

NYSHC Annual Meeting September 27, 2008

Meeting called to order at 10:16 am by George King.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves before starting the meeting.

Sara Chevako made one correction to minutes from April's meeting then moved to accept them as corrected. Seconded by Jim Leising. Motion passed.

Steve Ropel was absent, sent updated information. There was an audit of the treasury over the summer and everything looked good. Treasurer's report tabled until next meeting. Several corrections to membership information were indicated.

Next meeting will be our organizational meeting and will be held in January, Chip

Watson will have next year's meeting dates soon and George will distribute them.

We have three offers for next year's annual meeting, Rockland, Catt-Chat, and Saratoga.

After some discussion Catt-Chat was chosen and the date will be the 4th weekend in September-September 26th.

Marsha Himler reported on the Show Program, presenting the final report for this year.

She discussed the history and purpose of the program, and indicated that it had not helped bring in members as had been hoped. Marsha Himler made a motion to suspend further NYSHC show programs. Seconded by Susan Braen, motion passed.

George King suggested all past participants be notified of this development. Some discussion ensued as to possible uses for the MHM program bank account. Discussion will be continued at next meeting.

Sara Chevako gave a brief history and update on the Trail program. The first round of allocations are completed and the second round has been re-allocated-many of these are already in progress. She expects that all monies will be paid out by the end of 2008.

Several other trail issues were brought up and discussed and several members have indicated they will help work on these.

Deb Morano announced that she needs information on any events planned for 2009 ASAP to add them to next year's insurance policy.

Leah Leising gave an update on the Trail Ride Program.

Bob Pfohl reported on Empire Farm Days and the new display was well received. There was some discussion about the use of the new display and possible need for a second display. Marsha Himler, Deb Morano, George King and Leah Leising generously offered to donate the funds to buy a second display.

Karin Bump will use the display at Syracuse and Shannon Budnik will be in charge of the display scheduling.

Prudence Hill introduced a new chapter of NYSHC- a New York City Chapter-New York City Horse Power. She discussed the conditions of several areas in NYC and surrounding areas.

George King announced the E-vote pertaining to commercial services for membership passed. He also passed around a draft of a letter dealing with missed meeting attendance by directors. Discussed a Board Service Commitment Pledge. It was agreed that this was something we wanted and he will present it later in a more refined format.

Sharon Young Slate discussed the Equine Emergency booklet and the relative costs of printing. Motion made to purchase 1000 copies with our logo added to it that chapters could purchase from us. Motion made by Shannon Budnik and seconded by Bob Pfohl.

Motion passed. Sharon will send pricing information to Steve Ropel and Marsha Himmler will investigate alternative printing services.

George King discussed the passing of Linda Connors and her history with NYSHC. He said that the American Quarter Horse Society (?AQHA) has established a scholarship in her name. Motion was made by Marsha Himmler to donate \$1000.00 to the scholarship, seconded by Michelle Crew. Motion passed.

George King suggested that we model the Lifetime Achievement Award after our Horseman of the Year with a perpetual award and a small award to be given to the recipient. He also suggested that the lifetime plaque be named in honor of Linda Connors and that she be this year's recipient. Mary Ann Byers reminded all that we already have a silver bowl that could be used as the perpetual award. Motion was made by Susan Braen to re-name the Lifetime Achievement Award to the Linda Connor's Lifetime Achievement Award. Motion was seconded by Shannon Budnik and passed. The bowl will be engraved and a plaque will be engraved and given to Linda Connor's students to be placed in her farm.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Karin Bump, seconded by Teresa Passaretti. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm for lunch.

After a wonderful luncheon the meeting reconvened at 1:05.

Dr. Rick Grant, President of Miner Institute gave a brief welcoming speech.

Horseperson of the Year was awarded to Leah Leising.

Motion to appoint 2 new board members, Michelle Crew and Leah Leising as a Director at Large, was made by Sara Chevako, seconded by Deb Morano. Motion passed.

Dr. Philip van Harreveld from the Vermont Large Animal Clinic Equine Hospital described what a large animal practice involved and the services it can provide. An extensive question and answer period was included.

Karin Bump presented the main points of many of the other presenters at the Unwanted Horse Summit she recently attended. She also shared part of her presentation with us. George King spoke about horse owners and local politics. He gave many examples about the things that horse owners and farm owners need to know for their own protection.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bob Pfohl, seconded by Shannon Budnik, to adjourn.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

After the meeting many people were given a tour of the barns and museum by Karen Lassell.

In attendance: George King, Deb Moran, Teresa Passaretti, Marsha S. Himler, Karen Lassell, Leah Leising, Jim Leising, Sara Chevako, Charles Sawicki, Ruth Moore, Prudence Hill, Melanie Donovan, Sharon Young Slate, Gray Slate, Karin Bump, Michelle Crew, Heidi King, Alexa King, Jean Rhuda, Jean Arledge, Mary Ann Byers, Susan Braen, Janet Pfohl, Bob Pfohl, Shannon Budnik, Mark Gisselbrecht, and several guests who did not sign attendance list.