

Fall Meeting
Walpole Town Hall
November 20,2010

Called to Order: 5:20 PM

- Curt Towle thanked everyone for their support at the Round up and here at the meeting. Great job done by all, team effort. This would include but not limited to sponsors, pullers & families, board, judge, spectators, concessions and volunteers.

Secretary report:

Treasures report:

Old business:

- Classes on time, dues going up to \$15.00 and discussion on a good round up.

New Business:

- General discussion on round up, wristbands need to be visible, checking next year all weekend.
- Round up for 2011 is October 14,15 and 16. Keene NH
- Bob Allen discussed places to have round up next year. Bob contacted the 7 places and only 2 were an option the Big E and Keene. Bob gave the breakdown on the amount that it would cost and what was included in the contracts. There was general discussion on the pros and cons of each place. Some things discussed was Maine style pulling, Mass rules, food booth, gate control and concessions. There was a motion from the floor to vote on going back to Keene. It was a unanimous vote for Keene. Discussion on getting a trailer for the bathrooms.
- Charlie Chickering went over the people that the nominating committee had talked to for possible new directors.
- Directors voted in 2010 are Slim Sharp, Josh Porter, Kip Porter and Brad Hurlbert for 3 year terms. Kris Perkins voted for a 1 year term.
- Discussion on the nominating committee only putting forth 1 person for each position. This was voted on and going forth that is the way it will be done.
- Slate of classes are to be posted on the website prior to the spring meeting so everyone that wants to come and vote can. Curt Towle also stated that premiums for next years Round up will be discussed at spring meeting.
- Bob Allen discussed that a health certificate and asking your vet 30 days prior to event.
- NH/VT meeting: What will animal pulling look like in the future. (no touch)
- Jim Grover brought forth an issue of conflicting dates in CT. This would need to be taken back to the fairs.
- There was a discussion on the positive tests.
- Rule proposal changes submitted at fall meeting:
 1. If you are caught using illegal substances in your horses that all of your horses that you own at that time cannot be pulled for a year under your name.
 2. Any board member caught with illegal substances in their horses must resign for their term that they are serving.
 3. Any owner and or trainer who is convicted by the court of law will be suspended for the time prescribed by that such state but not until a plead of guilty or court conviction.

The president and board took this opportunity to thank give out awards.

Thank you and gift certificates to Marlene & Gordon Roberts & Pam Bliss.

Doug Rice was made honorary lifetime member

Thanks for all you done for horse pulling:

Jack McDougal
Bruce Craigin
Colan Johnson
Maurice Guay

Rookie of the year: Rick Soule
Cutest Couple: Roger Fuller & Joyce Durgin
Save the Day Award: Greg Whipple
Outstanding Youth: Dalton Thayer & Zack Towle
Best Behaved at Round up: Brad Hurlbert

Meeting Adjourned:
Dinner & Dancing

Respectfully Submitted
Secretary
Sue Smith