



OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING SCHEDULE

Field's Memorial School
Bozrah, CT (7:30 PM)

Oct. 25 #

#not a qualifying meeting; voting
purposes only.

The October meeting is the election meeting. It will be the last meeting before the banquet.

The banquet will be held November 19th at the Norwich Holiday Inn. Cut off date is: November 5th. No exceptions!

Check the website often for details!

General Membership Meeting
Field's Memorial School
September 27, 2011

President Lynda Whaley called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Sadie Beatrice read the secretary's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Cheryl Stomberg, seconded by Arline Card. Motion carried.

Donald Beatrice read the treasurer's report

Beginning Balance	\$3,865.18
Income	4,014.00
Expenses	1,661.00
Ending Balance	\$6,218.17

Sadie made a correction: Donald said that the check we received for the Nutrena tags was for \$63.05, but it was actually \$163.05. He had that written down but misspoke. A motion to accept the report was made by Cheryl Stomberg, seconded by Arline Card. Motion carried. Donald made note that the \$500 deposit we already paid to the Holiday Inn was not included in the figures.

OLD BUSINESS

The points will be audited and posted as soon as possible. Please check the website often for updates.

Shows: September 18 in Hebron. Melissa Proulx was in the main ring and Michelle Carver (a new judge for us) was in trail. We made a profit of about \$400 which included the \$288 we got for the SNEHA classes and the ribbon profit of \$129.95.

September 25 in Woodstock: We had 78 horses and brought in \$2,716 in entry fees. Jo Ann Hamson was the ring judge. There were some complaints about her judging. There were compliments as well. Lynda reminded everyone that we are paying for the judge's opinion. Beth Stone was the trail judge. She was 15 – 20 minutes late. There were some complaints about her as well.

After expenses we made an actual profit of \$920. The day of profit, not counting what was paid for out of last year's budget was \$1,737. We only needed to purchase about 20 ribbons and no trophies thanks to everyone who donated theirs back.

Banquet update – We will still accept nominations for the Skip Van Patten and Ed Clark award until the October meeting. Please include a write up of why you are nominating the person.

Donald said that the cutoff date to purchase tickets is November 5th. No exceptions. We have no leeway since it is our first time there. If someone has a food allergy or a vegetarian we can provide a special meal upon request. Robin Schaedler volunteered to do the banquet book again since she already has it set up.

Nominations: Lynda read the slate of officers:

President – Lynda Whaley

1st Vice President – Teri Smith

2nd Vice President – Arline Card

Recording Secretary – Sadie Beatrice

Treasurer – Donald Beatrice

Membership Secretary – Karen Sapia

Point recorders – Jean St. Denis and Sarah Confer

Board of Directors

Paul Pellerin

Paul Sapia

Ann Avery

Laura Sottile

Terry Farina

Nominations will close tonight. If someone gets nominated they need to be in attendance in order to accept the nomination. Elections will be held in October; make sure you attend if you wish to vote.

We will continue to collect Nutrena tags until the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynda read the tentative show schedule for 2012:

April 29 – Oneco

May 6 – Oneco

May 27 – Woodstock

June 24 – Woodstock

July 29 – Oneco

August 12 – Woodstock

September 16 – Colchester Lions – tentative

Colchester Lions needs to confirm the date and we just need to sign the contracts and submit the deposits. The board did a lot of finagling with the schedule. We avoided most back to

back show with us and TSHA. The first show we usually do well with, especially if the weather is not good. During the hotter months we only have 1 show per month.

We also worked with the class list. We moved some things and combined some classes. We looked at what made money and what didn't. We decided to drop trail for next year as it always cost the club money to run it. We added discipline in as part of the division like it was years ago. We will try this for 1 year. The exceptions would be Lead Line, Saddle Seat, and Hunter. Green horse discipline would be walk-trot. We added a couple of different halter classes to give halter horses more options.

There was an issue of a handler in Lead Line not wearing proper attire. This should have been caught by the ring steward and/or brought to the steward's attention. It was suggested that the rule be added to the lead line classes on the class list.

There were no rule changes submitted.

Teri spoke about the Halloween Howl. It will be open to SNEHA youth members and will be held on October 30 from 1-5 at Lynda's farm. Please RSVP Teri, Arline, or Lynda by October 15th. There will be games for those with and without horses. Food and drink donations will be gladly accepted.

There was a comment about the ring person and steward not being allowed to show the day they are working in those capacities. Actually they are allowed to, but someone else needs to step in for them doing those classes.

Sadie read an email from Samantha (Biershbach) Fisher.

There was some concern about the time frame with all the classes being in the ring. Since we dropped and combined some classes it gave us a total of 47 in the main ring. Our requirements are no more than 50 classes in one ring. We will save money by only hiring one judge and will be able to pin the divisions quicker.

Donald mentioned accepting raffles for the banquet.

Roll call was done.

Arline Card made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sadie Beatrice
Recording Secretary