



January
2019

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Cathy Lewis - 2019
Sharron Kenney - 2019
Sylvia Morrill - 2019
Tonya Ronco – 2019
Claire Labbe (exofficio) 2019
Nick Morrill – 2020
Riley Morse – 2020
Barb Ward – 2020

Jr Director:

Valerie Fullerton - 2019

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Next Meeting

*February 16th
Governor Hill Mansion, Augusta*

Calendar of Events and Dates of Interest:

February 16, 2019 – Annual Banquet – The Governor Hill Mansion, Augusta ME
March 2019 – Spring meeting (date and location to be set at a later date)
May 19th - Knox Arena – 10:00 AM Start
June 8th - Andwemet Farm (Night Show) 3:00 PM Start
June 29th & 30th – 2nd Annual Pull, Turn & Burn – Windsor Fairgrounds
July 5 – 7 – Hilee Lyn Cummings Memorial Barrel Race
July 13th & 14th – Apple Hill, Levant 10:00 AM Start
July 28th – Pittston Fair 10:00 AM Start
August 17th – Tentative (non pointed) – Skowhegan Fair
September 2nd – Windsor Fair 9:00 AM Start
September 7th – Litchfield Fair 3:00 PM Start
September 15th – Farmington Fair 10:00 AM Start

Banquet

This years banquet will be held at the Governor Hill Mansion in Augusta. Address is: 136 State Street, Augusta ME

It was decided at the November meeting that a brief meeting will be held just prior to the start of the banquet, therefore we ask those interested in the meeting to arrive by 10:30. We will keep this short. Tentative agenda includes, voting in 2 more shows and selecting a nominating committee in preparation for the spring meeting. Dinner is at noon with the awards, raffles and social time to follow. We are asking members to bring an item for the raffle table.

Registration forms were sent out earlier this month via email, but can also be found on the website, facebook and at the end of this newsletter. If you are not eating but attending you still need to send in a form.

General Information

Nominating Committee: If we have any volunteers interested in being on this committee, please let Jamie know. The following Board of Director members currently fill terms which are due to expire in March/April:

Cathy Lewis - 2019

Sharron Kenney - 2019

Sylvia Morrill - 2019

Tonya Ronco – 2019

Claire Labbe (exofficio) 2019

Jr Board of Director – Valerie Fullerton

If any of the directors listed above wish to be re-elected for a 2 year term, please let Jamie know. We also need to fill the vacant Vice Presidents seat which was vacated in November.

Membership

It is time again to renew our memberships. Attached is an updated membership application, please complete all sections of the form, DO NOT leave anything blank. All member dues must be paid by February 28th in order to retain your current number. Members who's dues are not paid by February 28th will be removed from the number list and risk losing their number to another member.

Donations and sponsorships will be due by the Spring meeting.

Secretaries Report

General Membership Meeting

Date: November 17, 2018

Called to order: 10:05 AM

Members Present: Kathy Lewis, Nora Freeman, Sharon Kenney, Tanya Ronco, Mary Etta Cyr, Abby Snow, Jamie Leeman, Riley Morse, Barb Ward, Teresa Hough and Melissa Bourgoin.

BOD not present: Nick and Sylvia Morrill, Valerie Fullerton and Claire Labbe

Executive Committee Members not present: Maryann White and Pam Nichols

Treasures Report

Read and accepted

Maryetta presented Jamie with a check giving back all the funds Rick had earned over the show season to be used for awards for the Senior Barrels class.

Secretaries Report

Motion made by Sharon Kenney to approve the report as presented in the newsletter.

Seconded by Mary Etta Cry

PASSED

Review of the show season:

Jamie presented the members present with the thought of amending the By-Laws to allow the membership to vote in show dates for the next year at the fall meeting vs the spring meeting.

Motion was made by Sharon Kenney to amend the By-Laws to allow the membership to vote in show dates for the next year at the fall meeting vs the spring meeting.

PASSED

Missy will amend the By-Laws

Senior Barrels:

As agreed when the Senior Barrels class was voted in discussion was had regarding the value of the class and if it should be kept for the 2019 show season.

All but just a handful of members who rode in the class also ride in the Open and 19 and up classes, so it did not seem necessary to offer a 3rd barrel class. However it was the opinion of those present that it would be nice if we could find a way to offer younger riders and older rides who don't have access to a horse to still be able to compete with us.

Motion was made by Sharon Kenny to amend the show rules to allow a club member, who does not have access to their own horse to ride a horse of an immediate family member the in the open barrels and open poles classes only. Said horse can only run twice in each class.

Seconded by Mary Etta Cyr

PASSED

Motion was made by Sharon Kenny and seconded by Nora Freeman to remove the Senior Barrel Class from the 2019 Show schedule.

PASSED

Pre-Entry

It was asked if there was anything that could be done to speed up the process of entry at each of the shows. It was suggested that we have 2 tables, one for members who have already presented proof of vet records and paid membership and one table for non members. Sharon, Melissa and Jamie all said they could help man these tables prior to each of the shows.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Fees

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Late Season Membership

Due to the clubs requirement that members must ride in 50% of the clubs shows in order to qualify for year end awards, Abby suggested that we not accept membership dues at the 6th show. Rather than discourage people from joining, it was further suggested that we implement the rule that anyone joining MeBRA as a member after our 6th show will be advised that they will not be awarded any points towards year end.

Motion made by Abby Snow to continue to accept membership dues after the mid season point, but that members joining will not be granted points in the shows. They will however still be eligible to win money in each division.

Seconded by Nora Freeman

PASSED

Sponsorship

Last year when the donation amounts on the membership application were changed to \$50, we over looked the sponsorship amount.

Motion was made by Melissa Bourgoïn to amend the individual sponsorship amount to \$50

Seconded by Mary Etta Cyr

PASSED

It was also suggested that future banner sponsors will be required to supply their own banners, we will no longer be making them for them. The flat fee for banner sponsors is \$50

Website

Carolyn has agreed to continue supporting our website. The fee to do so is \$65 per year. In exchange for Carolyn efforts it was agreed that we would consider this her sponsorship and therefore only needs to submit membership dues for 2019.

Banquet Committee:

Missy presented the membership with information on The Governor Hill Mansion in Augusta for the banquet. There is a \$400 fee for the room rental so it was asked if this is usually the case and who picks up the fee for that. The approx. cost per member would be between \$25 and \$27 per plate but that I would be working to see if we could reduce this by bringing in our own desserts. It was also asked that we check into the fee for having a cash bar.

Motion made by Kyle Smith that the club pick up the \$400 fee since we have the funds.

Seconded by Tanya Ronco

PASSED

February 9th

11:30 – 12:30 social

12:30 – Lunch

Awards and raffles to follow

Missy stated that she would contact the Mansion to inquire about the desserts and bar and would report back to Jamie.

Year end awards:

Abby stated that there were multiple ties in the divisions for year end awards and wondered if anyone had suggestions about how we could eliminate this from happening in the future. She further stated at many of these ties occurred with just 1 placing in the division.

Abby made a motion that in order to be eligible for the awards in any division that a member must have had to place 2 or more times in that division.

Seconded by Tanya Ronco

PASSED

2019 Show Schedule

Motion made by Abby Snow to cap the show season at 10 pointed shows.

Seconded by Riley Morse

PASSED

The following fair shows were voted in for 2019

Pittston Fair – July 28th

Windsor – September 2nd

Litchfield – September 7th

Farmington – September 15th

The following non fair shows were voted in for 2019

Knox – May 19th

Brunswick – June 8th 3:00 PM Start

June 22 & 23 – 2nd Annual Pull, Turn & Burn (Tentative as not all details have been worked through and not all members were in agreement to point both days due to the issues Abby encountered with trying to pull points for 2018)

Apple Hill, Levant – July 13th & 14th

This leaves a few spots still open for dates and locations however it was decided that until we knew more about the Pull Turn and Burn we would wait until the February meeting to fill in the rest of the dates.

Other possible locations include but are not limited too:

Topsham, Silver Spur and Hollis

Jamie reminded the membership that we would be looking for show managers for 2019, any volunteers?

Letter of Resignation

A letter of resignation was received by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee by Pam Nichols. Pam filled the position of Vice President and was also the show manager for all our shows in 2018.

The Executive Committee is actively seeking nomination for the position of Vice President for a (1) year term. Nominations will be accepted through November when we vote to fill the vacant seat.

Thank you Pam for your service, you will be missed by us all. Hope to still see you at the shows.

Barrel Covers

Jamie brought to the clubs attention the poor condition our current barrel covers are in. The current covers are worn and cumbersome to transport. She suggested we replace our large barrel covers with barrel wraps similar to the ones currently used by NHBA Dist 1. It was agreed that the club would pick up the cost of printing the wraps anytime a new sponsor was added. Current barrel sponsors are Tiltens Auction, The Tack Shop and Steel-it.

Motion was made by Missy Bourgoin to purchase new wraps for the barrel.

Seconded by Tanya Ronco

PASSED

Jamie and Teresa will consult on this project.

National Pole Bending Assoc.

Jamie advised the membership that the NPBA is again looking to us to implement a fee of \$2 per member who runs poles whether or not they are running for points in the NPBA. She will again contact the assoc to see if there is room for negotiation on this. In the meantime she is also going to reach out to our states 3 NBHA districts to see if there is interested from them in adding pointed shows to their schedule. # of shows will be capped at 10

Equipment

Barrels – Dave Ward

Poles – Rile Morse

Timer Display Board – Jamie Leeman

Timer – MaryEtta Cyr

Flags – Sylvia
Computer and Sec. Box – Chris Perry

Meeting adjourned 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa
Recording Secretary

Questions about:

Membership & Sponsors: Melissa Bourgoin at (207)576-2721 or gamblingforcash@yahoo.com

Shows: Pam Nichols pamnichols34@yahoo.com

Points: Abby Snow snow.abby@gmail.com

Equipment:

Barrel Covers and Barrels: Barb Ward

Spare Timer: Chris Perry

Poles: Riley Morse

iPad/Music: Chris & Steph Perry

Secretary's Box, Laptops and printer: Chris & Steph Perry

PA System: Chris & Steph Perry

Display board/ Club Banner: Jamie Leeman

Flags: Sylvia Morrill

Timer: Rick Cyr

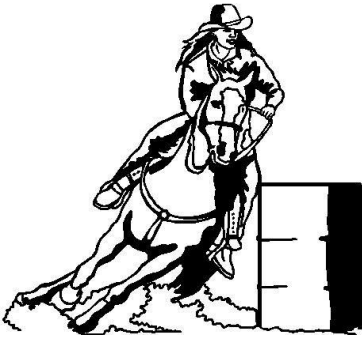
For Sale or brags you would like to advertise in our newsletter? Email it to gamblingforcash@yahoo.com

Editors Note: The deadline for submissions for the next issue is December 26th . Photos and tips are welcome. Send to: Missy at gamblingforcash@yahoo.com

If you have not done so already, like us on Facebook and check out the website !

Trivia Answer:

Lorne Green purchased Buck, his horse he rode on Bonanza, for fear that the horse would end up in a bad way. He then donated Buck to a therapeutic riding center. Buck taught mentally and physically challenged children to ride until his passing in 1992 at the age of 45, an unusually long life for a horse.



2018 Maine Barrel Racing Association Awards Banquet

February 16, 2019

(Snow date 2/17/19)

The Governor Hill Mansion, Augusta, ME

136 State Street, Augusta ME

General Meeting 10:30

Lunch served 12:00 PM

Awards and social time to follow

\$23 per person for hot buffet lunch and soda, water, coffee

\$10 per person to attend banquet but not eating

Cash Bar

Name of Party: _____

Total # eating: _____ X \$23.00 each _____

Total # attending w/out meal _____ X \$10.00 each _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Deadline is February 12th please plan accordingly. Please make checks payable to MeBRA and mail by deadline to:

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197 Highland Avenue
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