



VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL

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BOD Meeting July 9th, 2024 7:00-8:30 via ZOOM

Meeting started at 7:00pm

Attending: Jeannette Cole (President), Michelle Brewster (VP), Robin Severy (Membership,BOD), Monica Raymond (BOD), Lisa Lafont (BOD), Kerrie Garvey (BOD), Carla Quandel (BOD), Kelli McArdle (BOD)

Absent: Mikayla Pick (Treasurer), Laurie Baird (BOD)

June Meeting Minutes approved. Treasury report not available.

Swag Store is live. Kerrie reports there were 6 orders placed, 1 using the discount code.

Robin presented a request to change the business levels from Bronze, Silver, and Gold to Levels 1, 2, and 3. This would also represent how many directory listings they have. Jeannette suggested rewriting the Business Membership descriptions and propose the change at the next BOD retreat. This is something that Robin and Michelle agreed to work on.

Carla Quandel was officially welcomed to the Board as a Director. She replaces Jennifer Kennett. As a brief introduction, she voiced an interest in several committees, including heading Safety. This was met with great enthusiasm, as it is a committee that is not active but considered very important. She will also assist with future Grant writing for VHC, and Website support.

The Equine Industry Committee met for the first time in June, and their minutes are posted. This will be headed by Heidi Krantz to start. The primary focus will be Business and Legislation and are seeking to start an Equine Impact study for 2027. It is estimated that they will need \$25k to perform the study, and are seeking grant opportunities for the funding.

Jeannette voiced wanting to focus on the 50th Anniversary celebration with the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. One idea is to invite GMHA and VHC to host "The Year of the Horse".

The Trailer Backing Clinic on August 10th is receiving a lot of positive interest, with 6 of the 10 slots already reserved. There are no Audits signed up yet. A Microphone/Speaker set is still needed for the clinic. Once the items are researched and decided on, the BOD will approve

funding to purchase. Lisa offered the use of a shelter tent that she owns.

Monica has acquired blank Certificates of Appreciation to print as a thank you to Clinicians and Hosts of events. Kerrie has also offered her services of Etched Glassware from her ETSY store. We will present Tim Garrow a certificate and glass gift as a thank you for his donation of the Trailer Backing Clinic instruction and location.

Cross State Trailer Riders came to Vermont for a membership ride. This is an exclusive event and it was nice to see them feature a Marshfield, Vermont ride. www.cstronline.com/June.html

Coolidge State Park is allowing Horse Camping www.vtstateparks.com/coolidge.html

Lisa Lafont regrettably needs to withdraw from the Fall Summit event in Killington. Monica and Mikayla will still present and we will need to fill Lisa's slot.

Rainbow Riding is a guest speaker at the August BOD meeting on the 13th.

Jeannette has secured the guest speaker for the 2025 BOD/Membership meeting. A rep from Blue Seal will be discussing Horse Gut Health.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20