

We had our annual NBHA 03 meeting on Sat Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at Vickey Withams home. Thank you Vickey for being such a wonderful host and Thank you to all that attended to help give new ideas and support to the club! This letter will serve as a brief summary of most of the topics that were discussed at the meeting.

We are going to try to plan a winter get together as we have done for the last 2 years( paint and sip, and the signs) this year we discussed doing a Sip and Physic-more news to follow on this event.

We did a 50/50 raffle at the awards banquet as discussed at the meeting to help raise funds towards this years purchase of a 10" wireless display board with needed accessories to display times for all runs. We are very excited for this purchase and feel that competitors and spectators will enjoy this feature. Vickey volunteered to carry this and Darlene agreed to be the back up carrier. We are also going to try to find an easel to carry so running orders can be pinned on it at each show. Bonnie Waters was going to look into having one made at the prison and Tammie Cyr was going to looking into the accessories and agreed to carry it as well. We also need to purchase new bungee cords for the banners.

We are going to get new Barrel covers, and we are increasing barrel sponsor fees- we asked and we know 2 of the 3 current sponsors are going to keep their spot, and the last spot will be looked into and already has a person who wants it if the 3<sup>rd</sup> position no longer wants the spot. There are no changes in sponsor fees. However we are going to look into new places to make the 3x5 banners for us to make sure we are getting the best pricing.

There is still a minimum of \$75 in sponsors per person, and participate in at least 50% of the shows in order to qualify for year end awards. This helps pay for payouts, year end awards, insurance, ect. The more we all get the more we pay back! Again this year, you must carry your own banners, if you leave it behind or leave litter behind, you will be fined and the fine must be paid prior to running in the next show. I do feel this was very successful last year and people did seem to clean up after them selves much better.

I was asked to address DOGS at shows. This is an event to get together enjoy family, horses, speed and time together. People don't mind you bringing dogs, they DO mind do feces, they DO mind aggressive dogs endangering other pets or people. If you cant or wont clean up after your dog, DONT bring them! If you have an aggressive dog, DONT bring them!

We would like to work harder on making sure new members get a new member welcome letter. The hustle and bustle of a show-its hard to make sure all expectations are given to the new member and families; if we give the welcome letter and have it all in writing that would be much more efficient!

We will award the following for year end awards

Open Top 4 in the 4-D format

Senior Champions Only in a 3-D format

Youth Top 3 in a 3-D format

Over and Under Champions only in a 4-D format

These formats are the same formats that are used for the show payouts.

When you see anything in 5-D format that is only for Worlds Qualifying!

We will again be giving away a saddle this year. We will make any OPEN CHAMPION eligible for the saddle. We will ask our champions for a seat size, and gullet size only-that is the only input the winner will have. In order to help offset the cost of the saddle we are going to add \$1 to the entry sheet

as an addition end of day fee.

We are going to try to be more consistent in offering exhibition poles. We made a couple of small adjustments to the class fees. We are increasing Over and Under class to \$7(same as what the youth and Sr pay) and Open poles will go to \$7 as well.

We do need workers for the booth-particularly the announcers position! We have a couple of members who are going to ask friends-this is a paid position so the more people we can line up for this the better! We are also going to have 2 qualifying shows for people who would like to try to qualify for the 2020 Midlands Shoot out -Tanya Condon has more information on this. This is a Show held in Fonda NY, unsure of when the shoot out will be in 2020, but the qualifying shows will be the August 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> show in Exeter.

We will be adding \$700 per show to our shows this year.

We will be having an arena restoration day for Knox -we ask members to come with hammer and nails and picks to pick rocks and fix some boards and help fix the arena up. Cindy Farrington and her husband have volunteered the tractor power to make this possible. Clayton has given so much to this club, we hope we can give something back to the arena!

SHOW DATES are as follows:

May 11 Exeter Fun Show \$15 for the day

May 18<sup>th</sup> Sidney @10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

June 1<sup>st</sup> Etna @10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

June 8 Exeter @ 4:30 NBHA 03 pointed

June 9 Exeter @ 10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15 Syracuse NBHA SUPER SHOW

July 5-7<sup>th</sup> Halee Lyn Cummings Memorial Race

July 13<sup>th</sup> Knox @ 10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

July 21-27-YOUTH WORLDS PERRY GA

Aug 3 @ Exeter @ 5:00 NBHA 03 pointed

Aug 4 @ Exeter @ 10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

Aug 10+11 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP-EXETER

Aug 16-18 COLONIALS Lexington Virginia

Aug 24 Exeter @10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

September 14 Etna @ 10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

September 28 Exeter @ 10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

October 5 Exeter @10:00 NBHA 03 pointed

OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 2-OPEN & SR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PERRY GA