



VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

MONKTON COMMUNITY CENTER, MONKTON, VT & VIRTUAL
JANUARY 27, 2024

The meeting of the Vermont Horse Council was called to order by President, Mikayla Pick at 10:38 am. All board members and officers were present: Mikayla Pick (President), Jeannette Cole (Sec/Treasurer), Robin Severy (BOD), Jean Audet (BOD), Monica Raymond (BOD), Lisa LaFont (BOD), Kerrie Garvey (BOD-virtual). The following members were present: Michelle Brewster, Carmel Stone, Sarah Isham, Kimberly Demars, Marrissa Patrick, Diane Kane, Bobbi Gilpin, Felicia Dieffenbach, Paul Gingras, Laura Bapp, (Laura Bapp daughter), Kelli McArdle, Louise Lynch, Jennifer Kennet

Mikayla Pick presented the 2023 year in review PowerPoint. A copy of the PowerPoint can be found on the VHC website.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The organization ended the year with \$18,165.84 monetary assets. After expenses, the net income for the organization for 2023 was \$1301.19. 2023 memberships remained relatively flat versus 2022. The treasurer report was accepted as read by unanimous vote of the membership at the meeting.

The secretary report for the 2023 annual meeting was distributed in writing to membership present and was posted on the VHC website. The secretary report was accepted unanimously by the membership at the meeting.

There were no officer or BOD positions with opposition, therefore a motion was made to accept the officers and BOD slate of candidates as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The candidates are as follows:

President Jeannette Cole; Vice President, Michelle Brewster, Secretary Treasurer, Mikayla Pike; BOD Jennifer Kennet (term expires 2026); BOD Laurie Baird (term expires 2026); BOD Kelli McArdle (term expires 2025). Remaining BOD members are: Lisa LaFont (term expires Dec 2024), Robin Severy (term expires Dec 2025), Kerrie Garvey (term expires Dec 2024), Monica Raymond (term expires Dec 2024).

Recognition and gift of appreciation was given to outgoing BOD, Jean Audet. We are grateful for the many years of service she has given to VHC.

Comments from membership included: need a microphone for virtual portion of the meeting next year; need to resend members only logon information. There was discussion about trail accessibility,

VOREC grant process, the 2024 Equine Industry Summit, equine camping availability, and VHC 50th Anniversary celebration in 2025.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. The group enjoyed lunch and conversation, followed by an informative presentation given by Jean Audet about her horseback riding trip to South Africa and Botswana. The entire days activities finished at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Cole, VHC Secretary/Treasurer