

NYPEA MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Attendance: John Steeves, Karen Andrews, Mike Green, Kathy Johnston, Judy Kolceski, Marleen Cowie, Darlene LaFave, Connie Hoyt, Judy Bays, Suzanne Sprague, April Iacuzzi and Ron Bartholomew

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.

A motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Marleen, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasury: \$7,902.72

2025 Elections:

President: Karen Andrews

President Elect: Darlene LaFave

2nd Vice-President: Katie Porta

Secretary: Shannon Whitney

Treasurer: Marleen Cowie

National Directors: Marlene Cowie, Karen Andrews, Shannon Whitney, Darlene LaFave, Katie Porta, Ron Bartholomew and Michael Green

Alternate Directors: Judy Kolceski, Suzanne Sprague, John Steeves

Field Inspectors: Karen Andrews, Marleen Cowie and Darlene LaFave

A motion to accept the slate officers as a whole was made and approved by all.

Banquet: A motion was made to approve \$300 in year end awards for 2024, seconded by Connie, all in favor. A motion was made to accept \$200 in medallions to award to top ten, seconded by Karen, all in favor. Darlene will look into venues for February for the banquet. She will share the information when she gets it by email.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: We are hopeful that the State Fair will run again. Katie said it is too much to hold the show at her place again. Ron Bartholomew will plan on having 2 judges on May 24 and 25 for Elmira. Ron will consider holding another show in October Columbus Day weekend or earlier. That would also be at Elmira. KPEA (PA) and VPA (VA) are looking to hold shows in 2025 also. Marleen made a motion to give \$100 to the PHBA scholarship in MaryEllen Garbus' name, all in favor, motion passed. A number of members are considering going to the convention. John Steeves will do public relations.

Next meeting will be held by Zoom on January 22nd.

A motion to adjourn was made by Darlene at 7:54, all in favor, motion passed.