a show on Sunday of the fair. 25 portable stalls are available and they can get as many as 56 portable stalls in if necessary. They mail out 40,000 booklets with the fair information + have a website that would promote a show. The cost would be \$25/stall, grounds \$800/day. There's just an outdoor ring. (By comparison, Parish is \$200/day) Vicky reported Sandy Creek is just \$75.00 to cover water. It was decided that we would do just Parish and the futurity show this year and see how the year goes.

Paints are looking to add PHBA classes at their Sept 19th & 20th show and they have requested we point the show for year end awards. Jen Lewis made a motion to point the show, Darlene seconded, motion passed. Further discussion ensued regarding how NYPEA might benefit financially from this venture and it was decided that Shannon would contact the Paint club to clear the way for our running a 50/50 raffle. She will also check on the charges to show at the show so we can relay that information to members.

Breeders & State Fair - Vicky asked Naomi for the additional classes such as the Select division. She indicated that if we wanted to have a Hi-Pt for that division, we may want to consider sponsoring the cooler.

NSBA – Gary reported that we will stay with offering all breed HUS, Western Pleasure and Longe Line NSBA classes at the futurity show. The judges are all lined up and we have 3 NSBA carded judges. Saturday-Dennis Sienicki (NSBA), David Phillips (back up NSBA), David Terrell (back up NSBA); Sunday-Denise Long-Farson, Wayne Erwin, Clay Alter.

Youth – Shannon/Rianna reported that the new youth class fees voted on at the last meeting are getting some interest from people who weren't planning on showing in NY. They are also working on youth fund raisers.

Nominating – The new nominating committee will be Paige Flaherty (Chair), Karen Andrews, and Marleen Cowie-Smith.

Old Business- Gary asked for a website report. Karen reported that in December, following a billing dispute, the hosting service shut down the NYPEA website unexpectedly. It took a while to get the site moved, but it's been relocated to a new and cheaper hosting service and a content management system has been implemented. This will give selected people the ability to keep their sections up to date themselves instead of having to forward information.

Marlene reported that the PHBA show rules subcommittee that she's a part of has finished their meetings and they will be recommending the following back to the show rules committee:

- No changes be made to the point system at this time
- No changes be made to the award system at this time
- Each APA be limited to 21 shows per year

They are also recommending that the value of a PHBA point be addressed at some point in the future. Lots of discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the group that individuals need to go to the convention to vote on these issues.

New Business – Shannon brought up the concern that the PHBA office may not be interpreting the new Palomino Competition Program the way one might think from reading the rules, specifically whether it applies to just APA's. After conversations with Dutch (president) and Brent(COO) there seems to be a disconnect between what the office is telling exhibitors and what the executive board is saying. Shannon cautioned that the same thing could happen with proposed rule changes. Discussion ensued regarding the merit of offering the new Palomino Competition Program.

Marlene made a motion to offer the Palomino Competition Program at our Parish and Futurity shows, Gary 2nd – motion passed (15 for - 2 against). It was decided we would include whatever PCP classes exhibitors were interested in at the show.

The next meeting was set for 4/5/09 @ the Western Ranch Motel in Syracuse. Vicky will call and make arrangements.

Mike Green made a motion to adjourn, Jen Lewis 2nd – motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:12.