

Vermont Horse Council BOD/Membership Meeting

Dec 12, 2019

Via Phone Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Board Member, Jean Audet at 6:35 pm. BOD in attendance were Jean Audet, Jeannette Cole and Jim Nickerson; member in attendance was Heidi Krantz.

Secretary report sent out via email for the November 21, 2019 meeting was presented and approved unanimously.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The budget for 2020 is being developed and will be presented at the Annual meeting to be finalized at the BOD/membership retreat on Feb 9, 2020. Nancy sent a proposal on how to save money on QuickBooks monthly cost.

"In talking through our bookkeeping Nancy informed me that if we were to temporarily go to the desktop version of QB - for a month or two then through an organization called TechSoup - a resource for non-profits - we could purchase the online version for \$170 or so per year instead of \$70 per month as we do now through Intuit. She recommends we do this in Feb. or March after the rush (we hope) of memberships. Then she'll do the transfer of data back and forth as needed - we'd probably be on the desktop version for 2 month or so before she would transfer us back to online. Once back online Nancy, Jeannette, Sharon and I would have access to the info and Sharon will be the administrator."

A motion to move to interim QB desktop version and then go to the non-profit version pending discussion with Sharon Stearns. The motion was unanimously approved

Heidi reported on the status of the new membership brochure. Costs include a \$175 graphic set up charge for designing the brochure and an additional charge of approximately \$300 for printing of 500 brochures through Vista Print. **A motion was made to approval spending \$175 for graphic set up and not to exceed \$300 for printing of 500 brochures.** The motion was unanimously approved.

Jeannette gave and update on the Farm Show. All paperwork necessary for participation has been submitted. Volunteers are needed for coverage of all days of the event.

Discussion on the annual meeting was held. Sue Miller is organizing the event and she was not able to be at this BOD meeting. All items seem to be in order. There was some discussion about the number of people signed up to attend. A minimum of 20 people are needed in order to get the room at no charge.

The USA Equestrian Trust grant was briefly discussed. The check from the Trust has not been received as of this meeting.

Jean will be attending a collaboration meeting with Green Mountain National Forest, on January 23, 2020.

Heidi reminded all members of request for trail input received from a group representing town forest trails.

The next meeting of the Horse Council will be at the annual meeting on January 18, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Cole, BOD