

ACPS Region IV Regional Meeting

October 24, 2010 – Pancake House, Alpharetta, GA

In Attendance: Carole Moss, Kate Denton, Stephanie Fenton-Hickey, Mary Carol Harsch, Donna Miller, Megan Harris, Vanessa and Charlie Morgan Guest Roger Brown

National & Regional Business: (elections, communications, policies, proposals, etc.)

- Kate discussed the by-laws changes that affected the Regional Chairs/Regional Governor positions. She relayed information from the Regional Chairs' meeting on Saturday morning that recommended contacting all ACPS members to please vote so that a decision up or down could be made, since a Quorum was not reached on the last voting of the membership. The Regional Committee will contact each member by phone urging them to vote on the by-law changes and the new BOG members.
- Responsibilities that will be assumed by the new Regional Committee include:
Kate Denton, Regional Chair and Hospitality
Vanessa Morgan will be the Secretary since she has already updated and organized the email list.
Megan Harris: Store, Show Committee
Carole Moss: Newsletter and Show Committee
Beth Davidson was nominated to chair the show committee. Kate will discuss with Beth.
- The Regional Committee will continue monthly conference calls. Tuesdays at 7:00 looks like a good time for most of the committee.

Regional Meeting Schedule: (Last one held, Next one planned)

- The next meeting will be in conjunction with a December trail ride.

Treasury: (balance, fund-raising, other expenses or income generating ideas)

- The treasury balance is in good shape but has been slowly declining the past few years.
- The tote bags that Megan ordered came in too late for the meeting. Also, one of the horse-head colors was incorrect. Megan will ask for that bill to be cancelled since the vendor did not meet their obligations.
- Megan and Vanessa will submit Annual Meeting item receipts to Stephanie for reimbursement. She will include these items on the meeting expenses submitted to the ACPS.
- Megan acknowledged Lorna Henard's donation to the silent auction along with all the other generous donations.

Annual Show: (balance sheet, plans for next show)

- The target date for the show is June 25-26, 2011. The plan is to award Connemara ribbons to participants at the D&CT at Poplar Place (GA) on Saturday and have the in-hand and other Connemara classes on Sunday. The class list needs to be worked out by the committee, but general agreement was that the classes on Sunday after in-hand would be minimal. Carole will contact Donna Stegman to confirm.
- Megan suggested that we should consider having a clinic in conjunction with the show. Vanessa suggested that the Friday before might be the time to add it to the agenda.

Regional Store: (balance sheet, items for sale, store activities (sun catchers, Connemara Crossing signs, etc)

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- Megan requested approval to purchase new containers for the store items. Agreement was for her to purchase the containers needed and submit receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Newsletter: (balance sheet, promote subscriptions, income from advertising and contributions for articles, info, etc.

- Carole Moss is the new newsletter editor and will continue publications at the same frequency.

Other Activities (Connemara Camaraderie and Promotional Opportunities: e.g. Trail Ride, Horse Fair Exhibitions, Connemara Hunter divisions)

- Stephanie will send details on the December trail ride to Vanessa to email out to others in the region.
- Kate mentioned that we have opportunities to increase Connemara promotions in our area by offering Connemara ribbons at open shows. A volunteer to lead this effort is needed.
- In 2010, the Region would also like to see if there are opportunities to get rated Connemara divisions in existing hunter shows. Kate will talk to some shows in SC to see what opportunities there may be for Connemara divisions.
- Vanessa will maintain a Region IV Ponies for sale list that will be included in the newsletters and linked on the Region IV webpage. Members need to send text, suitable for copy and paste, onto the sales list. Ads will be removed from the list after 3 months, unless notified otherwise. Send for sale listings to her at Vanessa@compfxnet.com