

Vermont Horse Council Board Meeting

Phone conference

January 15, 2018

7 PM

Present: Jeanette Cole, Heidi Krantz, Gloria Bruce, Jim Nickerson, Morris Lasell, Phyllis Civitello, Meg Costello

Absent: Nancy

Annual mtg- Jeanette - scheduled for 11:30 AM at the Charlemont in Morrisville.

Karen Clark who was going to present on saddle fitting has a conflict and had to cancel. Heidi has another individual who she thinks can present.

21 individuals have registered – not enough for the buffet, so will order off the menu. Usually average about 30 people. Several people tend to just show up. Will plan to have menus and order sheets available on the tables to avoid chaos.

Ballots: Jeanette will bring copies and a box. Meg, Belinda and Bev have volunteered to count ballots. Jeanette will take minutes while Meg helps with ballots.

Heidi will have financial reports, list of volunteers to recognize, list of vacancies and list of committee chairs needed.

Committee leadership vacancies: Please let Heidi if possibly others.

Carmel Stone: Safety

Jeanette: services

Morris announced giving chair of scholarship committee.

Secretary's report: 12/18/2017 minutes – motion made by Gloria to approve with following corrections. Seconded by Meg. Vote unanimous so passed.

Corrections: Also present Michelle Grald from GMHA . Correction of sp. of names Jeanette, Jean Audet and Chelle.

Financial Report: Heidi: Statement of Activity 1/2017-12/31/2017

Total revenue: \$9,964.87

Expenses: 16,547.19

Net operating: \$6,582.32

However, then moved liabilities into assets, so at end of year net was \$4503.75.

Jean: Hopefully Nancy can be at a live meeting to go through the budget, for those not familiar with the format. For example, some items grouped, while others not.

Transition to quick Books difficult. IN 2018 should be clearer.

Resolution needed for grant for Industry survey. Heidi - 752 resolution approval to write a grant for USDA funds. Signature authority requires someone with authority for signatures: Heidi willing to be person. Document was in with a grant total sum of \$20,000, for economic study. \$5025 is already committed from businesses including GMHA, & Yankee Farm. If raise more funds, will ask for less than total \$26,000. Do not consider needs matching funds, but more to bring to the table the better since shows united. Motion by Gloria giving Heidi authority seconded by Morris -due February 15 2 USDA and sign request of \$20,000 in support of equine industry economic impact study unanimously vote voted past.

In summary: Less income than last year, but not as bad as feared would be.

Phyllis: Will Groton grant reimbursement go back into trail maintenance fund? Yes but won't show up as revenue till 2018, currently shows as a neg in fund.

Gloria noted importance of moving to QuickBooks- will be more positive although difficult transition.

Motion made by Heidi to accept Jeanette's financial report seconded by Gloria. Voted unanimous so moved.

Update on horse rescue's: Heidi. Rescued horses, by troopers 35-50 horses from Warren, 5-15 years old. age's. There will be some available, and there has been a response.

Cindy Cross Grennia reported have been horses stranded by recent flooding. Asking membership to warn others expect more flooding in Highgate. Heidi called some people in vulnerable areas to remind to be prepared to move horses quickly. Suggested safety committee might want to take on producing an emergency plan.

Jeanette reminded some board members need to renew their membership. Members encouraged to use computer to save money on postage.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Costello

Interim Secretary

