

VHC Board Meeting October 8th, 2024 @ 7pm, via ZOOM

Attending: Jeannette Cole (P), Michelle Brewster (VP), Monica Raymond (BOD), Kerrie Garvey (BOD), Carla Quandel (BOD), Robin Severy (BOD), Lisa Lafont (BOD), Casey McMorrow (Member)

Guest Speakers: Dardy Pour, Mary Jane Osborne, and Diane Stockton Breese from Rainbow Riding Center (Business Member)

Not Attending: Laurie Baird (BOD), Kelli McArdle (BOD), Mikayla Pick (Treasurer)

Secretary report covered the Meeting minutes from September. Could not be passed due to incorrect financial statement regarding VHC Insurance for Killington, VT Event.

Treasurer report provided via email from Mikayla:

- \$19461.36 in checking account, \$8310.89 in savings account

Lisa briefed the board on the status of Willoughby parking. While onsite with Scott, they saw Trailers and Riders there. The parking situation is deemed to be very rough for the volume and quality of the current parking.

Rainbow Riding Center @Belmont Stonewall Farm spoke to the board as a featured Business Member. Mary Jane Osborn (Founder), Diane Breese (Marketing), and Dardy Pour were presenting the multiple aspects of what their mission is. With PATH services, focused on Therapeutic Horsemanship, they service many with specific needs, from Physical and Mentally impairments, PTSD, and socioeconomic issues. They offer Assistance in Riding, Driving, and Groundwork/Care. They provide services to people of all ages from 3-70, regardless of race or gender.

Their mailing address for more information is:

892 Tarbellville Rd, Belmont VT 05730 or at 802-236-2483

Casey McMorrow attended the meeting under the invitation of Mikayla and Michelle, to be introduced to the board as someone willing to assist with Grants and possibly guidance for fundraising, and to learn more about VHC and how we operate.

Kerrie did a Doodle survey to determine the majority availability for a November/December in person Board Retreat and the date is tentatively set for December 7th at 10am in Monkton.

This is to start setting up next year's goals, discuss a guest speaker, and create the Annual meeting Warning (set for January 25th, 2025 also in Monkton, VT). Jeannette tentatively had someone from Blue Seal coming to speak, but some opposition was raised with the concern of it being a sales pitch for product and not an unbiased educational lecture.

~~~~Michelle lost connection at this point, and remainder of minutes provided by Monica Raymond:

Jeannette: In State of VT we cannot have the Secretary and Treasurer be the same person. In our bylaws they are combined, so we need to change the bylaws.

Kerrie will try to get the Monkton Town Offices for our Board Retreat (Dec 7) and Annual meeting (Jan 25).

Our email addresses show to other people as [boardmember4@vthorsecouncil.org](mailto:boardmember4@vthorsecouncil.org) rather than our names. Monica will reach out to Kelsie re: this.

Trails Symposium: it went very well, there were about 15 participants who were very engaged. We had a live horse demo and discussed horses as trail users, horse impact on trails, specifications for equine trails.

Trail signs: Jeannette has researched arrow and logo sticker options. We need more for Willoughby and Victory. Need to look into this more.

Monica moved that the Board reimburse Jeannette \$242.92 for stickers for trail signs. Carla seconded. All approved.