

NYPEA MEETING MINUTES

NYPEA Zoom Meeting Minutes

NYPEA Meeting 1/28/26 Attendance: Karen Andrews, Judy Kolceski, Katie Porta, Marleen Cowie, Seth Whitney, Suzanne Sprague, Judi Bays, Kathy Johnston, Shannon Whitney and Darlene LaFave.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19.

Treasury is currently at \$7,805.78. A motion was made by Darlene to accept the report, seconded by Judy all in favor. Marleen has submitted the tax forms.

A motion was made by Darlene to accept the minutes as typed, seconded by Marleen, all in favor.

Banquet-The banquet will be at the Reef, same as last year. The meal price has gone up \$1. They should have everything set up for 2:30. Tioga Territories is willing to do a 10% discount for any NYPEA members/awards. People can email her directly. If people want her address ask Shannon. Darlene thinks the final numbers will need to be into the Reed by the 18th or 19th. The silent auction, 50/50 and cake/candle/cookie walk will take place at the banquet.

2026 Shows-Ron's shows will be in May and October in Elmira. He has not yet released the show bill. The plan is for 3 judges for each show. Shannon made a motion to point the May and October shows in Elmira, seconded by Darlene, motion passed.

Katie is planning on doing a show on June 7th. She will reserve stalls for PHBA horses only. She does have a few stalls. Dave Phillips will judge. Shannon made a motion to point the June show, seconded by Darlene, all in favor, motion passed.

Twin Tiers won't be adding PHBA this year but may be interested in the future. There are no updates on NYS fair PHBA at this time.

Records Retention-Karen shared a draft records retention policy by email. What she proposed seems to be an average policy. Darlene made a motion to accept the retention policy as written, seconded by Marleen, all in favor. Karen puts all of the minutes on the NYPEA website and will continue to. Having the assistant treasurer is beneficial for NYPEA.

Old Business-

Katie, Marleen and Darlene are going to the convention. People should look at proposals and share options with delegates going.

New Business-

Ideas to strengthen PHBA were discussed. Katie discussed doing things! She has ideas. People need to put in the effort. Karen has lists. We can try and work on updating. Shannon will reach out to some previous KPEA members and ask if they want to affiliate with NYPEA. Regional shows were discussed. NJPEA and VPA still have affiliates although small. Reaching out directly to people is desired. Paper mailings were discussed as being desirable again. It might be expensive but possibly worth the time, effort and money. Katie suggested putting in the NY show dates, the PPP program and Recreational Riding. Karen has access to a graphic designer. Karen suggested doing a discount/freebie/raffle if they bring the flyer to a NY show.

Next meeting is at the banquet. Youth will start at 2:45, open at 3:00 and amateur to follow. The banquet will start at 5:00.

A motion to adjourn at 8:39 was made by Marlene, seconded by Shannon, all in favor, motion passed.