



# VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Agenda June 17, 2021

7:00pm Call to Order, introductions, additions/changes to agenda – Present – Jim Nickerson, Jean Audet, Robin Severy, Sue Miller, Heidi Krantz

7:05 pm Committee Updates

## **Equine Activity Committee**

FPR Update – discussion led by Jim

All agreed that Jim will draft an email to be approved by the BOD to be sent to Jill Devoe and Jim Deberville of Dog River Riding Club outlining an agreement for them to take on trail maintenance and marking with VHC signs at Willoughby and Victory. If they decline we will need to evaluate our ability to fulfill our commitments as outlined in the Coop Agreement with FPR.

All agreed that VHC will “abandon” the Kirby Loop – with only a small percentage of that trail on state land, it is beyond our purview to maintain this trail with multiple private landowners. Jim will remove VHC signage on this trail.

Jim to arrange FPR Trail Committee Meeting with FPR representative Luke O’Brien in late July.

Fayston and Tunbridge Trails – HK shared that resources and information has been shared with and from groups in Fayston and Tunbridge who are working to retain equestrian access to trails in their area.

Vermont Trail – HK shared information about a north to south bike trail in the works. Discussion about equine opportunities – Jean to monitor this and related opportunities.

FPR Funding – Need to watch FPR state allocation for potential infrastructure funds – Jim to check with Luke O’Brien.

## **Service Committee**

Safety - Triangle Yield signs. Grant? – Sue Esty – no update available

Quilt Update – Sue Esty – no update available

**Motion: Approve youth scholarships to Wisteria Franklin (\$300) for mustang makeover clinic and to Lorelei Grenier (\$300) for youth camp at Horses and Pathfinders.**  
Unanimously approved.

## **Promotions Committee**

Membership Update – Robin Severy – memberships still coming in – ahead of last year.

Program Update – Heidi

Horse & Rider Physical Therapy - Carmel Stone & Louise Lynch – Sept. 11 or 12 – fundraiser?

Nicole Birkholzer – Sept. 26 - High Horses – fundraiser  
Poulin Grain – Nutritionist –Oct. 12 7:30pm  
Industry Summit? – tabled until next meeting - Kristen Haas, Biosecurity  
Impact Study June 22 meeting – Heidi – please add thoughts to shared Google document; contact Heidi if you need info or want to join this meeting

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**Admin Committee**

Secretary's Report – approval needed minutes of May meeting no action, minutes not available.

Financial – review and approval of financial reports – Sue moved to accept, Jim seconded, passed unanimously.

July 10 meeting – All agreed to pass on meeting July 10 at the Bunk House – thank you for the offer, Jeannette. All agreed an in person meeting is important and Sue Miller will coordinate a date to meet in late July at New Discovery as we did last year. This will be a longer planning meeting.

Coalition of State Horse Councils Report (CSHC) – All approved as written, Heidi will send to CSHC

VHC Study – All liked the questions, SM suggested adding a question about including younger horse people. SM will create a survey monkey form to be shared via VHC blog and FB. Please share any final comments ASAP.

8:15 pm

**Adjourn**