## NOTICE TO ALL VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERS \*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP MUST PAID IN FULL FOR 2020 IN ORDER TO VOTE\*\*\*\*\*\*

# WARNING OF BY LAW CHANGES; WARNING OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS; WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Please note that the following changes are being proposed to the VHC bylaws.

The reason for these bylaws is so the Vermont Horse Council as a nonprofit organization will be in compliance with Vermont State statutes.

**Article VIII:** Federal Regulations The organization will take all reasonable and necessary steps to be considered eligible under section 501(c) 5 or 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

**Article IX:** Vermont Statutes Any matters pertaining to members and membership not specifically addressed in these bylaws will conform to Title 11B of the Statutes of the State of Vermont.

Article X: Standards of Conduct The Association expects and requires its directors to conform to Vermont

Statutes Title 11B, Section 8.30, General standards for directors, and Section 8.31, Director conflict of interest. The Association expects and requires that all persons will conduct themselves in an honest, forthright, ethical, and sportsman-like manner.

These changes will be brought before the membership at the January 18 2020 annual meeting (the meeting will be held at the Capital Plaza, Montpelier, VT) 10:30am to 11am Social Time. Meeting begins at 11 am.

#### AGENDA FOR VHC ANNUAL MEETING

**Business Meeting** 

Report/Minutes from Nov. Meeting

Treasurer's Report 2019

Bylaw changes to make us compliant with Vermont Statues

Slate of candidates for 2020 & voting

Lunch

Farm show update

Announce Educational events for 2020

Guest Speak Gianna Petito District Manager, Winooski Natural Resources Conservation to speak on REQUIRED AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES & manure Management

Any Committee updates

Other Business

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If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person, officer voting may be mailed to the VHC Secretary (Jeannette Cole, 287 West Hill Rd. Northfield, VT 05663) Please put your return address on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes will be validated for 2020 membership and then opened at the annual meeting for tabulation. Write in candidates are accepted for asterisked positions.

#### **Executive Board (1 year term)**

- \*President-----Heidi Krantz
- \*Vice Pres.----Jean Audet
- \*Secretary/Treasurer-----Jeannette Cole

Bookkeeper-----Nancy Palermo-Lee (not on the BOD)

### **Board Members (3 year term)**

- 1.) Jean Audet seat (2021) to be replaced by Robin Simpson\*
- 2.) Gloria Bruce seat (2021) staying on the Board
- 3.) Jeannette Cole seat (2020) to be replaced by Amy Bedell\*
- 4.) Amanda Lamoureaux seat (2021) to be replaced by Sue Esty\*
- 5.) Jim Nickerson seat (2020) running again \*
- 6.) Sharon Sterns seat (2023) staying on the Board
- 7.) Peter Otto seat (2022) to be replaced by Jane LeGard Ernstof \*
- 8.) Member at large~~~Sue Miller