

**Vermont Horse Council  
Board Meeting  
Waterbury Library  
April 29, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Heidi Krantz. Welcoming Cortni Cleveland, new treasurer, to the group. Doug Smith handed his resignation from the Board. Doug will remain on the membership committee. We need to replace him as a Board member and Chair of the Promotion Committee.

Secretary report was approved as submitted via email and on the website. All approved, so moved

Gloria Bruce resigned as treasurer as she would like to focus on promotions. She has offered to help train Cortni and help when and where needed.

Checkbook is now held by Cortni Cleveland

Doug questioned the new version of QuickBooks. Gloria answered that discussion of budgets is impossible with the current version. Reports are more robust with the new version.

Tunbridge reported income and treasurer's income differ so the percentage split has not happened for 2016 into the scholarship funds. The financial committee and the Tunbridge committee should meet to rectify the discrepancy.

A transfer of \$1500 from savings to checking was suggested by Gloria to cover operating costs.

Discussion ensued regarding the treasurer being able to transfer funds without Board approval. Gloria was not comfortable with that.

Groton funds were discussed. There is a grant being applied for in July, it was suggested the \$2,000 in the Groton fund not be touched until after the matching grant was either accepted or denied.

Treasurer report accepted. Motion made by Jessy, seconded by Phyllis. All approved. So moved

**Industry Summit Update: Jessy**

Date is Wednesday October 25, 2017

Cost of food, catering, and mid-morning coffee service (same as last year) were discussed.

Key note speaker ideas: Denny Emerson, Jane Savoi, Jessica Ebert Eidelman were suggested

The committee will be sending out 'save the date' post cards. If you have any names that you feel should be invited, let Jessy know.

It was decided to have the food catered, in the hall, even though the price will go up. We will charge more for admission.

**Equine Impact Study: Heidi**

There is a meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> at UVM.

**New Advisory committee includes:**

Karen McKnight - Vermont Morgan Horse Assoc.

Michelle Kingston - Lazy Acres Equines

Tracy Ostler - GMHA

Kate Selby - The Equestry

Christina Rohan - UVM  
Dr. Philip Harreveld  
Deb Danforth  
Sarah Isham - VEDA  
Emily Corely - Poulin Grain

*Not confirmed*  
Bonnie Sogoloff  
Jill Delaney -  
Jolene Fontaine

Heidi would like us to talk to anyone we can about the economic impact study. A survey will go out to horse owners and horse businesses. Town meeting is a great place to communicate with people regarding this survey.

Jessy will ask Betsy Greene for a copy of the economic impact study that was done by UVM years ago.

#### **Legislative Issues: Heidi**

Heidi is in talks with local equine businesses. Legislator, Bobby Star was going to propose language of definition of agriculture. This language will affect horse businesses for tax purposes.

#### **Equine Activities**

##### **Annual Trail Ride:**

Tunbridge ride committee: Terry Rose

Committee met March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017

Discussed menu, potential entertainment, photographer, on-line payment, 50/50 raffle, REIKI clinic

This year's ride is September 22-24, 2017

Rental fee is \$1650 (up \$100 from last year)

\$18 (up \$1 from last year) per unit per night for electric hook up or \$5.00 parking fee for no electric

Our cater is Sambels. They are staying over from the fair. Will serve vendor foods Friday evening

##### **Rate:**

\$105 for non-member, \$85 for member. \$20 for day riders with no lunch. \$10 Extra for lunch.

Patricia Branon takes entry forms

Karen Blow marks and maps and finds trails, arranges catering, handles fair grounds conversations

Sally Gayner-Knecht runs the silent auction

Others: Jim & Annette Deberville, John & Terry Rose, Sally Gayner-Knecht, Carol Humphrey

Check coggins & rabies paperwork, tables and chairs set up, various other duties

We decided it would be a bad time to change to on-line payment as there is a some confusion with entries.

Our budget submitted 11-16-16 needs to be revised. The REIKI instructor (Carmel Stone) has a conflict in her schedule that weekend. \$800 was the budgeted for entertainment. The silent auction will be our entertainment.

Can we make sure 2016 monies get transferred to scholarship accounts:

##### ***Note:***

*as of 3/7/10, 10% from annual trail ride will go to Cliff/Floyd fund*

*as of 3/7/10, 20% from annual trail ride will go to Trail Maintenance Fund*

#### **Assessing Lameness Workshop**

Featuring Matt Rose,DVM, Michelle Kingston and Ellen Miller

Was held April 8<sup>th</sup> at Michelle Kingston's farm called Lazy Acres Equines in Brandon VT

We made \$560 and there were approximately 30 people total

We learned how Matt analyzes a horse for lameness

Michelle introduced some of her horses

Ellen Miller showed some training techniques on the ground and in the saddle to correct conformation issues.

**Notes from member, Sarah Isham dated May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

Dr. Rose gave an informative overview of how different body parts and joints affect a horse's way of going. He pointed out that the SI joint is critical to the energy moving forward from the hindquarters and should bounce when the horse moves. A horse with an uneven SI can't propel forward evenly. The hocks, stifle and gluteal are the drive train of the horse. He discussed being able to drop a plumb line from the horse's shoulder to the back of the heel. In watching a horse move, they should land heel first or flat but not toe first. Dragging a toe is not normal.

Ellen Miller spoke about being a "horseman" and willing to do the work to learn about your horse. She advocates lunging and long lining and noted that the natural bend of the horse is a 20 meter circle. She spoke about the conformational differences of a Thoroughbred versus a short coupled pony with short legs. A pony or horse who waddles isn't using its hind legs independently but can learn how to. Be sure to watch the rhythm and tempo of the horse - most horses have good natural rhythm. Tracking up is a good sign the horse is using its back. Speed creates tension. Shoulder in and leg yields can be used to open the chest and put weight back on the hind legs.

**Sharon Wilsie Clinic**

Equine Communication Made Easy Workshop with Sharon Wilsie is set for May 21 at CHAPM at Good Hope Farm in South Hero. We will split profits 50/50 with CHAMP - they are providing location and lunch! We are handling registration and promotion. It is on our website, has been on FB and blogged and we will continue to do that. Heidi will also be adding it to several other sites - VT Equine Events, Everything Equine in VT and NH, and a few others. Hoping to fill the 6 participatory spots with horses, and have 30 auditors minimum.

**Cost: Auditors:** \$40 VHC members/\$35 VHC Junior members/\$50 non-members

**Participants with Horses:** \$125 VHC members/\$160 non-members/

**Groton:**

Work day is May 20 and 21, 2017. The group needs 12 to 15 members to help set up round pens at New Discovery in Groton. Start time is 9:30 am. Ends 4:00 pm. If all the work gets done on the 20<sup>th</sup>, they can skip the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Morris has asked for \$30 for clips and screws. Motion made by Phyllis to budget up to **\$100** out of the Groton fund for Morris to get supplies. Seconded by Gloria. All approved. So moved.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> Phyllis will meet with Groton State Forest to discuss our needs. Gravel, trees to be cut, etc. She will ask for a head count of people who have used the sites in the last 2 years.

Peacham Bog loop needs funding for a 2018 project. About a 20 mile loop.

**NEKET:**

Jim Nickerson needs more help with the ride on September 8-11, 2017. Missy Abbot has agreed to mark the trails.

**Other equine activities:**

May 30<sup>th</sup> There is a trail ride in Ascutney, which is a single track ride in the State forest area. Contact Michelle Grald. Go to GMHA website for more information.

May 10<sup>th</sup> There is a meeting in Burke Mountain with the Vermont Community Development Association. It costs \$50 to attend. Gloria made the motion we either pay the membership fee to VCDA or the **\$50.00** fee, whichever is cheaper. Seconded by Jessy. All approved, so moved.

**Promotions: Doug**

The Trails and Greenway: this organization seems to have the ear of the State. They will form a group to look at outdoor activities in the state. They are currently waiting for an executive order to start.

VHC is a member of Trails and Greenways but Trails & Greenways do not have us on record. Promotions will work with Financial Committee to see if our check has been cashed.

Membership: Business membership insert is ready to go. Another printing of general membership brochures is needed. As money was already budgeted for that, Heidi will go ahead and order them. Cost is roughly **\$250**.

QuickBooks discussion ensued. Cortni is waiting for direction. Hoping the new QuickBooks get up and running soon.

Website: Heidi suggested we give Michelle Warren more money for all the hard work she has done on our website. Discussion of a one-time 'bonus' or a \$20 fee per hour was discussed. Gloria made the motion to send Michelle a **\$200** 'bonus'. Seconded by Jean, all approved. So moved.

Farm Bureau: Jeannette read notes submitted by Bev McMullin

Some issues being discussed by the Farm Bureau:

Shelter for Livestock, Roaming at large, Health Requirements for moving livestock, Animal Cruelty (Bunny the horse)

Scholarship: Jeannette

Descriptions have been finished and blogged to members

The college deadline is close

The youth scholarship needs money

Part of the scholarship committee responsibilities is to raise funds. There will be a trail ride fund raiser on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sarah Fields'. A goal of \$3,000 is set.

Morris made the motion to transfer \$1500 to youth/camp scholarship from Trail Maintenance fund (to be paid back later). Discussion ensued. Motion was tabled until after we find out how much we have left in all of the funds after today.

A change in the breakdown of percentage of Tunbridge ride money into scholarship was discussed. Terry will ask the Tunbridge ride committee if they agree to put 10% into the college fund, 10% into the Youth fund, and 10% into the trail maintenance fund. At this time, 10% goes to College and 20% goes to Trail Maintenance.

American Horse Council (AHC): Heidi

Ilene plans to attend the conference in June. She has not asked for any VHC funds to attend. Coalition of State Horse Council (CSHC), a subsidiary of AHC, was discussed. Gloria made the motion to send \$100 to CSHC as a donation. Seconded by Jessy. Jessy asked 'what do we get from AHC?'. The answer was blogs/emails/national equine news, etc. Becoming a member of CSHC (part of AHC) allows us to share practices with like Horse Councils. All approved the **\$100** donation. So moved.

Board of Directors Score Card: Jeannette

Check the website for goals of 2017 and beyond for each committee

<https://www.vthorsecouncil.org/committees/>

Other committee updates:

Jean spoke about Silver Lake/Goshen. She and Holly Knox at GMNF met to discuss the VASA bridge at Bingo stream. Holly wants help with trails. Doug agreed to add the Silver Lake/Goshen trail loop to our website.

Terry Rose made the motion to allow the scholarship committee to have a fundraiser trail ride July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Seconded by Morris. All approved. So moved.

Next meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for the general membership and the Board. This may be postponed as it is graduation weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm. Motion made by Morris, seconded by Jessy

Respectively submitted,

Terry Rose, Secretary  
Vermont Horse Council

## **April 29, 2017 Board Meeting Attendance**

Heidi Krantz, President  
Jeannette Cole, Vice President  
Cortni Cleveland, incoming Treasurer  
Terry Rose, Secretary  
Doug Smith, term ends 2017  
Morris Lasell, term ends 2020  
Phyllis Civitello, term ends 2018  
Gloria Bruce, past treasurer  
Jean Audet, term ends 2018  
Jessy Riley, term ends 2019

### **Commitments and Responsibilities Checklist:**

\$700 allocated at this meeting:

- \$100 Morris - Groton
- \$250 brochures – general fund
- \$50 VCDA – general fund
- \$200 Michelle Warren Bonus – general fund
- \$100 CSHC – general fund

Heidi: Advertise Clinic, order brochures,

Jessy: contact Betsy Greene re old economic impact study

Terry: ask the Tunbridge ride committee re 10% into the college fund, 10% into the Youth fund, and 10% into the trail maintenance fund and

Doug: add the Silver Lake/Goshen trail loop to our website

### **Correction/Clarification:**

**5/15/17:** The camp maintenance head is John Medose & Donald O'Donald is park registrar at the gate. (Katie Mills dad). They both met w/me last Friday to get things organized for next weekend. Submitted by Phyllis Civitello (Groton Committee)