

NORTHEAST CONNECTION ZONE 7 ZONE O RAMA
Committee Meeting – November 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM by the Chairperson, Jill Pacelli. In attendance were: (* indicates voting member) Jane Munn* (GSPHC), Barbara Mantini* (GSPHC), Marjorie Moser* (GSPHC/Delaware), Alice Smith* (New England PHC), Dorothy Quirk (GSPHC), Jill Pacelli (Chairperson).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: With no further nominations from the floor, the following slate of officers was re-appointed:

Chairperson: Jill Pacelli
Vice Chairperson: Carolyn Burt
Treasurer: Barbara Mantini
Recording Secretary: Dorothy Quirk
Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Packard

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mantini distributed the 2008 financial statement, showing a profit from the 2008 Zone O Rama of \$2,600.00. Motion was made (Smith/Moser) and passed that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The following notations were made:

- There are no outstanding bills or checks.
- The deposit for the Dream Park has been paid.
- We had less stalls rented but more entries this year.
- Barbara reported that she had many exhibitors tell her that they like our cross-over fees.
- This year's Silent Auction realized the largest profit to date.
- The pattern books showed as an income this year.
- This year had the highest number of entries since the inception of the Zone 7 show.
- The Zone's \$5,079.00 CD matured in June of 2008 and is due to mature again in December 12, 2008. Motion was made (Moser/Munn) and passed that Barbara renew this CD again in June of 2009.
- Motion was made (Munn/Mantini) and passed that we donate \$100.00 to the Allentown First Aid squad for the use of their tables and chairs for our Exhibitors' Dinner.
- With the passing of Jim Pacelli, Jill hired a new firm to do our taxes last year. They had been done in the past, at no charge to the Committee, by Jim. Motion was made (Smith/Moser) and passed that we continue using the same firm this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank yous were received from both Jill Pacelli and APHA for our donation to the Jim Pacelli Endowment Fund.
- Several e-mails were received remarking on the quality of our show.

DREAM PARK: The Gloucester County Dream Park has been secured for 2009, 2010, and 2011. Barbara estimates that we will realize a savings of approximately \$4,000 - \$6,000. Item for item, all aspects of the Dream Park are better or the same, financially, as the NJ Horse Park with the exception of the vendors' fee. Dorothy will remind, via answering machine message and e-mail auto reply, that two free shavings are included with each stall rental.

JUDGES: Discussion ensued in regards to the list of possible judges for Barbara to contact. Three have already been hired for 2009 from the 2008 list: Peter Hayes, Jeff Buck, Kathy Bogetta.

EXHIBITOR HAND OUTS: Barbara will again order the "traditional" Zone 7 exhibitor towels.

STALLS: We will ask, via answering machine and e-mail auto reply, that stalls be ordered under the name of the individual, not under a farm name. Also, we will request that return phone contact numbers be included.

ZONE 7 BANNER: Barbara will order a Zone 7 banner.

SHOW PROGRAM: Warm Up Trail will be held in the outside ring, weather permitting.

Proposed Schedule Change: A motion was made (Moser/Munn) referencing changing the show schedule to English (the Hunter under Saddle classes) on Saturday and moving Trail to Sunday. It was noted that this change

would give the trainers who ride in both English and Western events a break with clothing changes and a break with their horses. After a lengthy discussion the motion was rescinded.

Halter Points for High Point Awards: Discussion was held referencing making halter points mandatory for Open, Youth, and Amateur High Point awards. This proposal was not passed.

Halter Class Schedule: Discussion ensued referencing holding the Amateur halter classes with their respective sex divisions. This proposal was not passed.

Horsemanship Classes: Discussion ensued referencing moving the horsemanship classes to before the pleasure classes with the idea that there would be less scratches from the horsemanship classes. This proposal was not passed.

Note that there were lengthy discussions on all of the above proposals but no changes were made to the schedule of classes.

APHA: APHA fees, which have been \$3/judge, have been raised next year to \$5/judge. This will entail an APHA fee of \$30 for each horse entered in the show.

TRAILER FEE: This will be \$25/week-end/horse.

STALL FEE: This will be \$65/stall. Early arrivals will be charged \$125/stall.

CAMPER FEE (Electric only): This will be \$50/week-end. Water will be provided, as requested, by the Dream Park personnel.

Motion made (Moser/Mantini) and passed that the above fees be levied for 2009.

PATTERN BOOKS: Barbara will put these together. It was noted that Jill Pacelli's farm ad paid for the printing of the 2008 pattern books in order for the Zone Committee to use the sale of the books as a fund raiser.

ZONE 7 SHOW SCHEDULE: In the past, this schedule has been developed as a courtesy by the Zone 7 Committee. Jill will again develop the schedule with the information she has received prior to printing. Any show information not forthcoming from the Zone clubs by that time will be listed as "pending".

EXHIBITORS' "PARTY": It was decided to have a "Pick Up and Go" pizza and soda party on Saturday night prior to the evening activities. Dorothy Quirk will check on prices.

DOGGIE CALCUTTA: Chairpersons – Amber and Steve Reigel

SILENT AUCTION: We need a volunteer(s) for this event. Anyone interested, please contact Jill Pacelli. We had over \$700.00 raised for the Zone Show last year from this event.

BATTLE OF THE BARNS: Chairpersons – Amber and Steve Reigel

AWARDS: This year the following awards will be offered:

- An 8 x 10 Al Ambrose photograph
- Various circuit awards.
- \$25.00 coupon to be used as a show bill discount. Jane Munn will develop these coupons.

It was proposed that the dollar amount/circuit award be increased but this proposal was not passed.

Motion was made (Mantini/Munn) and passed that the above mentioned awards be used for the 2009 Zone Show.

DIVISION RESERVE HIGH POINT AWARDS: Crossroads Trailers (Dina Hurley) will again sponsor these awards. Barbara will order them.

SPONSORS: Chairpersons – Jill Pacelli and Carolyn Burt

WEB PAGE: Barbara noted that she is still waiting to receive photos from Al Ambrose to put on the webpage. The changes we have made for 2009 will be added to the site as soon as possible.

APHA JOURNAL AD: Motion was made (Moser/Smith) and passed that we put two ads for our show in the Journal this year – in the March and June issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Quirk, Secretary