



**Limestone Pony Club**

Secretary Minutes Approved

Meeting Location: 8242 Barksdale Lane, Manlius NY 13104

Prepared by: Amy M. Bittner, Secretary

Date of Meeting: 10/6/19

- I. Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento, at 4 PM
- II. Roll Call to establish presence of quorum. In attendance were Julie Jordan, Jennifer Benjamin, Sherry Benedict, Mehan Kahn, and Nicole Casamento.
- III. Old Business

No old business to discuss as Limestone Pony Club has been inactive for a number of years and the purpose of the meeting was to revive the club and conduct the first sponsor meeting. None of the materials from the organization have been located and there is was no information available to identify when the last sponsor's meeting was held.

IV. New Business

- a. Treasurer Report: The state of the treasury was discussed only insofar as the sponsors understand that monies are being held in trust by the Regional Treasurer for the Western New York Region.
- b. The following were nominated as officers of the newly revived Limestone Pony Club:
  - Jt. DC(s): Jennifer Benjamin, Nicole Casamento
  - Secretary: Amy Bittner
  - Treasurer: Megan Kahn
  - Sherri Benedict and Julie Jordan as well as the above named officers all agreed to participate as sponsors.
- c. Financial Plan:
  - i. The group discussed the need to coordinate with the Regional Treasurer with regard to the monies being held in trust.
  - ii. A motion was made to set the sponsor fee at \$5 by Amy Bittner and seconded by Nicole Casamento. The motion was approved by voice vote.
  - iii. A motion was made to set membership fees for the first year at the combined cost of national and regional membership by Amy Bittner and seconded by Nicole Casamento. The motion was approved by voice vote. To make membership more attractive in the absence of any existing programs or history of recent opportunities available to members, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of covering a portion of each new

member's dues out of Limestone Pony Club's existing treasury. Consideration of this option was tabled for consideration at a later date.

- iv. Proposed budget. Could not be ascertained at the time of this meeting as the programs that would be set in place for this first year had not yet been identified.

d. Membership and Sponsors:

- The group agreed that Limestone PC would accept both minor and adult members.
- The group identified a number of former officers/sponsors to approach for consideration including Kevin Coursen and Aileen (Barbetta) Monroe.
- The new officers are required to complete a background check, basic volunteer training, concussion training. By voice vote, the sponsors agreed that the costs of these would be borne by Limestone Pony Club.
- The sponsors also discussed juniors who might be interested in joining.
- Amy Bittner identified a list of potential adult members and offered to contact these once Limestone Pony Club was up and running.

e. Mounted Instruction:

Nicole Casamento, Jennifer Benjamin, and Julie Jordan agreed to investigate possible locations for holding mounted meetings. It was agreed that mounted meeting would likely be held in different locations during the year to accommodate the differing needs of the membership.

f. Property:

The need to track down any remaining property (trophies, records, supplies, equipment etc).of the old Limestone Pony Club was discussed. Keven Coursen, a former DC, was identified as a likely contact. Nicole Casmento agreed to reach out to him to help locate these items.

g. Attendance at Regional Meeting:

Nicole Casamento, Jennifer Benjamin, and Amy Bittner agreed to attend the Regional Meeting on behalf of Limestone Pony Club.

- V. Other Business: Jennifer Benjamin, Jt- DC 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.

- VI. Adjourn: Jennifer Benjamin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Amy Bittner seconded. There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.