

Vermont Horse Council
Annual Meeting
January 22, 2017
Held at Steak House Restaurant, Barre, Vermont

At Noon the meeting was called to order by President, Heidi Krantz

Secretary minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter and on the website. Motion made by Morris, seconded by Carmel. All approved. So moved.

At 12:10pm election ballots were handed to those who did not mail their votes in

Heidi presented a slide show of VHC's 2016 accomplishments

Promotions report was read by Terry Rose.

Currently promotions committee represents Newsletter, Facebook, Website, new brochure and Equine Summit.

Newsletter needs new volunteers. Ilene Douglas recently stepped down. Please let Heidi know if you are interested. Currently there are 29 addresses receiving the newsletter via USPS. Next deadline is 2/22/17.

Facebook: reaching almost 800 people.

Website: New banner with winter scene and new logo added. photos are welcome.

Equine Summit: Jessy Riley reported

Results show participants ranked of utmost importance Economic Impact Study, partnerships to support youth groups and insurance and liability issues

There is a Matt Rose clinic scheduled for May 2017 which will focus on lameness

Trail First Aid Clinic - Heidi reported

featuring Large Animal Equine Rescue had about 40 participants

Equine Activity report: Doug Smith reported

55 people have renewed their membership so far

Safe & Successful rides at Tunbridge and Willoughby

Rochester Area – new trails written into the long range project

Ascutney State Forest – bike/hike/horse trails

Michelle Grald from GMHA is working Ascutney Outdoors

Contact Michelle if interested in this project

Willoughby – new trails were found and small primitive camp sites could be used

Groton - \$1131 quilt raffle (thank you Sue James)

The fall work day was cancelled. The state needs to clear trees and lay gravel. There are 3 double pens to get set up. If you know of any good used panels, please let Phyllis know. 12X12 double site

April 18th at Michelle Kingston's farm there will be a Matt Rose lameness clinic and dressage conditioning speech.

Any other ideas for clinics are welcome

Service Committee: Jeannette Cole reported

The Public Service Announcement was redone

The state of Connecticut is willing to sign a memo of understanding to use our PSA

There was a paint party for Scholarships

\$2,000 in scholarships were awarded

At the State House on January 25th Farm Bureau days Terry, Heidi and Jeannette will attend to discuss Required Ag Practices. Heidi is planning to ask the legislature to include horses as livestock for taxation and land use purposes.

Equine Economic Impact Study: we should ask VTC & UVM to work with VHC to do our own as the American Horse Council's was too expensive.

Karen Rosemark is stepping down from the scholarship committee. The Leg Up scholarship fund has no money right now.

A thank you card written by Donnalee Burnside, who took lessons using scholarship funds, was read. She sent a check in the amount of \$50.00 to be used towards this year's scholarships to show her appreciation.

Treasurer: Gloria Bruce reported

Gloria would like to step down from the treasurer position to concentrate more on the promotions committee with Lucinda

Help is coming in February for the QuickBooks system

Brenda requested a breakdown of the Groton funds

There is money in the Equine Emergency Fund. Heidi will advertise this in the newsletter, on Facebook and on the website

Horse Person of the year was awarded to Jessy Riley! Letter of recommendation read by Lucinda Newman. Congratulations Jessy!

The board retreat will be held on February 18th. Agenda/Goals/Budget will be discussed

Jeannette reported about the visit to Kansas for the Coalition of State Horse Councils. 40 different states were represented.

Jeannette wrote a report for Mane Stream and the VHC newsletter. The next meeting will be held in November in Kentucky.

Goals for 2017:

Membership booth at Field Days

Clinics

Corporate Outreach

Equine Summit

Tunbridge Ride

Groton Coral Project

Board Retreat

The members broke up into groups to discuss goals and direction as well as history of VHC

Results were collected by Jeannette and will be discussed at the Board retreat

Heidi recognized the following with certificates of appreciation:

Karen Rosemark for the Willoughby project, scholarship and Board involvement

Bev McMullin for representing the horse community at the Farm Bureau and for organizing meeting places

Ken Hoepfner for his hard work on the VHC PSA

The whole Tunbridge ride committee

Phyllis Civitello for her Groton success and her undying enthusiasm for it. Phyllis in turn thanked Brenda and Morris for all of their hard work, helping her

Election by paper ballot were held

Results are as follows:

Heidi Krantz, President

Jeannette Cole, Vice President

Terry Rose, Secretary

Gloria Bruce, Treasurer

Morris Lasell, Director, term ends 2020

Jim Nickerson, Director, term ends 2019

The meeting ended with an Equitour talk by Jean Audet.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. Motion made by Jeannette, seconded by Jessy. All approved. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Rose

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Gloria Bruce, Treasurer
Morris Lasell, prior Vice President, current Board
Terry Rose, Secretary
Jessy Riley, Board
Lucinda Newman, Board
Doug Smith, Board
Jim Nickerson, Board
Phyllis Civitello, Board
Jean Audet, Board
Carmel Stone
Belinda Brown
Brenda Lasell
Betsy Bluto
Fay Ferris
Bev McMullin
Sandy Adams
Nancy Grant
Laura Bapp
Marissa Patrick
Mary Willmuth
Carol Casella
Mike Civitello
Luanne Nickerson
Louise Calderwood
June Banks
Michelle Grald, GMHA
Meg Costello
Susan James
Robin Severy
Paul Gingras