

BOD/members meeting of the Vermont Horse Council was held on June 9, 2026, and called to order at 7:02 by Vice President, Jeannette Cole because President Michelle Brewster was having computer issue. In attendance was Mikayla, Ryne, Robin, Monica, Linsey, Kerrie, Michelle, and Jeannette. Absent were Lisa and Laurie.

Secretary Report – Michelle sent the minutes from the May Meeting to the Whole board. There were only typo corrections. The minutes were unanimously approved. [] Jeannette will post them on the webpage

Treasurer Report – Ryne has connected with Nancy and should have the bank account by 6/11/2026. He presented the Financials received from Nancy through the end of May. Income for the first 5 months of 2026 is down \$1700 from same time last year and this is due to membership; specifically, business membership and also no program income (gold sponsorship and Pace your Horse from Spring Fling in 2025).

There was a request from Nancy regarding deposits that Mikayla is working with Nancy on.

[] Kent Group is the only Gold Sponsor for this year, and they need to be the only sponsor on the front page of the website (JKC to do)

ECTRA (Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association) did renew their membership at the \$100 level as of May 2026.

Paid premium to State Farm for \$427 but that check has not been cashed yet.

Treasurer Report was accepted

Insurance- policy is on hold with State Farm as of this date and Michelle is working with the agent to file an appeal. There was discussion about looking at a Plan B; reaching out to other New England Horse Councils. Michelle is leading the insurance effort while keeping Ryne informed and involved as it is ultimately the treasurer's responsibility to handle insurance for the Council.

Educational – we can do webinars without insurance and Jeannette has a couple of leads from the NEK Equine Expo (First Aid and Fecal Count). [] She will follow up on this and report back at the next meeting.

Addison County Field Day – All the booth paraphernalia will be delivered by Jeannette to Laurie on June 10. Robin will check if we need insurance to have a booth at the event.

Discounts Email – Michelle checked this out and it is basically a ploy to get on a mailing list for John Deere new sales. Dropping this initiative.

Reconnaissance at the Kingdom Heritage Lands was discussed. This will happen on June 26 pending Lisa's availability.

Newsletter input needs to be into Jeannette by the last week in June. The newsletter will be coming out at the beginning of July.

We discussed the lack of a Secretary since Emma's resignation. A motion **to waive the requirement that an officer nomination must come from current BOD members so that an interim secretary can be assigned until the next normal election cycle.** Motion passed unanimously. [] Posting on FB and on Website to solicit a new secretary will be done by Jeannette

[_]. Kerrie is going to check into having the riding neon safety vests added to our VHC online store. We are out of inventory except one XXL and all the rest are smalls.

[_]. Mikayla is going to contact Laura Hamilton for a reissue of \$110 check from August 2025 that was found in the cash box

[_]. Jeannette will get the cash box to Ryne

[_] Robin will get the check she received from NEK Expo for safety vests to Ryne.

[_] Jeannette will put the reconciliation of the sales from NIK Expo in the google drive. We took in \$205 at the event, plus the check that Robin received.

We discussed redoing the banner that we use at the events because it is not accurate right now. It has scholarships and summit and grants on it that we do not do. Jeannette will try to find out where it was made and cost to get a new one done.

There was a brief discussion of the Summit in 2027 but no one wants to lead the effort. Perhaps we can do something in conjunction with the Farm show in 2027. Tabled for now.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully transcribed from Zoom Transcript by Jeannette Cole