

Vermont Horse Council
Quarterly meeting June 17, 2017
Rough Terrain Farm

Attendance: Heidi Krantz, Terry Rose, Morris LaSell, Cortni Cleveland, Carmel Stone, Kay Ferris, Lucinda Newman, Judith Otto, Peter Otto, Jim Nickerson, Jean Audet, Robin Severly, Belinda Brown, Sandy Adams, Jessy Riley, Leslie Haynes (owner of Rough terrain Farm) , Shannon Duke

Officer /Board Changes: Gloria Bruce is now a Director on the Board, Cortni Cleveland & Nancy Palermo Lee will be co- Treasurer /Bookkeeper. Doug Smith stepped down as membership chair – replaced by Cortni.

10:10 - Meeting called to order – President - Heidi Krantz

Secretary's report - Approval of January minutes: Morris moved to approve minutes , seconded by Carmel Stone. All approved so moved.

Treasurer's report Cortni Cleveland- Total: 16,309.44, Negative \$305.18.

Working with accountant for better reporting. Motion made to accept by Jeanette and seconded by Jesse. All approved, so moved.

Quickbooks- Is up and running in the new version. Nancy will set up and Cortni will enter everything.

Committee updates:

Business Memberships: Lucinda- Updated brochures discussed, Vision – build a data base so VHC can be the go to organization to find what they need. If they join now, will carry into 2018.

Membership –Lucinda 90 paid members, 762 followers on Facebook.

Website – next move is to coordinate with Michelle who is developing the campaign develop business membership In the directory.

Equine industry Summit- Jessy – Scheduled for 10/25 - VTC campus.

Speakers: Legal Liability insurance; Economic Impact Study update, ? update - state vet
Networking/discussions/ work groups

Equine activities: Jim Nickerson - Willoughby ride not happening; Groton: 5/14/ had 20 volunteers now have 4 pens,. Susan Mitchell wants to know how can help. Matching funds grants application being written

Tunbridge ride is being handed off to Dog River Riding Club.

Trail Summit- GMHA is interested in co – hosting with VHC: Goal: bring together trail users discuss trail access issues – mountain biking in particular , pressure of trail maintenance issues. Relationship of local horse clubs to help maintain trails in the area promote trails more

NEKET : So American Pond campsite relocated - old site is now a shooting range . Primitive and small in size but used little. Victory basin has new classification – More multiuse & recreation use. NEKET ride is 9/8-9/10 Janette will help Jim.

Equine campsite @ Silver Lake- Goshen – Jean & Holly Knox Can highline trees. Pack in/out facility with forest roads

Scholarship fund raising ride: July 22 Barre – 100% of funds will go to youth scholarship. Pledges or fee of \$50 or more/person

Clinics held: Assessing Lameness Clinic; CHAMP Clinic- Sharon Wilsie – Communicating with Horses.

Fall clinic ideas needed:

Michell Grald- Ascutney state forest- including mountain bike group needs help keeping horses included in trails.

Trail summit – bring together users. Pressure of trail access and maintenance. Bring in local trail clubs to help with local trail maintenance more..

American Horse Counsel: Coalition state horse counsel meeting November 2017,

Scholarships: Morris - 6 youth scholarship awarded. Committee, working on amounts to award each. Lucinda will work with Morris to link it to website. Recipients will need to provide a picture and write up for website. Carmel will look for the laminated picture ?

Economic impact - Heidi : Advisory committee created Center for rural studies asked for an estimate and guidelines to create should help businesses get funding organizations get grants. It is an ongoing process . Cost is a concern. Larger businesses are already interested because they see the value in it.

Board Scorecard: Jeanette Cole: document meant to be used by the board and info to members let Jeanette's Assessment form – let her know if any changes need to be made. Will be posted on the website. Use as a tool to track progress on projects a tool. The board put in place at February retreat. Red means behind, yellow working on, green done or in good shape

Carmel Stone: "Safety on the road "was on WCAX

PSA - Anson Tebbetts - machinery and horses on the road - reporter wants to know anything VHC has to offer. Suggestions include: link from VHC website to WCAX, check to see if on YouTube, post on FaceBook and sent to American Horse Council, Tell WCAX about scholarship ride Carmel will send an email

Membership meeting will be scheduled for fall

Newsletter: Watch for workdays at Groton and another clinic

Motion to adjourn- Lucinda , seconded by Morris

Meeting adjourned @ 11:16 AM

After Meeting – There was a western dressage demonstration .

Respectfully Submitted,
Meg Costello