

BOD Meeting August 13th, 2024 @7:00pm via Zoom

Attending: Jeannette Cole (P), Michelle Brewster (VP), Mikayla Pick (Tres), Robin Severy (BOD), Monica Raymond (BOD), Laurie Baird (BOD), Carla Quandel (BOD), Lisa Lafont (BOD), Kelli Macurdle (BOD), Kerrie Garvey (BOD)

Guest Speaker Mary Chown.

Motions made and accepted:

- July 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Treasury Report: July Balances \$21,468.15 checking, \$8307.41 savings
- Reimbursement of \$117.00 to Monica Raymond for Tent purchase
- \$1000 gift to Mobbs Farm for upkeep of trails for Equestrian Use

Carla requested the board take time in the upcoming months to discuss and outline VHC spending. BOD agrees there is a need for a Budget and Prioritization of projects.

Mikayla renewed the Insurance for VHC for the 24-25 calendar year. The Killington Event in September is now insured and documents will be provided to Monica for the event.

Michelle reminded everyone that September is when the articles for the Q3 Newsletter are due. Also discussed continued support of Social Media, Photo Contest, and ongoing emails to membership.

Lisa is personally donating money to the repair of the Victory Loop, due to extensive damage from most recent storms. Asked if VHC might be willing to match donations. TBD 9/10/24

Trailer Backing clinic postponed to 8/24/24 due to recent storms.

Jeannette brought up the Year of The Horse Celebration in 2025, and the hope that VHC can collaborate with GMHA, which was started in 1926. Activities for Distance Days will be discussed at the next BOD retreat.

Monica also mentioned the VT Agricultural Building Community Grant is due in September, and that it is a 1 to 1 match. Concerns over how monies would be allocated, and if we have to show the ability to match monies in accounts prior to spending.

GUEST SPEAKER *Mary Chown, owner of MEC Advising* spoke to BOD regarding her services. She previously worked with Carla Quandel in another Nonprofit situation, and she was invited to discuss what she can offer.

*At this time VHCs BOD needs to sit down and focus on writing out a solid 5 year plan, some immediate goals, and a budget.

*VHC needs more support with finding grants to fund growth, internal development, and promote membership.

*Manpower and distinct objectives will support future growth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31