

New York Reined Cow Horse

Hampton Inn & Suites, Victor, NY

2017 Annual Membership Meeting

Attendance: Lauren & Jacob Partridge, Marty Bays, Lesa Didas, Ray Stepens, Christina Bates, Barb McCaughey, Robin & Scott Waite, Hornyak family, Tim & Roberta Partridge, Dougherty family, Danielle Foust, Pat Gossage, Joe & Jen Decker, Lisa Sykes, Kuhn family, Cindy Pfeifer, Ernie Rivers, Boy Myers, Mike McFarland, Minter Family, Billie Hill, Amber Roberts, Madison Capogreco, Michelle Muir, Erica Henderson, Deb Havener

President Joe Decker **called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.** An attendance sheet was passed around to the membership.

The November 1, 2017 Board Member **minutes were approved** by Wendy Kuhn & seconded by Billie Hill.

Treasurers Report: Cindy Pfeifer handed out "2017 Financial Highlights" We had a \$2,374.38 loss over all for the year. Show income loss was \$2,804. Clinic income also went down by \$238. The judges clinic had a profit of \$703. Misc expenses were \$895. Membership income was \$1,920. Sponsorships were \$2,905. 2017 Award expense was \$3,851. Cindy suggested to raise costs in 2018. Most of our losses were due to the costs of cows. The shows just aren't covering their expenses.

Old Business:

2017 Shows: Joe Decker reviewed 2017 shows. Six sanctioned shows & 3 club shows.

2017 Clinics: Lisa Sykes discussed the two successful clinics the club this year. Joel Cohen was very successful with a lot of enthusiasm. The club would like to use him again. The Green Rider clinic at Quiet Quarters was filled and everyone loved it. Danielle Foust encouraged the club to host More Green Rider Clinics.

2017 Sponsors: Cindy Pfeifer listed off our sponsors and handed out our sponsors sign-up form. She thanked the current sponsors. She encouraged all our members to try and get sponsors in 2018. Lisa Sykes also encouraged the membership to use our sponsorship's services and to mention that you are with NYRCHA.

New Business:

2018 Clinics: The membership in whole discussed clinics and different options. Lisa Sykes announced the Darren Bilyea clinic that will be held at Diamond R Farm in Kent, NY owned by NYRCHA member Darren Roberts Farm. Lisa made a nomination that Lauren & Jacob

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Partridge organize the clinic. Wendy Kuhn Seconded the motion. All approved Lauren and Jacob

Another idea for a clinician is Andy Sutliff of PA. He specializes in Herd Work. The membership wanted it pretty early in the season Lauren suggested working with Hoss's Ridge in April.

Clinics are important. Danielle said that Green Riders are our future.

2018 Shows: Cazenovia is the only place right now that we are able to hold shows. Looking for venues that we can use. Conversations with Morrisville, but they are having renovations done to the facility. Members are should keep their eyes open for options as well.

2018 Rules Update: Passed out was the new rules update. It was discussed with membership with no complaints.

Major change was **taking away the 100 points** for the green rider buckle b/c it was basically unachievable. The two champion ships still stands as an automatic move up for both green rider and green horse.

The Awards for 2018 was also changed. There would no longer be division champions (ie Herd work & bridle class) but individual classes would have a year end award with the exception of Ranch & walk trot. Ranch would still be a division champion and Walk trot would remain the same.

Elections:

Nominations are for two year positions. Positions where someone left before the end of their term will be appointed by the Board of Director.

Positions Open for 2018-2019: Vice President, Treasurer & Green Director

Thank you to **Tammy Schmidt and Billie Hill** for filling those 1 year positions last year. Big thank you to **Cindy Pfeifer** for all the years, time and sweat that she has put into the club as treasurer. So happy that she will still be show secretary still (during awards ceremony a jacket was given to her)

Vice President: Lisa Sykes nominated Wendy Kuhn as Vice President, Marie Dougherty seconded. Secretary casted one vote. This is a two year term. Wendy is leaving the Youth director position which will be a one year term. That position will be appointed by the board.

Treasurer: Wendy Kuhn nominated Lesa Didas as treasurer. Cindy seconded. Secretary casted one vote. This is a two year term.

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Green Rider Director: Cindy Pfeifer nominated Danielle Foust as Green Director. Mike McFarland seconded. This is a two year term. Secretary casted her vote.

Other Business:

Extra Mile Award: Tabled until the Awards section. The Extra Mile award for 2017 went to Lauren and Jacob Partridge. A \$50 gift certificate was awarded to them from Amazon.

The Dirty Glove Award: Tabled until Awards section: Awarded to Scott Waite

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. Next Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.