



Limestone Pony Club

Meeting Location: 8242 Barksdale Lane, Manlius NY 13104

Prepared by: Amy M. Bittner, Secretary

Date of Meeting: 11/23/19

- I. Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento, at 6 PM
- II. Roll Call to establish presence of quorum. . In attendance were Nicole Casamento, Jennifer Benjamin, Sherri Benedict, and Mehan Kahn. Regional Supervisor Ann Farkas participated for part of the meeting by phone.
- III. Minutes from 10/6/19 were approved.
- IV. Old Business

Co-District Commissioners Jennifer Benjamin and Nicole Casamento as well as Secretary Amy Bittner and potential member Judy Fero attended the Regional Meeting. Eileen Pearson is the Regional Treasurer with whom we need to connect with in order to open a bank account. The officers present agreed to investigate the possibility of running Dressage Rally with the help of Bristol Hills PC in late May.

V. New Business

a. Treasury

- i. Set up account -- Megan Kahn, as the treasurer, and Jennifer Benjamin, Co-DC will meet with Eileen Pearson at a Chase Bank location in Rochester. A motion was made by Megan Kahn to use Chase Bank with only Megan Kahn and Eileen Pearson signatory to the account was seconded by Sherri Benedict. The motion was approved.
- ii. Budget -- The need to put together a 2019 Budget was discussed. Information needs to be assembled regarding the programs being offered to determine the income and expenses for the year.
- iii. Fund Raising -- Jennifer Benjamin proposed allowing Mattress Express to set up at our events. Proposals were also made sell salt blocks or bit warmers. An additional alternative is to revive the manure sale (make wire racks to ease the loading of manure into grain bags).

b. Membership

- i. The possibility of reimbursing a portion of the cost of first year membership was discussed. Cost of national and regional dues totals \$180 -- \$155 for new members to national and \$25 for regional.
- ii. By unanimous vote, agreed to an outreach event on January 11, 2019.
 1. Nicole Casamento will check with the Firehouse as a possible location.
 2. Sherri Benedict will prepare a flyer and place an advertisement in Horse Bits. Jennifer Benjamin agreed to advance the cost for the add, all voted that she would be reimbursed out of treasure once access was secured.
 3. Amy Bittner agreed to prepare invitations for mailing if necessary.
 4. Presentation to be split between Jennifer Benjamin and Amy Bittner.
 5. Handout materials to be assembled.

- iii. Benefits to new members were discussed including
 - 1. Unmounted and mounted meetings
 - 2. Coordinated Trial Rides
 - 3. Social events
 - 4. Make connections with other like-minded people
 - 5. Ride in Rally
 - 6. Achieve ratings
 - 7. Qualify for nationals
 - iv. Structured membership—Different prices depending upon level of participation and age
 - 1. Membership including mounted program
 - a. 8 and under
 - b. 10-21 years
 - c. Adults
 - 2. Active member not participating in mounted program
 - 3. Social member
 - v. Each of those present agreed to mail a list of people they thought would be potential members.
 - c. Communications
 - i. Sherri Benedict agreed to set up an e-mail account.
 - ii. Jennifer Benjamin suggested communications through GroupMe App.
 - d. Dressage Rally
 - i. Location -- Amy Bittner reported having contacted Cazenovia College, Sundman Stables, and Canterbury as possible event sites. Jennifer Benjamin identified Cassabu as another alternative. It was tentatively agreed to use Sundman Stables if the May 24th date was agreeable to the Region.
 - ii. Date and head count – Amy Bittner was to send out an e-mail to the Region regarding the date of May 24th and the number of riders each club planned to send.
 - iii. Regional Approval – Regional Supervisor Ann Farkas advised that Limestone PC would need to come up with a budget for the rally. We would need to:
 - 1. Determine the number of riders likely to attend.
 - 2. Figure the cost per rider/stable manager (usually riders were \$75 or less)
 - 3. Hire judges and determine cost.
 - 4. Determine costs for ribbons (riding awards), program printing, water, facility, rings, lunch.
 - 5. Hire the TD.
 - 6. Keep in mind that Region provides horse management judge, assistant horse management judge, and insurance.
 - e. Unmounted Meetings
 - i. Jennifer Benjamin suggested 2x per month
 - ii. Topics include anatomy of the hoof, tack clean and parts
 - iii. Possible presenters mentioned were:
 - 1. Allison Waring – Early Winter Equine
 - 2. Rebecca Gottlieb-Instructor at Caz College –Western Riding
 - 3. Carol Buckout—Nutrition at Caz College
 - 4. Barbara Lindberg—Instructor at Caz—Master with Limestone Hunt
 - 5. Julie LaFrenze—Unmounted topics
 - 6. Casabu and Whispering Hills were mentioned as possible locations
 - f. Mounted Meetings
 - i. Jennifer Benjamin had contacted Ellen Stanton who indicated that they would do lessons for Pony Club meetings at \$30 for a 4 person lesson.

- ii. Suggested that members would pay \$10 and Limestone PC would assume the balance of the cost.
- g. Next meetings
 - i. December 7, 2019 at 2pm at 2541 Cemetery Road, Fabius NY
 - ii. January 4, 2019 at 6PM at Jennifer Benjamin's house

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.