NYPEA MEETING MINUTES



NYPEA Meeting 9/26/23:

Attendance: Gary Andrews, Karen Andrews, Shannon Whitney, Judy Kolceski, Mike Green, Darlene Lafave, Marleen Cowie, Suzanne Sprague, April Buckley Iacuzzi, Katie Porta, John Steves, Josh Cornwall, Kathy Johnston and Judy Bays.

The meeting was called order at 7:00 PM. A motion was made to combine meetings, seconded by Marlene, all in favor. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Judy, all in favor.

Treasury: \$8,124.52. A motion was made to accept the treasury report as read, seconded by Marlene, all in favor.

The shows at Elmira, Canandaigua and Watertown were discussed. Adding people working was discussed. Ways to add fees to pay for thee works to show bills, etc were options. Being organized in advance will be a goal for next year. A number of the exhibitors at Katie's show didn't know that there were ribbons. Gary did mail them to those that asked. Economical options in lieu of ribbons were shared. Having a good vendor would be desirable. John has contacted PHBA, Connie Drake and Karin about the May results. We should hopefully have some answers by Friday. John will call if we don't have them by Monday.

Elections were discussed. It would be at the second year for the slate of officers. It does not appear that anyone is looking to change at this time. The current list is:

- -President-John Steeves -President Elect-Karen Andrews -Vice-President-Darlene Lafave
- -Second Vice-President-Vick Cole
- -Secretary-Shannon Whitney
- -Treasurer-Mike Green
- -Assistant Treasurer-John Steeves

The National Directors will stay the same as well as the Alternative Directors. A vote will be taken at the next meeting so the officers can be turned in by the deadline. National Directors: Darlene Lafave, Shannon Whitney, Mike Green, Karen and Gary Andrews and Marleen Cowie. Alternate Directors-John Steeves, Vicky Cole and Kathy Johnston.

The amateurs will have a meeting at the conclusion the next meeting. The President list will move up. April I. who is current President will run for Secretary. Judy Kolceski will move into the Second Vice President position.

We will need to elect new youth officers. A number of the current youth will be aging out. Katie Porta has some youth and will work on getting some of the youth to run.

Options for the banquet were discussed. Darlene will look at locations and prices. If anyone has suggestions give them to Darlene.

Connie Hoyt shared a suggestion for a rule proposal for amateur. Suggestions to talk to people on the Committees who get a vote would be good to talk to.



Mike Green would be willing to run the show committee to discuss the shows. Everyone who is part of this meeting wants to be part of planning shows. It was determined that we need to get going with the shows so we are organized for 2024. We talked about making a campaign to get new members. Shannon had sent in a rule proposal for that last year. Suzanne talked about her experience at State Fair and thought there would be room for us to show there as we would have something to offer. Jennifer Hoyt is now running that show.

The next meeting will be November 28th at 7:00 pm by Zoom. Karen Andrews will set it up using the professional version. Mike's computer shut off. He will work on show committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marleen at 8:29 seconded by Darlene, all in favor.