

Vermont Horse Council BOD and Membership Meeting  
October 17, 2019  
Conference Phone Meeting

BOD in attendance = Jean Audet, Sue Miller, Sharon Stearns, Jeannette Cole  
Members in attendance = Heidi Krantz

President, Sue Miller at 6 pm, called meeting to order.

The Secretary minutes from 9/26/19 meeting were read and approved.

No treasurer report was available.

A discussion regarding potential 2020 Officers was held. Sue will reach out to current officers to see who is interested in running for office again. From there, a slate of candidates can be formalized. The following vacancies need to be voted on at the 2020 annual meeting:

President – Sue Miller is not interested in holding the office of president, but will be happy to stay on as a BOD member.

Vice President – vacated when Michelle Grald moved away from VT

Secretary – vacated when Diane Huntley resigned

BOD end term 2020 – Jeannette Cole (for Morris Lasell resignation)

BOD end term 2020 – Jim Nickerson

BOD end term 2022 – Peter Otto resignation due to moving out of USA

Committee Recruitment was also discussed. Vibrant active members are needed for all committees (Promotions, Equine Activities, Services, Administration).

Sue is organizing the 2020 Annual Meeting - booked Jan 18 at Capital Plaza. Speaker on proper manure management has been obtained.

Jeannette requested permission to organize a VHC booth at the 2020 Farm Show which is being held January 28,29,30, 2020. It will be a good place to kick off the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Equine Impact Study.

**Motion made to allocate \$100 to pay for a booth at Farm Show. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.** Jeannette will reserve the booth and to set up personnel coverage.

Window Clings – Sharon will bring the clings to the equine summit and will give them to current members. She will keep tabulation of who receives them so that Jeannette will not send a duplicate during membership renewals 2020.

ANR Meeting: Very positive meeting. The agreement is now signed (Sue to get a copy of the agreement signed by both parties). Plymouth State Park has equine camping, but no trails connected. Infrastructure is there but no trails, so this will be could be a great focus for 2020 and beyond.

Equine Summit – 40 people are signed up. Board needs to decide whether to hold an event in 2020.

USEF Trust has awarded \$3000 to the Equine impact study. The signed document agreeing to the terms is due back to them by Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Jeannette is to sign and email back to them on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Equine Survey (part 2) project timeline is October 2019 – October 2020.

There was discussion about Farm Bureau participation. Sharon is going to reach out to them.

Sharon has been doing outreach regarding a unified voice with local horse clubs. We should all be trying to do this. It will be quite important to work cooperatively for maximum benefit of ANR agreement.

Sharon reported back that there is no Nationwide insurance discount available.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jeannette Cole