

Minutes for February 8, 2026 Martha's Vineyard Horse Council via ZOOM

In attendance: Jill Lane, Kirsten Mazbanian, Vici Surr, Tara Whiting-Wells, Dr. Corrina Barry, Jennifer Rand, Cynthia Segal, Jen O'Hanlon, Julie Flanders, Mariah Thornton, Matha Scheffer, Anna Swanson, Stephanie Dreyer, Clare Harrington

Jill Lane called the meeting to order at 5:37. Thank you Kirsten for hosting via zoom.

Minutes from January 8, 2026, were approved.

Treasurer's report: Vici Surr, all data from Quick Books has been converted to Excel, from 2010 to present. QuickBooks can be canceled, representing a savings of \$1600/year. Further she is cancelling the backup of the QuickBooks services which is saving an additional \$100/year. HC needs to continue paying for the web page and domain name (\$265/year) and constant contact (\$335/year). HC needs to continue the following services: Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and PowerPoint), an annual cost of \$100.

Vici has been to the bank and found many old names still on the bank account. There was a motion and a second (Jen Rand Vici 2<sup>nd</sup>) to have the old names removed and have Victoria Surr, Jill Lane and Julianna Flanders put on the account as signatories. All in favor.

Vici also explored the CD rates; MV Bank still has the best rates, so it was moved and a second (Jen Rand and Julie Flanders) to roll the CD over (rate is 3.6% for 5 months). All in favor. There was a motion and a second (Jen R. and Julie F.) to approve the treasurer's report.

Committee updates:

Jen Rand is finalizing dates with Sheila McLevedge for a clinic in May. A dressage show is set for June 6 or 7.

Julie; Spring Fling May 17<sup>th</sup>. October 4<sup>th</sup> date does not work so now looking at October 18<sup>th</sup>. Kirsten mentioned again she is happy to help.

Stephanie said she will work on a spring trail ride June 28<sup>th</sup> and then will work on a fall date after reaching out to the mounted rangers.

Tara is organizing Jerry Schurink for May 30<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow on all in a separate newsletter.

Old business.

Club structure continued discussion. Vici noted that MVHC can go back to postcard filing with IRS so that means we will not have to pay an accountant. Upshot-HC should stay as it is.

New Business.

MV Ag Fair-how much does MVHC want to be involved? Mariah Thornton was asked about western demos. Martha Scheffer mentioned Grace Cotterill and Liz Reid. Vici said she would do obstacle driving.

Moved other items to March agenda.

Special Guest-Dr. Barry, thank you to Vickie Thurber for setting this up.

She discussed choke/vaccines/colic. She highlighted the importance of taking all vitals prior to calling the vet (temp/resp/heart rate). She highlighted looking at manure, noticing the gums both in color and moisture, and facial signs of stress.