

MVHC Meeting Minutes  
7/11/19

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

In attendance: Jen Rand, Julie Flanders, Jill Lane, Nina McMann, Brian Russell, Missy Brigham, Kara O'Sullivan

**Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report:** Not available but will be presented at the next meeting.

**Committee Updates:**

Dressage:

1. Jen is looking into having instructor Francois Lemaire de Ruffieu come to the Vineyard for a two day clinic in the fall. She has emailed him about possible dates. Whitestone Equestrian has offered to host the event if we are able to pull it together.
2. Brian Russell and Missy Brigham from Whitestone announced a dressage test practice event scheduled for August 11. The horse council will help to get the word out and will email the information to all its members. They are looking to host a fun relaxed event to help get people involved in the horse community. MVHC will be able to have an information table at the event, and there was discussion of seeing who else might like to have a table or booth there.

Pace Rides:

The next ride is scheduled for September 29. Many thanks to Stephanie Dreyer and Tara Whiting for continuing to organize and put on these events!

Education:

Centered Riding instructor Lucile Bump will be teaching a two day clinic on Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6. As in her spring clinic, there will be both unmounted and mounted instruction. Misty Meadows will host the event and there will be a potluck supper on Saturday evening for participants. Private lessons will be available on Monday, October 7.

Scholarship: At this time we are waiting for members of next year's graduating class to apply for the scholarship.

**Old Business:** Nothing to discuss

**New Business:**

1. There was a discussion of putting together a survey to see what people want from the Horse Council. Jill will look into finding surveys from similar organizations so that we get good questions to gather information. Brian said that he will also look at the survey from a dressage organization that he is connected with.
2. Missy discussed the possibility of starting an IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association) program on the island. MVHC would support this effort.
3. Several local horses have recently passed away on the island and will be honored with donations to the MSPCA at Nevin's Farm.

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