



Limestone Pony Club

Date of Meeting: 1/5/20

Meeting Location: Manlius Library then adjourned to 8242 Barksdale Lane,
Manlius NY 13104

Prepared by: Amy M. Bittner, Secretary

- I. Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento, at 2:45 PM
- II. Roll Call to establish presence of quorum. In attendance were Amy Bittner, Nicole Casamento, Jennifer Benjamin, Sherri Benedict, Mehan Kahn and Cindy Elkins.
- III. Minutes from 12/7/19 were approved.
- IV. Old Business

Unmounted meetings planned include Dr. Waring – Equine Emergencies 1/25/20 at 1:30 PM; Dr. Waring – Equine Emergencies (hands on) date TBD in February; Intro to Fox Hunting (Limestone Hunt organized event) date February; Carol Buckout – Equine Nutrition – 3/25/20 location TBD; Dan Weeks – Arab breed – 4/11/20 at 3 PM at Mr. Weeks' farm. Future potential speakers include Wendy Saucy (Triple Crown Feed), Dr. Bill Day (tour of Morrisville Rehab facility) and Barb Lindberg (hounds walk). Additional topics include trailers safety and bandaging. The possibility of coordinating efforts with some of the 4-H clubs with possible contacts being Dr. Waring, Taylor Bass, Jessica McCann, Charlene Bennett, Bonnie Erickson (sp??) or Sara Aegan.

Nicole Casamento agreed to put together a list for the upcoming open house.

- V. New Business

Partnering with Limestone Hunt – Cynthia Elkins discussed the proposal she was making to the hunt club to have a "What is Foxhunting?" presentation and to undertake an effort to put on a Junior Qualifying Hunt. A proposal was made to see if the hunt would offer awards or recognition for the best performing pony club teams at the hunter paces.

Budget: Megan Kahn agreed to put together a sample budget for the next meeting.

Membership – National dues \$155, Regional \$25. A motion was made, seconded, and all voted in favor of a dues structure for 2020 as follows: Club dues set at \$20 with the payment waived in 2020; Limestone PC will pay the regional dues (\$25) for all new members; Limestone PC will pay \$80 toward the national dues for new members whose riding lessons with professionals are not subsidized by the Limestone PC. Memberships are then \$100 Unsubsidized Riding Members; \$155 Subsidized Riding Members; and \$0 for Social Members. A discussion was held with regard to putting together a starter kit for new members.

Mounted Meetings - Possible locations include Tanglewood, Nicole Madonna's barn, Bridle Path Manor (Kathy Zimmer). Subsidized Riding Members would receive \$15 paid toward the cost of riding in mounted meetings with 10 scheduled per year.

Open House – Audio/Video equipment was tested at the Manlius library for the purpose of showing the PC video (7 minutes) and the amazing slide show put together by Sherri Benedict. The group agreed to the following agenda:

Slide Show will be play while people arrive and during introductions.

- Introductions – Nicole
Nicole will introduce herself and Jennifer as Co-DC's and the sponsors Sherri Benedict, Amy Bittner, Megan Kahn, and Julie Jordan (if present).
- History of Pony Club – Nicole
Nicole will talk about the slide show that is playing and the history of Limestone Pony Club. Possibly her experience as a pony clubber (i.e. how old she was when she started, some of her experiences, etc). She will mention the addition of adult pony club.
- Plan to revive Limestone Pony Club – Jennifer
Jennifer will discuss the plan to get the club up and running including possibly some discussion what led her to want to revive Limestone Pony Club and her hopes for what might be achieved.
- Planned Activities – Jennifer
 - Unmounted Programs – Jennifer will discuss the list of unmounted meetings currently planned based upon the list the Nicole is putting together. These include
 - January 25th – Dr. Waring – Equine Emergency Lecture
 - February date TBA – Dr. Waring – Equine Emergency Practicum at Farm
 - March 25th – Carol Buckout – Nutrition
 - April 11th – Dan Weeks
 - Date TBA – Bandaging
 - Date TBA- Trailer Safety
 - Date TBA – Feed
 - Date TBA – Hound Walk
 - Mounted Programs – Jennifer will discuss plans for mounted meetings at least 10x per year. Details are yet to be determined; however, Tanglewood has agreed to have at least some of the meetings at their stable.
- Ratings and Rallies – Amy
Amy will discuss the educational and competitive opportunities with Pony Club including the rating system and the regional/national rallies in the various sports.
- Membership – Jennifer
Jennifer will identify the costs associated with membership (National dues of \$155 for new members, regional dues of \$25, and local dues which for this year is set at \$25; however, this year only the local dues will be waived and Limestone Pony Club will subsidize membership by covering the cost of the regional dues for some categories of membership or \$80 for those who will be participating in the mounted program in a more limited way). She will ask those interested to at least complete an application even if they are not sure that they will join.
- Wrap up – Question & Answer

Jennifer Benjamin agreed to obtain 3 dozen bagels, Amy Bittner agreed to bring soda and seltzer water.

Amy Bittner agreed to make copies of materials regarding ratings to hand out.

Jennifer Benjamin agreed to make copies of the USPC application. The group agreed that these would be handed out at the open house and all would be encouraged to fill them out even if they did not currently want to join. Any payment for membership would be made payable to the national USPC office.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.