

Minutes for March 12, 2026, Martha's Vineyard Horse Council

In attendance; Lindsay Barnes, Chris Buckley, Jen Rand, Linda Wannamaker, Jocelyn Elliot, Jill Lane, Vici Surr, Kirstin Marzbanian, Tara Whiting-Wells, Julie Flanders, Nina McMann, Porter Fraser, Paul Buckley, Bruce Marshard, Anna Swanson, Allison Stearns, Erin Doyle, Mary Wurthman, Jess Benjamin

Jill called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm. Jen motioned and Kirsten seconded to approve the minutes as presented from February 8th. All in favor.

Vici presented the treasurer's report. (see attached). She has set up Venmo and Payal. There is a surcharge to use so it was moved (Julie) and seconded (Kirsten) to add that surcharge on when people chose to use these payment options. Tara moved and Jen seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Committees:

Julie-hunter/horse show; May 17th and October 18th are set. They will work on a 'prize list' as used to be done.

Jen-dressage; Saturday June 6th.

Pace rides; June 28th for trail ride. Fall date TBD as Stephanie is trying to organize the mounted rangers.

Clinics;

Sheila McLevedge May 9&10 Contact person is Jen.

Jerry Schurink May 30th Contact person is Tara

Jill announced an obstacle clinic at Misty with Sarah Trudel April 11th. There will be a \$25/discount for MVHC members.

Julie will reach out to Lucielle Bump about the fall.

Old Business

CD; we can spend the interest. Julie will do a little digging to see if there is anyone left to contact about 'releasing' the CD which would allow HC to put into regular CD account that has no restrictions.

Scholarship-no changes to the requirements currently. Kirsten thinks there needs to be more advertising as she is aware of several kids/parents that are not aware of it. Julie will talk with Vici about the way it is on the web page to make it easier to find.

Ag Hall use; Jen reported that HC will need to drag the ring, can use Ag Hall drag but must use own vehicle. HC may open the bathrooms, and the PA system will be available to use. If the hall is in use the HC will need to rent a port-a potty. Anna said the Ag Soc is happy to discuss the state of ring and happy for any feedback. Julie pointed out that footing is a big issue.

There was a consensus that anything that is sent to the HC should go out in the newsletters. The newsletter will be no more than 3 times a month.

Tara read a bit from Samantha Look and Missy at Whitestone about the IEA program that they have been active in. They currently have 3 high school and 6 4th-8th grade kids going off island to compete. Anyone who is interested can go to rideeia.org and look for White Stone. IEA is somewhat the equivalent to high school sports and is a way for kids that do not have the means to go off and compete to get that experience. 2 of them qualified for regionals and now Ayla Strom has qualified for Zone finals! Congrats and thanks to White Stone for this opportunity.

Anna and Jill discussed the fair. The HC will do some sort of demos, TBD and will be in the fair book and the daily schedule. Anna also encouraged folks to bring horses over on Sunday. The barns get emptied out and it would be wonderful to have people there with their horses to chat with people wandering through the barn.

The conversation circled back to getting news out there. Kirsten said she did not have the correct facebook info but would figure that out. Further, she was given the go ahead to create an Instagram account. Erin suggested putting posters in the barns. When the prize list gets done those will be dropped off at the barns.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

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