

General Membership Meeting  
3/11/17 – Middlebury American Legion, Middlebury, VT

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM after the Pot Luck Dinner. There were 33 members and guests in attendance.

The Officers and Board of Directors were introduced.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given: \$8405.85 in checking. (Scholarship monies included in that amount.)

Discussion of 2017 events planned:

Appaloosa/Open Show – This year's show will be August 26 & 27, at the Addison County Field Days, in New Haven, VT. There will be ApHC classes, open classes and classes for every riding ability level. We have 3 judges booked and will award 3 placings and 4 sets of points. All show help is just about in place. We will offer stall cleaning again for a fee, for those folks who don't want to strip their stalls at the end of the show. It was very popular and a good fund raiser for the 4-H club, but a lot of work. The youth classes will all be 18 & under, we will have the full WT non-pro and youth divisions. We have heard from many exhibitors already planning to come back with more horses. We will need a person to set up the games classes this year. We have heard that they are planning to upgrade the power at the camper bar between the barns.

Trail Ride – Looking for someone to take over organization of the event. Different locations were discussed. Becky Marro volunteered to organize the event and possibly could do from her home.

Gymkhanas –2017 Pointed Gymkhana dates to be: June 4th, August 6<sup>th</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup> – S & R Stables, Rochester. If it rains the day before or is predicted to rain the day of the event, S & R Stables would prefer we reschedule the event to a different date. Updates will be posted to Facebook and email out.

The State 4-H Gymkhana is Thursday, July 6th at 6PM and we will be looking for volunteers to help with the running of the event for the 4-H.

Extreme Trail Challenge – We are not planning any for this year. Appears to be declining interest and they are very labor intensive. The one held at ACFFD just wasn't worth the revenue split with the fair.

Auction – the one held after the meeting was not real well attended (\$162). Maybe there are too many being held around the area. Judy/Jan made motion not to hold an auction in 2017. Passed

Fall Meeting - Will do a Saturday evening meeting, date to be October 28th, possibly at Castleton University.

Pointed Events for 2017:

Gymkhanas – June 4th; August 6<sup>th</sup>; September 24th.

Instate shows – any open/all breed show held in Vermont or run by a Vermont organization.

Regional shows – Any ApHC approved show

Show Rules and Point System for 2017: No changes presented, everyone thought it was working well. Extreme Trail will be listed as "suspended" for 2017.

Old Business:

Sponsorships: Encouraged for any and all events. A form will be generated for sponsors and advertisers. We will post on both the web site and the facebook pages.

New Business:

There is some interest in having shirts and sweatshirts for sale, promoting the club. We could take orders and have them made up for sale.

Always looking for new ideas and helpers. Please reach out to any one on the board with any ideas you have or would like to see the club pursue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM for the Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle and Awards Banquet.

Respectfully,  
Deb Danforth  
Secretary