

8/5 meeting notes

Attendance:

Jess Abrams, Jess Williams, Annette Mohr, Denise Dahms, Juliet Charkin, Sammi LaMonica, Beth Zylstra, Rebecca Jacobson, Danielle Moraski, Barbara Whyte, Laura Ossman, Emma Paulsen

Call to order 6:33pm

Jess Williams read July minutes; motion made; accepted by all.

Committee reports

Finance committee:

- Treasurer's report- read by Denise Dahms
- Cash- Walden Saving Checking Account= \$11,934
- Total Income =\$9285
- Total Expense=\$10,652
- Net Loss = \$1,367
- Vanguard Account
 - Cost- \$124,573 FMV=134,819

***** Majority of the expense is attributed to Scholarship awards= \$7500

- motion made, accepted

Banquet committee:

- Beth will talk to Twin Ponds to confirm the date and an estimate that the number of tables will be the same as last year. They want final confirmation when it is a week out.
- Dani will make a google form and when each farm gives her their count that is it. She needs a barn list, names, money, who checks are for, all in a one and done.
- Jess and Debbie ordered prizes- champions will get shadow boxes, reserve will get blanket bars. Made by a contact of Debbie's. Nothing embroidered.
- Jess also has a call into SP Rhodes for some alternate options as back up but staying away from the customized name things.
- Leadline- hobby horses? Jess calling Lana for a contact- someone had them for sale at IEA.
- Motion made; accepted

Raffle committee:

- Email will be sent to all host farms as a reminder to gather at least 2 baskets per farm
- Each farm donates 2 division certificates- Jess Abrams will make
- Barbara will reach out to Purina
- Greystone donating a horseless horse show jump
- Email whvpha@gmail.com with what you are donating and Jess/Emma will compile a list

Finals committee:

- Barbara joining committee as extra support
- Was there a point system at finals last year? What if kids didn't pin in any class- they would need some kind of differentiation to determine 7-10th places
- Proposal from Jess Williams: We are currently inviting back top 10 per division. Proposal is to instead invite back the top 12. Put into place for next year to entice more kids to be competitive. Some push back if we were to try it last minute for this year, but definitely consider it for next year.
- Proposal from Jess Williams: Change requirement for next year to 3 shows instead of 4 since fewer shows to go to throughout the season **or** drop to have no show requirement but just solely focus on points.
 - Voted to drop the show requirement and solely focus on points. Top 10 shows will count, but not a minimum amount of shows required to qualify. Will take top 12 competitors to finals from every section. Voted and accepted unanimously.
- Dani will update the flier for the hunt and go derby to include open hunter and will be sent out to social media resources asap. Open hunter participants will have to choose a 2', 2'6, or 3' height for the derby.
- Derby will run following the 2' child/adult divisions.
- Motion made and accepted

Horse Show Committee

- Colonial classic - only Greystone and Hollow Hill interested. Opening up the WHVPHA invite to some other locals that want to participate. Dani handling this.
- To be discussed at host farm meeting:
 - Discussion of judges use rule. Limiting how often people judge. We will sit down with horse show committee and host farms to make sure everyone knows the rule and communication.
 - Need to modify the rulebook and make clear to all participants what the changes are for the 2024-25 season.
 - child/adult to be junior/amateur
 - Restricted division- limit fill or depth of boxes?
- Motion made and accepted

Endowment committee

- Founding Member scholarship \$500 each
 - Recommended by trainers; based upon a letter of rec
 - Giving two- one to a junior, one to an adult
- Working Student scholarship
 - Donation prior years to fund it. Last year they gave \$1000 so we gave out 2 scholarships. Unknown at this time if the same person is donating again. Do we still want to offer this scholarship again if they do not? Denise will reach out to the donor to find out if we have the money and clarify at next meeting.

- Other scholarships - high point horse and trainer- will be clarified by next meeting once season's points are complete.
- Motion made and accepted.

Sponsorship committee

- Greystone is sponsoring with backpacks
- Purina is sponsoring with treats
- Committee has sent out many emails/calls and is awaiting responses.
- Counting how many leftover prizes they have from prior seasons and determining how much we have for this year's finals prizes.
- Focus on this year's finals prizes before next season sponsors
- Motion made and accepted.

Old business?

None

New business?

- Inquiry into potential to change the venue for finals in future years?
 - Problems finding within mileage range, price range
 - Need schooling area, facility, jumps, etc.
- At finals, trying to make it different for people from just another show at the same venue. Hospitality tent? Exhibitor party on Saturday? Coffee and hot chocolate bar? WHVPHA merch?
 - Merch- Jess W will call Personalize It for prices, options

Next meeting September 9 @ Monica's house. Host farms/show committee meeting ahead of regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.