

Results of the MVHC 2025 Survey

We surveyed horse and horse farm owners on the island in person and online, between October 13 and November 3, 2025.

55 people responded to the survey, representing 15 farms, with 8 respondents not giving a farm name.

Of the respondents, 53 were familiar with the Martha's Vineyard Horse Council, one was not sure, and one was not.

Responses to questions:

Would you like to see the MVHC continue?

Yes: 52 Not sure: 3 No: 0

Have you taken part in any of the MVHC activities?

Trail rides or pace rides 31	Meetings 17
Horse shows 30	Educational programs 15
Clinics 22	None 6

What would you like to see the MVHC offer that you would support in the future?

Horse Shows*: 12	Working equitation: 3
Clinics: 11	Eventing: 3
Educational*: 10	Junior/kid friendly events/activities: 3
Social events*: 8	Meetings: 1
Trail rides or pace rides: 6	LAERC: 1

* Horse shows suggestions included: Dressage, Fall Fuzzy, Hunter, and Other locations

* Educational suggestions included: Farriers, Groundwork, Notable Clinicians, Tack fitting, and Vets

* Social events suggestions included: Pot Luck, Tack Swap, and Yankee Swap

Are you a member?

Yes: 30 No: 25 (21 would join, 2 did not want to join, 2 did not specify)

Would you be willing to serve on the board of directors?

Yes: 3 Maybe: 18 No: 28

Would you be willing to serve on a committee?

Yes: 6 Maybe: 10

Comments or Suggestions:**Category:****Comments or Suggestions:**

Activities

More shows and events
Traditional shows aren't working, need more fun
Western dressage

Ads and Sponsors

Advertise events way in advance
As a small business owner I would donate prizes, but, business donors/sponsors need more recognition
More advertising
Seek additional sponsorships from local businesses for raffles, meeting/attendance drawings, show prizes, and similar events.

Ag Hall ring

Address the Ag Hall ring footing
Something should be done about the money in the "ring" account.

Communication

Offer barns 1 free membership to increase community involvement and help those barns become better informed
Send an email when memberships are due for renewal
Willing to volunteer
Zoom meetings

Future of MVHC

I do not want to see it go away but it is ok to pause.
If there is no one eligible for the scholarship just hold it.

To do list

The year end trophies need to be relocated from a member's basement. A solution is needed.

Youth programming

Youth education
Connect to 4-H