

AHANY mtg Nov 13, 22

Guest speaker Caroline North on Endurance Racing. She's been racing for several years now, with 3 different horses.

Limited Distance Races- 30 miles or less, 3 vet checks

Long Distance Races- 50 miles+ 50 mile race has 3 vet checks; 100 mile rides have 7 vet checks

Entry level Race - 15 miles- allowed 4 hrs to finish (to be counted as finished)

25 mile Races- allowed 6 hrs to finish the race including the vet stops

50 mile Race- 12 hrs to finish including stops

Entry fees vary, depending on distance.

There are different divisions, based on riders weight.

AERC-American Endurance Ride Conference is the national governing body for long distance riding.

1/2 of the membership fee goes to vet studies; if our horse dies on a ride from a metabolic issue, the AERC will pay for an autopsy to find out what happened.

Riders don't earn prizes or awards at each race like at shows, they ride for the personal improvement and fulfillment.

However, there are a couple of exceptions. The Best Condition winner at each race- the horse that gets through and finishes the race in the best condition. Considered a better accomplishment than winning. the Decade Teams- a horse/rider pair completes at least one 50mile ride each year for 10 yrs.

Some Rules: Everyone starts the race at once; Riders are allowed to dismount & walk/run with their horses; The horse's pulse rate needs to drop (typically to 64 bpm) within 10 minutes, and pass metabolic and soundness checks at the vet checks; Drug rules are very strict- not even allowed alcohol rubs on horses' legs. Side note- genetics, breed, and condition play a role in a horse's ability to pulse down quickly.

Ride Camp is the parking area, typically enough room for 80 horses.

Drag Riders follow behind the group to help keep riders safe

Training considerations: Your horse must be good at trotting in hand.

You'll be in the saddle nonstop for hours

Cross-training with overfences and dressage work is very beneficial

There aren't many rules on tack, some riders have even run the race bareback

Caroline and others would like to set up some clinics in the southern tier to emulate a real race, the vet checks, riding overnight, etc.

Meeting started at 4 pm, French Pub with 4 members.

Minutes read, motion made by Diane Sherman to accept and Maureen Quillin seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer report read and motion to accept by Rebecca Holman, second by Diane Sherman, all in favor

Could not hold elections, too few members present.

Open Shows- remove "Academy" label from classes. Look at May, June, July dates

Eastern Classic- ideas to reduce costs. Ribbon, in gate/ out gate person- make an offer to farms "if you can provide a volunteer for a session, you'll get a free class" or something similar.

Ask local Morgan and Saddlebred groups if they'd be interested in joining with our show to collaborate & help reduce costs.

Tossed around some ideas for fundraising

Annual Banquet and Year End High Score Awards-

Jan 29th 2 pm at Surge Restaurant- 2878 Delaware Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217

We're going to post photos of the raffle items on Facebook. If you won't be able to make the banquet, message the club, Rebecca or Amy for tickets and to let us know what items you want your tickets in.

Meeting closed at 5 pm