

Martha's Vineyard Horse Council Minutes
11/13//25

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

In attendance: Tara Whiting, Jen Rand, Nina McMan, Jess Benjamin, Clare Harrington, Vici Surr, Vickie Thurber, Julie Flanders, Jill Lane, Laura Plunkett, Bruce Marshard, Laura Marshard, Paul Buckley, Chris Buckley, Cynthia Segal

Old Business:

Secretary:The minutes from the meeting of 10/9//25 were read and approved.

Treasurer:

Total money in operating account \$13,349.26

Operating: \$3,804.82 (balance after deducting first aid fund and scholarship)

First Aid Fund: \$2,093.22

Scholarship: \$7,451.22

Junior: \$389.28

CD: \$19,239.34

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Dressage: We still need someone to chair this committee.

Hunter/Open: Julie and Samantha plan to meet before January to try to set dates for shows for the coming year.

Trail/Pace Rides:The fall pace ride was held on October 19t, going out from the West Tisbury School. 16 horses and riders enjoyed the beautiful course. Many thanks to Stephanie Dreyer and Tara Whiting for organizing this event.

Education: The Tik Maynard clinic is set for November 20th at Misty Meadows.

Auditors welcome!

Schedule: 7:30 - 9:00 - Ridden work; 9:00 - 11:00 - Groundwork

Tik will also be teaching at Whitestone from 1 - 3 that afternoon.

New Business:

Many topics were discussed, including several that came out of the surveys that people filled out.

* Tara mentioned that she is looking into seeing if there would be any advantage to getting connected to Bay State Trail Riders.

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* How to get participation from more barns on the island: Perhaps reach out to various barns and see if they would like to host an event. Whitestone has many kids in their program who might get involved. Whitestone would be willing to host something like a pace ride.

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- * Zoom meetings? Some people were very much in favor of them; others would prefer not to have them on Zoom. It was pointed out that hybrid meetings (some members at home and some in person) do not really work for us since we don't have the technology of a large screen so people at home can see what's going on. We voted to hold the February meeting fully on Zoom and see what participation is like.
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- * Could we possibly reinstate Year End Awards in some form? Maybe just fun categories?
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- * Vickie suggested a Spring Fun Day: set up a simple dressage arena, a few jumps for practice, Working Equitation obstacles so people could practice. Have a cookout.
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- * Reminders near the end of the year when memberships are due to run out. Possible way to pay for memberships on our website? Venmo?

Reminder: we need to put the dressage ring and poles away in the Ag Hall before winter.

Date set: November 23 at 11:00 am

*** Election of officers:**

The following slate was put forward:

President - Jill Lane

Vice President - Kirsten Marzbanian

Secretary - Tara Whiting

Treasurer - Vici Surr

The slate was voted on and approved unanimously.

Drawing: Eileen Sandberg would have won if she had been present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.