

February 7, 2010
VQHA Meeting
Michele Racine's Home
399 Quaker Street
No. Ferrisburgh, Vt.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. with a quorum of officers and directors present; Jim Warden, Michele Racine, Lucille Evarts, Maureen Rich, Charlene Longworth, Melanie Paquette, Mary Pat Roche, Meredith Langlois, Diane Saunders. Absent was Shannon Warden

Members present were Tracy Reed and Laurie Gawet and Ward Preston

Motion was made by Jim Warden to appoint Ward Preston as Director for 1 year position created by resignation of Tracy Reed who was appointed to complete the term vacated by Dawn Walters. Motion 2nd by Maureen Rich and passed.

- Secretary's Report was read and accepted.
- Treasure's Report was read; balance on hand \$2637.42 Audit will be conducted on February 16-17 by Sharon Stearns.
- Committee Reports
 - Show Committee – Lucille Evarts – Yankee Classic deposit has been sent to Northampton, MA. Show secretary is in the process of hiring judges. We will add Novice Halter for Youth and Amateur. Reminder that if you enter your novice or amateur class, your corresponding novice or amateur class will be free.
 - Versatility Ranch Show – Tentative date 7/24/10. 2 locations were discussed; Pond Hill Ranch and Winsum Farm (George Peters). Lucille Evarts and Jim Warden will go and speak with Pond Hill.
 - Novice/Open show – we need to set a date, looking at what conflicts there are. Lucy will check with Kathy Nissun at Addison County Field Days to find out the availability. Show committee will decide date.
 - R6 AQHA update – Date changed to July 8, 9, 10, 11
 - Show sponsorships – Lucille handed out spreadsheet with list of sponsors to date. Sponsorship packets to be put together by Michele and Lucy. Jim Warden will approach Walkers Farm and Tack and Meredith Langlois will approach Tractor Supply.
- Ride Committee – Jim Warden – Date has not been set for 2010. Locations discussed including returning to Russell's Farm in Starksboro. Will also check with Pond Hill Ranch as a possible location.
 - Diane Saunders spoke regarding a letter she received from Judy Lorimer regarding the NEHTA Association as they would like us to join their association, a 2 year commitment, \$60.00 (\$25.00 deposit). Sponsor year end awards for 2 years. They are affiliated with many organizations, Mass,

NH and Connecticut. Motion was made by Diane Saunders and seconded by Michele Racine, motion passed.

- Fundraising Committee – Meredith Langlois
 - Yankee Candle & Halladay’s – we will participate in this Spring fundraiser. Orders will be due on March 7, 2010. Items will be here in time for Easter – this will help defray costs of awards at the Yankee Classic. Jim Warden will look into bicycles for awards.
 - Auction is scheduled for March 7th at the Ferrisburgh School.
 - Silent Auction will be held at the Yankee Classic in conjunction with the VQYHA.

- Youth Advisor Report – Laurie Gawet
 - Youth Financial report was sent to the Board. The youth have purchased a presentation board to be used at special events with pictures etc.
 - Meredith Langlois attended the youth meeting and spoke about the disassociation of VQHYA and VQHA. She “cleared the air” with the youth club.

- Other business
 - Communication – Great feedback on the last newsletter, when is the next one! Will check with Mary Hutchins.
 - Mane Stream – Lucille emailed membership list to them again as the first email didn’t go through.
 - Tack Auction/Show Clothes Consignment – Meredith Langlois will chair this event to run in conjunction with the Tack Auction on March 7th. Michele Racine made and handed out flyers for this event.
 - Point System Discussion – Proposed change to eliminate minimum points on Versatility Ranch, reining and working cowhorse in AQHA category 2, to put reining and working cowhorse in their own division. Motion made by Diane Saunders and 2nd by Lucille Evarts. The proposed change will be brought up at the general membership meeting on April 11th.
 - Everything Equine – April 24th – 25th at the Essex Fairgrounds. Sign-up sheet will be passed around at the Auction in Ferrisburgh.
 - Banquet follow-up – Great feedbacks!

- AQHA New England Director Position
 - John Trafton and Gretchen Mathes are both vying for the position. Our affiliate will send letter of recommendation for either candidate and strongly suggest they appoint both.

- New Business – Sponsorship by Youth and Parent Club

- Motion to adjourn at 11:53 by Charlene Longworth, 2nd by Lucille Evarts

