



**Limestone Pony Club**

**Secretary Minutes**

Meeting Location: Virtual through Zoom

Prepared by: Sherri Benedict, Secretary

Date of Meeting: 01/06/2021

- I. Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento, DC at 6:36 p.m.
- II. Roll Call to establish presence of quorum. In attendance were Nicole Casamento, Julie Jordan, Bernadette Chapman, Sherri Benedict, April Andersen, Amy Bittner, Barbara Lindberg, and Julie Lafrenz. Absences excused: Alix Coursen and Megan Kahn.
- III. Minutes from the previous Sponsor Meeting were distributed by email prior to this meeting. The DC asked for any corrections to the minutes, there being none, she made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed which was seconded by Julie Jordan.
- IV. Reports from officers and committees.
  - a. Treasurer Report: The current balance in our Key Bank account is \$1,555.19. Nicole Casamento has the December statement from the old Chase Bank account. Bernadette Chapman mentioned that Eileen will go to Key Bank on January 18 to gain access to the account.
  - b. Julie Jordan provided an update that Quiz Practice has been going well. Jaelyn Jordan has been running it and asking questions above their level. Nicole Casamento shared that Quiz Rally will be held on February 27-28 and that she received the link for members to register. Nicole will share the link with Sherri Benedict to be sent out to members. We should have a 4-person D-level team and Jaelyn may scramble onto a C-level team. Cindy and Allison are also planning to participate as adult members and will need to scramble onto a team.
  - c. Upcoming unmounted meetings include Saddle Fitting & Saddle Parts with Arynn Agan on January 7 and Colors & Bits with Amy Bittner on January 14.
  - d. Nicole Casamento is setting up the spring fundraiser with Gertrude Hawk. We will begin the sale in February.
  - e. Julie Jordan reached out to the Fayetteville Beautification Committee through Facebook. She has not yet heard back.
- V. Administration and correspondence
  - a. Sherri Benedict provided an update on the sponsor forms and fee. She reminded those who have not paid to send her the form and payment.

- b. Nicole Casamento brought up the question as to whether Club Officers need to pay the \$25 sponsor fee as well. Since officers are paying for the required trainings and background check out of pocket, Amy Bittner made a motion to waive the sponsor fee for current officers. April Andersen seconded the motion.
- c. Nicole Casamento gave an update on the status of riding member renewals. At least two of our members still need to renew, Elan Stremmel and Lyndsey Weiner. We had one new junior member and one new senior member join so far for 2021.
- d. Sherri Benedict gave an update on the status of our social members renewals. We only had one member renew so far. Sherri will reach out again to past members.

#### VI. Old business

- a. Sherri Benedict gave an update on Scholastic Sports. Unfortunately, her contact has been unresponsive, and the online store is still not ready. She also has not yet received a price on embroidering the saddle pads. Sherri will reach out again. We may need to find an alternative company for embroidery and screen printing.
- b. Julie Jordan gave an update on the Parent Handbook. It is almost ready, and she is just waiting on summer rally dates. Julie would like to get it sent out to members by February as mounted meetings will be starting in April.

#### VII. New business

- a. Julie Jordan asked if a survey could be sent out to see which weeknight would be best for summer mounted meetings. Sherri Benedict will prepare the survey and distribute it to members. The cost of lessons will be \$20/rider with 3+ riders per lesson and \$30/rider with 2 riders per lesson.
- b. Amy Bittner offered to coordinate mounted meetings at Tanglewood again this year. Amy will also look for another barn to take jumping lessons at in her area. We have several adult members that live in that direction and the drive to Whispering Hill is long for them.
- c. Amy Bittner mentioned that it was hard for some riders to hear Ellen Stanton in the lesson's this past year. Julie Jordan suggested that we could purchase a headset for Ellen and that she would look for one on Amazon.
- d. Sherri Benedict suggested that we form a Planning Committee for Dressage Rally. The following will be on the committee: Nicole Casamento, Julie Jordan, Sherri Benedict, Alix Coursen, and Julie Lafrenz. Other members/volunteers will be invited to join the committee as needed. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11 at 6:30 pm.

- e. Julie Jordan confirmed that Scott Fernandez is interested in holding a clinic at Bamboo Brook this summer. He can instruct on horse management, mounted, and unmounted topics. We can open the clinic up to other clubs and the public as a fundraiser. CNYD&CTA may also be interested in cohosting.
  - f. Julie Jordan mentioned that CNYD&CTA is hosting three gymnastic clinics with Barb Lindberg that our members may be interested in participating in. Sherri Benedict will post the clinic dates on our website calendar.
- VIII. Other Business: Nicole Casamento asked if there was any other business to be brought before the group. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- IX. Adjourn: Nicole Casamento moved that the meeting be adjourned. Julie Jordan seconded. There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.