

Date of Meeting: 10/7/20

Meeting Location: Bamboo Brook, Cazenovia NY

Prepared by: Amy M. Bittner, Secretary

- I. Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento at 6:41 PM
- II. Roll Call to establish presence of quorum. In attendance were DC Nicole Casamento, Megan Kahn, Treasurer; Amy Bittner, Secretary; Sherri Benedict, Marketing Director; and the following sponsors: Bernadette Chapman; Barb Lindberg, and Alix Courson. Absence excused: Judy Fero, Krissy Boys; April Anderson; Julie LaFrenz.
- III. Minutes from the prior meeting on 9/2/20 were approved with one correction (Arianna Coursen was not present at the 9/2/20 meeting).

#### IV. Treasurer's report

- 1. Account balance \$555.86.
- 2. All instructors need to complete W-9.
- 3. Megan Kahn advised that she had updated all of the treasury information on the USPC website.
- 4. Some discussion was held regarding the need and plans for fundraising.
- 5. Nicole Casamento has organized a Gertrude Hawk chocolates sale.
- 6. Nicole Casamento and Sherri Benedict are working on a coupon book sale. Nicole Casamento indicated that she would contact the Regional Supervisor about advancing some monies from the investment for the purpose of purchasing coupon books for the members to sell as a fundraiser.
- 7. Amy Bittner agreed to investigate other options for a bank. Alix Coursen mentioned KeyBank. Bank of America was also mentioned.
- 8. A copy of the final budget for next year will need to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

#### ٧. **Business**

- **1.** Annual Sponsor's Meeting:
  - Scheduled for November 4th at Bamboo Brook. Amy Bittner will send out notice of the meeting to sponsors.
  - The Nominating Committee identified the following proposed officers:

District Commissioner: Nicole Casamento Co District Commissioner: Julie Jordan

Secretary: Amy Bittner

Treasurer: Bernadette Chapman

- Regional Meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>
- Dressage Rally
  - Nicole Casamento and Julie Jordan have offered to act as Co-Chairs for the Dressage Rally.
  - Amy Bittner agreed to furnish materials from last year that had been prepared and mentioned that Bristol Hills had offered to Co-sponsor the rally the prior year.

## 2. Membership:

- With regard to regional dues, Limestone PC will only have to pay for new members. We have a total of 21 members, but the regional dues were already paid for many of them. Nicole Casmento calculates that we will owe another \$250.
- All riders will be required to have armbands for testing and mounted meeting.
  Nicole Casamento purchased armbands for \$7. All voted to charge \$10 per
  armband to members. Information about armbands will be placed on Facebook
  page.
- Merchandise for members was discussed. Nicole Casamento is investigating
  options including t shirts, soft shell jackets, saddle pads and boot socks. All items
  can be embroidered with Limestone P.C. logo.

## 3. Mounted Meetings

- Will end in October.
- Tanglewood lessons will be changed to 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Amy Bittner will contact Ellen Stanton about the change.

### **4.** Certifications (Ratings)

- Adult Certification
  - 9 AM at Abbey Meadows.
  - Anne Eilinger is the examiner.
  - Charge will be \$45 per rider with \$5 to go toward insurance. Barbara Lindberg moved, Amy Bittner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor of charge.
     Candidates are Wendy Brooks (D-3); Judge Fero (D-3 Flat only) and Cindy Elkins (D-2)
- Child Certification
  - Charge will be \$20. . Barbara Lindberg moved, Amy Bittner 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor of charge.
  - o Testing for D-1's will be done by Julie Jordan
  - o Jaelyn Jordan is testing for C-1 with Gina Hennington as the examiner.

### **5.** Fund Raising

Gertrude Hawk sales must be complete by November 1<sup>st</sup>

50 Syracuse coupon books are being purchased and will need to be sold before Christmas.

# 6. Activities

- Morrisville Tour morning session is full. PM session not yet full. Madden Farm Tour at 1 PM  $\,$

Next meeting will be the Sponsor's Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Bamboo Brook at 6:30 PM Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.