

Vermont Horse Council BOD/Membership Meeting  
December 17, 2020 7PM  
Via Zoom

Attendees: Robin Simpson, Jean Audet, Sharon Stearns, Heidi Krantz, and Jeannette Cole. Robin Severy, VHC member and membership chair was in attendance. Sue Esty, Jane LeGard and Jim Nickerson were absent. Meeting was called to order by President Heidi Krantz at 7:00 PM.

Secretary Report: The November 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were sent out prior to the meeting and approved unanimously at this meeting.

Treasurer Report: Statement of Activity and Financial Position Statement were reviewed through Dec 15, 2020. Monetary assets of the organization as of December 15, 2020 stand at \$17,942.08. The last payment to the Center for Rural Studies for \$6300 is due this month. The quilt raffle is underway. Approximately \$400 has been raised to date. The winner will be drawn at the annual meeting with all proceeds from the event going to the scholarship funds. The invoice for the website was reviewed and a motion was made and accepted unanimously to pay the invoice which includes webmaster service, domain name, and annual squarespace fee. A motion to receive the financial statements as presented was unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee – Robin Severy has agreed to run for BOD position vacated by the resignation of Sue Esty.

Web Site – Jane is taking a short hiatus from doing the VHC Facebook page. Jessica Stewart-Riley has agreed to help in the interim.

Membership – Robin Severy continues to refresh membership forms. The BOD discussed the definition of family membership. It was decided to define this category as 2 adults and children under 18 years old. Discussion about reprinting brochures was held, but no decisions were made. We will revisit this topic in the new year.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will be online on January 17, 2021. The Warning Letter and ballot of officers has been published. There are no changes to bylaws for 2020. Survey Monkey will be used for voting of officers. Michelle Warren will distribute this, and the tabulation will be done by Bev McMullin in conjunction with Michelle Warren.

Activities – BOD discussed the proposed educational activities.

Month	Who	What	Where
January 17	Heidi Krantz	Equine Impact Study reveal	Virtual
January 17	Nicole Birkholzer	Mindful Connections with Animals	Virtual
February	Sue Miller	Equine Therapy	Virtual
March	Cat McKeen	Horse photography 101 basics	Virtual
March 13 start	Jec Ballou	"Supremely Supple Horse"	Virtual (5 weeks with cohort)
May	Jim Nickerson	ANR cooperative agreement VHC goals and trail development 2021	Virtual
	Panel Forum	Cool Trail Apps	Virtual
July 10	Kelly Grant	Putting principles to purpose on the trail	Bunkhouse, Washington, VT
July 11	Kelly Grant	Private Lessons – trail savvy	Bunkhouse, Washington, VT
August	VHC Members	Trail Work, Groton State Forest	Groton, VT
Sept	Nicole Birkholzer	Balancing Chakras in your horse	Springfield, VT
Oct	TBD	Ride at Plymouth State Park?	TBD
Nov	Sharon Stearns	QuickBooks for Farm Management	Virtual
Dec	TBD		Virtual

Equine Impact Study – Sharon gave an update on the video progress. Targeting for this is to be finalized by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Consideration should be given to payment to Kendra Stearns for her work on this assignment.

**SAVE THE DATE – FEB 7, 2021 for BOD planning retreat.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm – Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, January 17, 2021 virtually @ 3PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeannette Cole (VHC Secretary)