

## MV Horse Council Minutes January 8, 2026,

Howes House

In attendance: Vici Surr, Kirstin Marzbanian, Skylar Marsh, Clare Harrington, Jill Lane, Linda Wannamaker, Vickie Thurber, Porter Fraser, Laura Plunkett, Cynthia Segal, Jen Rand, Nina McMann, Tara Whiting-Wells

Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Jill Lane, president.

Jen Rand motioned to approve the December minutes. Vickie Thurber seconded. All in favor.

Vici Surr presented the treasurer's report. She is working on date from 2010 to convert from QuickBooks to Excel. She feels she can do it all from there and drop QB, therefore saving the money. Tara will get her a signed copy of the January minutes to take to the bank to change signatories. Jen R. moved to approve report; Vickie Thurber seconded. All in favor.

Committee updates:

Jill read a text from Julie Flanders. Julie and Samantha Look have settled on May 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling and October 4<sup>th</sup> Fall Fuzzy. Location TBD.

Jen Rand is working on dressage show with an 'L' judge in June.

Pace rides to be discussed in February.

Tara is working on another clinic with Tik Maynard and bringing Jerry Schurink to the island.

Status of MVHC/club structure: There was brief discussion of changing from a not-for-profit to a club status. Clare Harrington said that at present the MVHC is considered a corporation in Mass therefore we are taxed that way. It may have benefited the HC at one time but people felt it may be time to change that. Kirsten Marzbanian is going to look into the club status more and said her experience is with a club the member benefits may be reinvested back into the club. Since Julie Flanders was not there, further discussion was tabled.

Cynthia Segal reported that the Christmas parade was great fun. 4 horses plus riders/walkers and the MVHC banner was carried. Big thanks to Nina McMann for her costumes and enthusiasm. They won "Best Animal Award"

Jill brought up the loss to the Scheffer family and Tara was asked to send cards to the families from the MVHC.

The February meeting will be held on Zoom, Jill and Jen will set this up and provide the link. Laura Plunkett encouraged everyone to share it with those it may not otherwise reach.

Jill reported that Misty did a clinic with Sarah Trudel, Cynthia participated and enjoyed it.

Scholarship committee (Clare, Vici and Julie) Clare said all the forms were with the school for those that may want to apply. Vickie T. would like it to be on the February agenda as she has some ideas for the criteria.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

There were some short clips of training sessions with Tik Maynard shown to the group.