2021 VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING Zoom Meeting January 17, 2021



The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by president, Heidi Krantz. Seventeen (17) members were present on the call.

2020 annual meeting minutes were presented by secretary, Jeannette Cole. Motion was made to approve the minutes; minutes unanimously approved.

2020 financial report was presented by President, Heidi Krantz. The organization has \$17,911.82 in assets as of December 31, 2020. The financial report was unanimously accepted as presented.

Heidi presented overview of accomplishments for 2020 to the membership. Highlights included:

- Completion of Equine Impact Study
 - A video highlighting the results was viewed by membership
- Scholarship awards \$750 awarded for 2020.
- Legislative Day representation
- Trail engagement as we were able because of Covid restrictions at Groton, Willoughby, and Green Mountain National Forest
- o Planned educational events were canceled due to Covid

Fundraising quilt raffle winner was announced; Jean Audet was the raffle winner. Louise Lynch offered to purchase the quilt from Jean who graciously agreed to the sale.

Slate of candidates had been presented to membership and ballots were tabulated by Bev McMullin. Bev reported there were no write in candidates. Results of the election resulted in the following officers:

- President = Heidi Krantz
- VP = Jean Audet
- Secretary/Treasurer = Jeannette Cole
- BOD term expires 2023 = Robin Simpson
- BOD term expires 2021 = Robin Severy (for Sue Esty resignation)

Guest Speaker, Nicole Birkholzer presented on Mindful Connection with the Horse.

Members requested following considerations:

- 1. Clinic with bikers (motorcycles) and horses
- 2. Clinic with fat tire bikes and horses perhaps something that the Governors Highway council would be interested in helping us with.
- 3. Generation of specific signs for horse crossings

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,