



Limestone Pony Club

Meeting Location: Bamboo Brook, Cazenovia NY

Prepared by: Amy M. Bittner, Secretary

Date of Meeting: 11/4/20

Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento at 6:35 PM

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: April Anderson, Bernadette Chapman; Barb Lindberg, Julie Jordan, Julie LaFrenz, Judy Fero, and Alix Courson. Absence excused: Krissy Boys.

Old Business

Minutes from the prior meeting on 10/7/20 were approved by unanimous voice vote without alterations.

New Business

I. Treasurer's report

- Account balance \$1,613.86.
- Increased balance reflects monies received from Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser.
- Rolling Hills Pony Club owed \$220.78.

The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. Election of officers

Report of the Nominating Committee Barbara Lindberg, Chair presented the slate:

DC: Nicole Casamento

Jt. DC: Julie Jordan

Secretary: Amy Bittner

Treasurer: Bernadette Chapman

Nicole Casamento, DC called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the DC closed nominations and Amy Bittner, Secretary, cast a vote on behalf of all present and, there being no objection, the slate was approved.

III. Financial Plan:

- A motion was made by Nicole Casamento to raise the sponsor fee from \$5 to \$25 and seconded by Barbara Lindberg. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Sponsor's fee for next year will be \$25.

- A motion was made by Nicole Casamento to set the fee for Social Membership at \$25 and seconded by Julie Jordan. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Social Membership fee for next year will be \$25.
- A motion was made by Nicole Casamento and seconded by Amy Bittner to leave the club fee for active members at \$0. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Treasurer Megan Kahn presented a verbal description of the proposed budget for 2021. Nicole Casamento moved to approve the budget. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Fundraising

- Nicole Casamento moved to undertake another Gertrude Hawk fundraiser for Easter and Julie Jordan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Manure sale was discussed. Julie Jordan will identify a source for bags. Alix Coursen will supply aged manure from Bamboo Brook. The group will investigate sale locations including possibly Target Plaza in Fayetteville. Julie Jordan will investigate the entities that hold plant sales with the idea that the manure sale can be coordinated with plant sales.
- A discussion was held about approaching Cindy Elkins to oversee Fundraising.

V. Unmounted Meetings

- Julie Jordan will take charge of arranging 2x per month meetings starting in January for the junior members on topics such as farrier care, feed, bits, and parts of tack.
- Mounted meetings suitable for adults include such topics as feeds and feeding(Carol Buckout or a representative of Poulin feeds) will be open to children of suitable age.
- Julie Jordan agreed to draft a document regarding sportsmanship.
- Julie Jordan suggested having a test rally to prepare members for regional rally.

VI. Mounted Meetings

- Proposed locations for mounted meetings to include Mill Creek Stables, Bamboo Brook, Bridle Path Manor, Tanglewood and North Riding.
- Crystal Gaskell was identified as a possible instructor for dressage.
- At least 2x per month for regular mounted meetings with separate meetings for rally prep.
- Consideration was given to having camp for 2021.

VII. Rally Participation

- Julie Jordan suggested two classes of membership, one for those interested in rallying and one for those who are interested in other aspects of Pony Club.
- Children and adults would have separate teams at rally.
- Nicole Casamento and Sherri Benedict are working on assembling kits. Two sets will be needed.

VIII. Ratings

- Will be held in the spring and fall with adults tested separately from children.
- Possible examiners include Nicole Maddona, Janine Ramsden, Nancy Novak, Sara Novak, Scott Fernandez, and James Hasty.

Next meeting will be by Zoom on December 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Nicole Casamento moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.