

NYSHC Annual Meeting, September 26, 2009

Meeting called to order By President George King at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes from the April 18, 2009, meeting were reviewed and the motion to accept was made by Shannon Budnik and seconded by Mark Gisselbrecht. Attendees voted to accept.

Treasurer's report given by Steve Ropel. Veronica Weber made the motion to accept, Mark Gisselbrecht seconded. Attendees voted to accept. Steve also reported 2009 membership remained stable. Colleen Segarra made a motion to consider the possibility of a sponsor and/or associate membership. Robert Pfohl seconded. Will be investigated. 2010 membership form was presented and accepted.

Diane Jones will present a 20 minute talk at the Syracuse Invitational.

American Horse Council State Horse Council Advisory Committee Fall Issued Forum to be held November 6,7,8, 2009. It was decided that the NYSHC will send 2 persons. Bob & Janet Pfohl and possibly George & Heide King will attend.

The Northeast Equine Expo at Belmont Park, May 29 & 30, 2010 was discussed.

Dru Malavase made a motion for the continuation of the Board. Shannon Budnick seconded. Carried.

Diane Jones gave an update on the website. Some topics discussed were standardization with other horse councils, personalizing with photos, links to events and other organizations, tourism (I Love NY), advertising and classifieds.

Mary Szarek commented that the newsletter needs more chapter input, possibility of connecting the newsletter and website, and the addition of classified ads.

Colleen Segarra gave an update on the progress of Good Will Hunter and the case being formed against Paragallo Farms.

A brief report for composting deceased animals was given on the research by Cornell University. Woodchips allows for air circulation in the process and helps reduce stress for the animal. Further study on the residue of barbiturates and bute that remains in the soil.

The next meeting was set for December 5, 2009, at the Cooperative Extension Center in Binghamton

Adjournment was at 12:00 Noon. Followed by a luncheon where the Horseman of the Year was awarded to Colleen Segarra and Robert Pfohl received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Speakers for the afternoon were Tom Seay of "Ride America by

Horseback” and New York State Senator Cathy Young, as well as various Chautauqua County Officials.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Dalton