

VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND BOD MEETING

JUNE 18, 2022

In person meeting at Rising Action Mustang Society (RAMS), New Haven, VT

Attendees were provided a comprehensive guided tour of the RAMS facility and were introduced to each of the mustangs in residence.

A business meeting followed the tour. Attendees of the meeting included: Mikayla Pike, Jean Audet, Heidi Krantz, Robin Severy, Jeannette Cole, Kerrie Garvey (via phone), Sydney Decker, (Vermont Farm Bureau). Lisa LaFont and Sue Miller were absent. The meeting was called to order by president, Mikayla Pike at 11:30 AM.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Reminder to all to review webpages pertinent to your areas of responsibility.
- Decision was made to put the Equine Industry Directory that was an outcome/desire from the April 2022 Equine Business Summit on hold. We currently do not have enough financial or human resources to undertake this large a project.
- Mindy Hinsdale session that also was a request from the Equine Business Summit continues to be an open action item. Possibly a fall offering.
- New VHC brochure- the UVM students that were to help with this effort are no longer available. Mikayla will work on this project on her own.

PROMOTIONS

- VHC PSA – Road Safety
 - o needs to have an update MOU to be shared with other organizations outside the state. Lisa LaFont is working on this.
 - o Mikayla is working with Across the Fence for promotion of the PSA
 - o VHC is collaborating with Vermont Farm Bureau for awareness education
 - o All BOD members support the safety poster contest proposed by Lisa. Need a list of potential prizes to determine if financial support is needed; Lisa to provide.
- Discussion regarding partnering with the Farm Bureau at booths at Fairs and Equine Events in the coming summer and fall. We will need a cadre of volunteers if this is to become a reality. Heidi will put out a spread sheet for people to sign up if interested in helping.
- The Farm Show BOD have voted to suspend having a show for 2023. Not enough volunteers to make the show a reality. The model of farm shows has been evolving considering the pandemic and a reevaluation of big equipment supplies to participate in these types of events.
- Brief discussion of fund-raising ideas:
 - o Virtual riding event
 - o Quarterly events
 - o Discounts for membership at local businesses
 - o Members only ride venues

SERVICE COMMITTEE

- Farm Bureau Visits – Heidi and Sydney
 - Core horse farms influencing definition of horse farms
 - Insurance rates
 - Worker's compensation
 - Taxes
 - Definition of Agriculture
- GMHA collaboration just in discussion stages

FINANCIALS

- \$18,200.09 total assets as of May 31, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.