



## **Limestone Pony Club**

Meeting Location: Amy Bittner's home 4167 Abbey Road Syracuse NY 13215

Prepared by: Amy M. Bittner, Secretary

Date of Meeting: 7/1/20

- I. Meeting called to order by Nicole Casamento at 6:15 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: Julie Jordan, April Anderson, Barb Lindberg, Judy Fero, Alix Courson (via Zoom), and Julie Lafrenz (via Zoom). Absence excused: Sponsor Krissy Boys.
- III. Minutes from the prior meeting on 2/28/20 were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's report**
  1. \$1,090.86 balance as of 6/23/20
  2. Discussion concerning management of the bank account
    - Rolling Hills now has its own account though the asset split has not been determined. Megan Kahn is contacting the Regional Treasurer to work on determining the proper split.
    - Nicole Casamento and Megan Kahn plan a trip to the bank to arrange the proper signatories on the account, determine the nature of the account and means to reduce monthly fees, to deactivate the credit card held up the former DC, and arrange to have monthly statements go to the current DC.
    - Megan Kahn made a motion to remove Jennifer Benjamin, the former District Commissioner, as a signatory to the Limestone Pony Club bank account and deactivate any credit card issued to her. Amy Bittner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.
- V. **Old Business**
  1. Ratings: A testing was held and 3 children members were awarded D level ratings: Jaelyn Jordan (D-2), Logan Kingle (D-1); and Ella Kingle (D-1). A discussion was had about scheduling a rating of some of the adult members with Anne Eilinger as the examiner.
  2. Current membership following formation of Rolling Hills- The list of current members identified on the USPC website was reviewed. These are Nicole Casamento, Jaelyn Jordan, Ella Anderson Kingle, Logan Kingle, Wendy McCord, Nancy Raynor, Eevie Smith, Lyndsey Kelly Weiner, Sherri Benedict, Jennifer Lee Benjamin (known to be affiliated with Rolling Hills); Diane Camarda, Ann Marie Franklyn, and Shannon Isham.
  3. Fund Raising -

Manure sale – Nicole Casamento has collected grain bags and has a large quantity of aged manure; however, due to some spring planting the manure is not currently

accessible. Julie Jordan mentioned that there were bags and holders to help in loading the bags which could be purchased. A manure sale at the Fayetteville Target in the spring or at the Fayetteville yearly plant sale would be a good place to arrange direct sale or secure orders for delivery.

4. Regional Calendar – The regional calendar is largely unknown at this point. Most activities have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

## **VI. New Business**

1. Structure and Management – Secretary Amy Bittner distributed a description of the role of sponsors and a copy of the By-Laws of The Registered Clubs of The United States Pony Clubs so that all of the sponsors and officers would have a better understanding of the manner in which a pony club is operated.
  - Amy Bittner agreed to investigate whether USPC insurance covered the liability of officers.
  - Nicole Casamento will open a P.O. Box for receipt of all mailings to Limestone Pony Club.
  - Nicole Casamento is in the process of determining who the slate of sponsors will be. In addition to those identified as sponsors in connection with this meeting, she plans to include Arianna Coursen, Melissa Osborne, Pam Spier, and Patricia Eromenok.
2. Policies governing Limestone Pony Club – A discussion was had as to the types of policies that the club should adopt regarding its management.
  - As a new policy, all agreed that Nicole Casamento, in her role as DC, could expend up to \$250 of Limestone PC assets on behalf of the Limestone without prior approval of officers or sponsors. Expenditures in excess of that amount would require the approval of the sponsors and/or officers.
  - Amy Bittner agreed to track decisions that should become policies for review at sponsors meetings with the idea of developing a set of written policies.
3. Outreach to expand membership
  - Advertising in CND&CTA Newsletter.
  - Reach out to Barneveld Horsemen's Association
  - Contact 4-H groups – Skaneateles, Morrisville, Big Rock and Burchire Bronchos
  - FAA
4. Mounted Meetings

- Julie Jordan expressed the concern that an inspection should be conducted per USPC policy at the beginning of each mounted meeting. All agreed that this should be the policy.
- A discussion was had over the need for members to secure copies of the Pony Club Manual. Amy Bittner suggested that each member be furnished with a copy of the manual when they join.
- Non-members should be invited to come to watch mounted meetings.
- Julie Jordan recommended that Limestone PC develop a policy of a fixed dollar amount (\$20.00 per rider) to the instructor/host of any given mounted meeting. Amy Bittner expressed a concern with setting a policy so strictly that the range of opportunity for instruction might be too limited. The issue was tabled with further consideration and discussion to be had after Nicole Casamento was able to identify the cost each facility had proposed thus far.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.