

Vermont Quarter Horse Association
Laurie Gawet's Home
May 3, 2009

Present were: Lucille Evarts, Mary Pat Roche, Dawn Carleton-Walters, Laurie gawt, Cecile Howland, Mary Hutchins, Brad Giroux, Shannon Warden, Jim Warden. Absent were: Meredith Langlois, Sherry Longworth, and Maureen Rich

Meeting was called to order by President Shannon at 1:10 PM. Cecile presented secretary's report. Lucille gave treasurer's report showing \$4929.49. She stated there was a difference from last months meeting of \$40.00 due to Yankee candle fundraiser last year. Lucille presented a breakdown for each category, which the board thought was very nice.

Yankee Classic: Estimate for the shavings are \$4.60. Tack stall reservations are coming in slowly. Jill wanted to know who would contact the photographer. Board definitely wants her to be the contact. We discussed what we want for the backdrop. Lucille has the banner. She will arrange for potted plants either by donation or purchase. Diamond RV need to be contacted. Lucille said she would speak to them now & 2 weeks before show to confirm. Brad questioned about the saddles. Lucille said all is ok. They will have "VQHA All Around Champion" without year. Brad has sponsor banners & will bring to show. Wednesday will be set up. Lucille wondered who would be there to help. Jobs are shavings, banners, Tape stalls, Photo Booth, Awards, Hospitality (Stacey Phelps will coordinate), and Silent Auction. We hoped that if anyone has extra tables they would bring them. Laurie said that youth was donated Green Mt. Coffee and will bring for mornings.

Versatility Ranch Horse: Heritage Farm, Easthampton, Mass. on July 25th. Lucille received application. She is in the process of contacting judge. Shannon agreed to be manager. It was suggested to ask Sarah Roche to be ring steward. It was questioned whether there will be food available. Lucille will check into that.

Gymkhana: Sept. 5th Laurie said that SE Smith, West Rutland, has agreed to donate buckets & goodies to stuff them. We discussed keeping the categories the same as all other gymkhanas rather than by skill of rider.

Novice/Open Show: Sept 6th. Lucille wondered if she could keep the class list the same. She will work on getting judge & manager.

Clinic: Sept. 5th Mary Pat stated there will be 2 sessions-Showmanship & Trail. Grouping for the trail will be adult & youth. She is going to ask our state professionals- Jesse Stewart, Erin Longworth, Brad Giroux, or Shannon Warden.

Youth: Laurie gave report that 3 youth are going to Texas for conference. Kayleigh McDonnell & Leah Thomas are running for delegates. Region 6 theme is "Winter Wonderland" so youth are looking for winter items that can be donated. 2 youth have interest in going to World for Quiz Bowl. July 5th open show to be held at Pond Hill Stables is all set. Ribbons need to be ordered. Yankee classic towels & t-shirts have been ordered.

Ride: Date had to be changed to October 3rd due to conflict. We are still looking for a place. Lucille will email Donna Bryant for GMHA. Terry Rose thru VT Horse Council is another contact. Mary will contact someone in South Royalton. Jim will contact Russells on Route 16. It was discussed rather than one big ride would it be better to have smaller ride once a month?

By Law Committee: Shannon & Mary agreed to read them. They will contact Norm Rice & Phil Guare to see if they have past by-laws.

Fundraising: Yankee Candle-Mary stated she still has not received all items ordered from last year. She will contact Meredith for help. It was agreed that we will have another sale in October. Lucille received a call from Norm Rice suggesting we contact Scott Salisbury. He can give us marketing & fundraising ideas. Shannon will contact him so he can visit our meeting after the retreat.

Committee Policies: We discussed that the By Laws need to reflect our policies. Shannon suggested we bring back or email her with any thoughts of what committees can do on their own & what the board should approve. Things we talked about were how committees are appointed, how persons can be removed, & how actions should be carried out.

Email Protocol: Seems to be working ok.

Newsletter: It was questions how often we should get news out. Board agreed to bi-monthly except in summer months, as there is more going on. Mary agreed to chair.

Website: We need more pictures. Shannon suggested we have board picture & individual one of each. Let Shannon know if any new ideas.

New Business: Jim will work on getting some item(s) for the table to hand out at Everything Equine.

Old Business: Dawn agreed to be contact for Region 6 goodie bags. It was suggested we try to items from Cabot or Ben & Jerry's. Ribbons will be handed out for Friday at Yankee Classic. Mary Pat is looking for items to be given out on Saturday & Sunday. She stated she might need more than \$500.00. Dawn made a motion to increase the expenditure to \$1000.00. Board voted/passed. Lucille wondered if we could give out the leftover t-shirts that she has been carrying around at Everything Equine. It was agreed.

Next meeting will be May 31, 2009 at VTC for the retreat.
Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

Sincerely submitted,
Cecile M Howland