

ECRA General Membership Annual Meeting of the Members

**February 11, 2018
Highwind Farm, Mattituck NY.**

In attendance:

Board of Directors: Annmarie Berube, Kathryn Gabriel, Susan Lomangino, Jim Wiesmann, and Victoria Piropatto.

Membership/Prospective Members: 17 in attendance.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30am by Annmarie Berube.
2. New Board of Directors for 2018 is introduced to the membership:
 - Annmarie Berube – President
 - Kathryn Gabriel – Vice President
 - Susan Lomangino – Treasurer
 - Jim Wiesmann – Secretary
 - Victoria Piropatto – Board MemberSpecial Thanks to Thomas Yovino who is our NRHA Show Representative for 2018
3. Thanks to all of our outgoing board members – Tricia Barbato, Gregg Norton and Colleen Norton for all of their time and efforts in keeping ECRA going for the last few years.
4. Our 2018 Show's will all be held at Highwind Farm on the following dates:
 - April 22, 2018, June 20, 2018 and July 29, 2018 – Show Bills are available on the ECRA website – www.ecraonline.com.
5. Please be aware the class order has changed in an effort to balance the show day better. Please review the show bills and be aware when your classes are as we will be following very strict 9am class start time at our shows this year.
6. New classes will be offered this year to try and satisfy the clubs 2018 goals of attracting more new members, Raise more money to host our shows, and nurture a competitive but fun environment for all our members. These classes are falling under the title of Highwind Farm Show Team classes and are open to all. The classes include a leadline class, Western Walk/Jog and Walk/Jog/Lope in both adult and youth, as well as English Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter in both adult and youth. In addition there will also be a Ranch Riding class following AQHA ranch riding patterns. All details including class order and Highwind Farm Show Team (HFST) class rules are available on the ECRA website, or contact the board at eastcoastreinersassociation@gmail.com if you have any questions. All proceeds from the Highwind Farm Show Team go directly to the ECRA Club.
7. Our 2018 Sponsorship board still has many openings for sponsors for the 2018 season. Please consider sponsoring a class, this will cover the trophies and plaques required for each class. Thank you to Michelle Steckert for her stunning artwork on our new sponsorship board, we hope to get many years of enjoyment from it!
8. If anyone in the club is interested in adding other classes, please let the board know and we will see if there is enough interest to consider adding it to the remaining 2018 shows or possibly for next year.
9. The Facebook page has been expanded to include a group page where all can post freely and the posts will show up in everyone's newsfeed. Please add members to the group as it is new and does not yet have the same following as the Facebook page does.
10. No further comments or questions from those in attendance.
11. Meeting concluded at 10:45am.