

REGION XII SPOTLIGHT FUTURITY MEETING NOTES



Date: May 23, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM Call to Order

Facilitator: Charles Moseley, President

In Attendance

Charles Moseley

John Rannenberg

Allison Mehta

Melissa Bradshaw

Danielle Contarino

Mike Haggan

Michelle Watson

Mary Scribner

Guest: Laurie Salmi

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were bypassed – John Rannenberg (motion) Allison Mehta (second) – Passed unanimously

New Business

- Spotlight Committee Seats Coming Available
 - Danielle is working to reach Lindsey to confirm which seats are up for re-election
 - Charles believes his seat may be coming available
 - Michelle Watson was appointed by the board – bylaws state that she will have to run for re-election
- Spotlight Halter Classes Ring Configuration
 - Option A: It was suggested that the halter ring “flips” so that the halter horses stand up on the spectator side of the ring.

- This also gives trainers the opportunity to speak to their amateur handlers.
 - The current halter ring configuration is set up so that the grooms/team can watch the horses as they come from the warm-up ring.
 - Option B: Horses enter the ring as they do now, but on the reverse walk all the way around to stand the horses up on the other side. This means they would be trotting WITHOUT the crowd on the right side.
 - Option C: To keep cohesion, run the classes as the rest of the Region 12 classes are run.
 - Option D: Have the judge ask the exhibitors to walk closer to the stands so that spectators have a better view. We wouldn't have to change the way the class is run, you could just ask the judges to conduct the classes closer to the crowd.
 - Option E: Instead of lining the horses up under the mezzanine, have them continue to the corner by the entrance, giving the trainer the ability to coach across the rail.
 - NOTE: The committee is NOT unanimous on this. We will revisit and give Laurie our recommendation.
- Camera Position
 - Mike H suggested moving the camera to the center of the bleachers.
 - Spectators likely to get in the way
 - Audio from spectators could be picked up
 - We cannot block seats around as seating is limited. (Laurie)
 - There is no power source in the middle of the stands. (Laurie)
- Spotlight Winners – Announcer
 - Needs to mention the sire, dam, and breeder in the Spotlight classes as they are breeding classes.
 - This info can be put on the sheets for the announcer.
 - Announce the sire and dam in line-up after the results to prevent any judging prejudice.
- Spotlight Auction
 - Timing
 - Sport Horse classes ran late and was still running while the Spotlight event was starting.
 - Myron – the schedule is inconsistent and the whole schedule will be revamped.
 - Laurie – the first half of the day is in-hand, which is a one-at-a-time class.
 - She wants to create a third triangle to have in-hand complete by lunch.
 - This would help sport horse under saddle be done by 5/5:30 PM.
 - It would cost more money to hire a third judge but there are many local hunter judges that would have no travel expenses.
 - Melissa – Keep in mind that sport horse is also slowed down by equitation classes on the hunter days.
 - Improvements
 - Sound/Audio was much better than before.
 - Using ropes and credit card signs helped greatly with crowd control
 - Future Changes
 - Discontinue wine at the tables and provide drink tickets instead. There was a lot of wine that was not consumed. (Charles)

- We have sponsors who have sponsored tables for \$1250 so they are supposed to have preference. We had open bar for everyone else. People know they have access to a free bar, so why would they use their drink tickets? Allison visited each table to welcome them and tell them what was going on for the evening. She also put a letter on each table. (Allison)
- Additional Food – Laurie has some suggestions on dealing with WEC directly with come up with an ideal menu. If we can look at the crowd and discern who we are feeding this will help us know what foods to choose. WEC is very good at this. The food also needs to be moved more quickly. Rodney and Chef Ryker can help with this.
 - Can heavy hors d'oeuvres be passed instead of plates at the table?
 - Food is also being served at the stallion party
- Exhibitor Party – will be at the facility but will not interfere with the auction

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 7:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 p.m. and passed unanimously.