



Skyline Corral Board Meeting
Held at Grand Central, Owego, NY
June 23, 2015

Board Members present – Amy Light, Dulcie Barnes, Chris Hagquist, Jennifer Hagquist, Debbie Oakes, Debbie Huttleston, Maria Vallone, Kristen Barker, Becky Jenson, Krystal Boyce.

Board Members absent – Kristina Boyce, Whitney Hibler, Lori Markoff

Guests – Kelly Gumaer, Kristen Farr, Ryan Quail

President Amy Light called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.

Debbie Oakes read the roll call. She then read the minutes from the workbee meeting in April 2015. The following corrections were noted – Maria Vallone was not in attendance at the meeting.

Also missing were the By-Laws change where a “family membership” was defined. The change to the By-Laws was needed to encompass the following living together in the same household: husband & wife, mother & father, step children, foster children, grandchildren, spouses and dependents, children under 21.

The club had defined a “family membership” to be – Spouses, mother and father, dependents under 21 years of age living in the same household. A family membership is also at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

These changes were so noted.

Treasurer’s Report –

Beginning Balance – 1/1/15	\$7,230.54
Total Expenses	<4,231.79>
Income:	
Fundraisers	5,527.07
Memberships	712.00

Shows	3,680.71
Balance as of 6/18/15 -	\$10,037.87

Amy Light reported that the net profits from the May and June shows are as follows (approximates):

May Speed - \$620

June Speed - \$900

May Performance - \$75

June Performance - \$532

President Amy Light then discussed the recent resignations of the following board members – Ashleigh Knecht, Alex Kinter and Cindy Brace

The following club members were interested in the open positions – Kristen Farr for Speed Board (Ashleigh Knecht); Kelly Gumaer for Recording Secretary (Alex Kinter); Debbie Huttleston for Performance Vice President (Cindy Brace). Per procedures detailed in the By-Laws, President Amy Light appointed the above people to fill the open positions and the Board members attending approved the appointments.

Maria Vallone is going to contact Alex Kinter to try and get the Recording Secretary items from her. Krystal Boyce is going to get the latest membership list that Tonya Robinson has and email it to Debbie Oakes so the membership applications received at the June shows can be entered on it.

Debbie Huttleston brought up the issue that the July judge should be contacted and confirmed. Kristen Farr called Jody Rieflin to confirm that she was still scheduled to judge the show.

Amy told Debbie Huttleston that she can hold whatever meetings for the Performance side that she needs to. She also requests that any email she sends to the Performance board to make sure she's copied on it.

The Board then discussed the Prince William Memorial Added Money class that the Munda family is sponsoring. The one thing that people taking entries, as well as exhibitors, need to remember is that anyone who enters in the class must ride in at least one other class. At the June show, it was run as the first riding class. It was felt that it needs to be moved to a different location in the program. By doing this, it was hoped that it would draw more interest from exhibitors that wanted to enter. It was decided that it should be placed after Class 11 (would be Class 11A), just prior to the 10 minute warm-up for the Walk/Trot division. At the June show, only the top two places were paid. After a discussion, the Board decided that if there were 10 entries or under, 3 places would be paid (50%-30%-20%) and if 11 or over, 4 places would be paid (40%-30%-20%-10%). Amy Light is going to call the Munda's and discuss these changes with them.

The topic of the trail classes at the performance shows was next discussed. It was questioned when the Board decided that the trail judge wasn't being paid. None of the board members present could remember that being decided. Kristen Farr, who is the trail judge for the July show, is going to contact Whitney Hibler to see if she's going to draw the trail pattern or if someone else is going to have to do it. It was brought up that the pattern needs to be measured and not just "eyeballed" as some of the obstacles at the June show were to close for horses that cantered.

Amy told the Board that she wants to set up a committee to review the riding rules. This is in response to an issue with the age limits for Walk/Trot in both the Speed and Performance sides. The W/T ages needs to be the same on all forms and on any print material. Because the ages were different on the entry forms, Gabby Lupole and McKenna Murphy didn't show in the correct division when they were signed up. Chris Hagquist brought up that there should be an opportunity for everyone to ride W/T, as some people just aren't ready to canter. The Board discussed what should be done – should the kids forfeit their points and move to the correct division or what. Debbie Huttleston said that she doesn't feel that the riders should be penalized due to our errors. The Board decided to leave things as they are for this year regarding W/T and the kids in the wrong age divisions – they can ride in the wrong division in the final show. But programs and entry forms needs to be corrected before the July shows.

Amy brought up the topic of why the club is losing exhibitors. A couple of barns with several horses said that they got tired of the shows being cancelled after they got their horses ready. They also said that from the pictures on Facebook, it looks like the club has regressed and is a 4H club. If we're going to continue, this image needs to be addressed and changed. Amy also said that with the low revenue produced by the May and June performance shows, we're going to have to evaluate what steps to take with the performance side. Maria Vallone said that we need continuity and a new look and feel. Amy said that she would like to see the club look the best we can considering what has happened (losing 3 board members and "drama"). Regarding fundraising, it was also brought up that the Board can't carry the whole club and the club members need to step up and do more.

Amy said that July is going to be crazy for the club – July 11th is the Tioga County Fair show, club shows on July 18 & 19 and the 2 day Memorial Classic on July 25 & 26. She said that it's going to be "all hands on deck" for the month.

Krystal Boyce reported that Tonya said that the line dance people need a contract signed before July 25th.

Amy said that she is bringing her team to help out at the July 19th Performance show. The Performance division will have to discuss if they're going to hold the fun show again, like what was held last September.

The Speed Board is going to set up a meeting to discuss the 2-day show in more detail. Added money for this 2-day show is still "TBD". Becky Jenson reported that we need to take advantage of the free advertising for these shows (Owego Pennysaver, Moonlighter, etc) and will take care of getting ads placed.

Krystal Boyce reported that she's been in contact with a person from Lindsay Lawn & Garden about being a tractor sponsor for the 3 days for the Classic Weekend. She's also going to work on seeing if they'd be a tractor sponsor for next year.

The status of the water tanker was questioned. Amy said that it still needs work and to be painted. Due to this, Becky Jenson was asked to contact Eric Johnson to see about getting a tank of water for the 2-day show.

Amy asked how many chickens we think should be ordered for the bar-b-que. It was decided that 200 should be ordered. If there are any left over, they can be sold on Sunday. Amy has the rest of the bar-b-q set up.

The "Sandal Scandal" was discussed. Nobody has any idea where the slip came from, nor do they know who "Wendy Walsh" is. The best that we can figure is that the slip got accidentally put into the cash box. Becky Jenson is going to Power & Paddle to review the video tape to see if this Wendy Walsh can be seen and if she recognizes her. Amy will get with Lori Markoff to have the amount removed from the treasurer's report.

Debbie Oakes brought up fundraisers. The Board would like to continue to sell the lottery calendars offered by the Apalachin Lion's Club. Debbie will contact them and order 100. Regarding the tack auction, the Board decided to forego it for 2015. Regarding a volleyball tournament, Debbie Oakes is going to contact Todd Cundey to see if one can be set up and to get details and report back.

Chris Hagquist reported that the John Barry concert will not be held this year. He will continue to work on getting it scheduled at a suitable venue for 2016.

Amy Light asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Hagquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm and Becky Jenson seconded Chris' motion.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Oakes

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Substitute Recording Secretary