

NEPHC B.O.D Meeting
1/12/08 @ 5:30 pm
Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA

Attendance:

Meaghan Connolly, Allison Kiah, Denise Reed-Gagnon, Suzanne Taffe, Susan Belle, Ellie Connolly, Ray Belle, Chris Gallant, Zina slade. Dan Morrill, Leo Roy, Karen Roy, Mark Owen, DJ Zerwekh, Gail Sigler, Krista Field, Rachel Wolfe, Kim Almonte

Meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm by President, Karen Roy.

Minutes from 11/10/07 BOD meeting were reviewed by attendees. Motion was made by Mark Owen to approve minutes and seconded by Densie Red-Gagnon. Minutes approved.

Minutes from the 11/10/07 General Membership meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Mark Owen to approve minutes and seconded by Suzanne Taffe. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark Owen presented December Report. Motion was made by Dan Morrill to approve report and seconded by Gail Sigler. A summary of 1/1/08-1/12/08 was also presented.

Promotions Report:

Carolyn Burt forwarded the Promotions Report for review. We will be holding a silent auction at the banquet. BOD members to bring wine for wine basket raffle. We have a list of known donors and a list was passed around for others to add a name and address for donors they have approached that will participate. Addresses are need for thank you notes as well as complete contact information for program and website.

We will need youth members at the banquet to assist with raffle tickets and run brown bags to the MC.

We have several barns that have joined to together to offer larger items.

The Promotions Committee will meet shortly.

The Comfort Inn in Danvers will be NEPHC's host hotel for the Topsfield shows. Please encourage exhibitors to stay at the Comfort Inn as they have offered complimentary rooms for our judges. Information will be posted on the website shortly.

Communications:

Karen Roy has received a communication that she respond to. Karen has also been appointed to the APHA Registration Committee for 2008.

Youth Committee:

Samantha Lapointe will be speaking at our banquet. Youth elections will begin shortly.

Rules: Committee:

No news to report.

Finance Committee:

Gail Sigler reported the Finance Committee met on January 8th. Gail met via conference call with Mark Owen, Holly Cook and Carolyn Burt.

The Committee discussed short term projects as well as reviewed prior financials. It was recommended that the Show Committee provide reports that indicate a breakdown of income and expenses after each show. It was also discussed that one individual handle camper fees and one individual handle stall fees and produce a stall reconciliation. We are also investigating a more efficient way to handle campers as they enter the grounds. Mark Owen recommended the Show Committee hold a meeting with the stall, camper and show booth staff to work on the stall and camper issues.

Banquet Committee:

Karen Roy has awards, ribbons and DJ. Carolyn Burt is handling raffle.

Show Committee:

Rachel Wolfe reported that the committee has discussed many of the topics from the ballot suggestions. We will not be splitting the classes over 50 or moving the color classes. The Finance Committee will review cross over fees and the benefit.

Mark Owen questioned judges airfare. Rachel reported that since some judges did want to find their own flight we will have a limit and the cost will be reviewed by Rachel.

Rachel will investigate rental cars for the judges. She can reserve and then the judges may forward their license and insurance information to the rental company.

The committee will proceed with pattern books and the fee may be added to the show bill.

Points will be listed on the website as *pending APHA approval.

Some judges require overtime pay, some don't. It is in their contract.

Discussion regarding stall and camper fees for 2008. It was discussed that camper fees remain at \$60.00/weekend and trailer in fee remains at \$20.00/weekend. Stall fees were undecided. Finance Committee will review information from last year and assist with determining beneficial fees for stall and campers.

Karen Roy will help Rachel Wolfe schedule a Show Committee meeting with Audra and Cindy. If possible one hour before February meeting.

Old Business:

Karen reported that Deb Newcombe has resigned and Zina Slade has been named Area Director.

Mark Owen is handling reissuing Futurity checks.

Denise Reed-Gagnon is handling the BOS Futurity again this year. She will keep all documents and the checks will be issued out of the futurity account.

We need to make up futurity forms.

It was discussed that instead of ribbons for the futurity classes we put the \$20.00 office fee back into the futurity payout. Sponsors cover the awards and this is a great way to help the payout increase. Futurity Committee will review the idea.

Mark Owen recommended NSBA classes at the Futurity Show. He is taking suggestions for the classes and we are trying to attract color breeds.

Karen Roy reported that Lester Spear passed away January 1st. He was the first President of NEPHC as well a distinguished horseman. Donations may be made in his memory to the NHSPCA.

Newsletter:

Denise Reed-Gagnon reported that thanks to the generosity of Tim Scott the newsletter made \$50.19 without using the money allocated by the treasury. Tim was kind enough to assist with our printing needs and the newsletter looked great! The Spring booklet will be ready April 1st for mailing. Ads will be charged by the issue. Prices are: Front \$95.00, inside front \$85.00, back \$75.00 and inside back \$65.00. Any color ads need to be paid by the customer. Motion was made by Mark Owen to continue with Spring and Fall Newsletters. Motion seconded by Dan Morrill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.