

## HCRC Meeting Minutes 8/16/2023

**Participants:** Lise Krieger, Jennifer Peotter, Paige Cerulli, Teri Bullis, Irina Scully, Diane Merritt

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** June 2023 = Accepted

### **Membership:**

- We have 50 Members which is low compared to the 90 or so in the past. Previous members are attending events (including many families who end up paying more to participate but are not current.
- Discussed ways to engender interest in belonging to the club
  - Distribute list of club members
  - Better emphasize benefits of membership and where member dollars go in our budget
  - Put an ad in the Horse magazine
  - Have a “Cabin Fever” party/trivia and do a membership drive there

### **Treasury Report:**

- July 3-August 14 2023 no income but \$708 for mower repair bills and Porta Potty were expenses
- November 2022 to July 2023 net income = \$87
- Account balance is currently \$20,006.15

### **Cummington Fair:**

It appears that HCRC would have to pay to have a booth so the Board agreed not to pursue this idea

### **Grounds Upkeep:**

Board agreed to get a dumpster this fall to clean out the trailer. Tentative Clean Up Day scheduled for 11/5. Lise will make arrangements for getting the dumpster.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Windsor State Forest Ride on 8/27 = Diane Merritt is organizing, registration is open, info has been posted on Facebook
- Bob Root has agreed to speak at our September meeting about the origins of HCRC
  - Explore options for where we might hold our meeting closer for Bob – Teri’s house? Cummington Community Room? Goshen Town Hall?
- Hawley State Forest Ride on 9/24 = Diane Merritt has checked out the trails and they look pretty good, considering the damage in other areas due to storms. Diane discussed with Bob Root that perhaps we would have a BBQ after the ride. There is a group that would like to camp there overnight, and Bob has agreed that would be fine.

- Northfield Mountain Ride on 10/15 = Diane Merritt noted that we need to provide our insurance information to the First Light Power office – Diane will forward this to them including the specific language that must be included on our insurance coverage form
- Hilltown Misfits on 10/22 = Lise will ask Sherry if we need a Porta Potty this year. If so, we will split the cost.

#### **Past Events:**

- Jay Quinlan = Had to be canceled due to low enrollment two weeks before – some people were disappointed who had expressed interest verbally. We will include early bird emphasis for next year's registrations.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade = Went well despite parking and communication challenges. Discussion about other riders wanting to join in with us, and board agreed that anyone who wants to be part of the parade representing HCRC needs to be an HCRC member so they are covered on our insurance policy.
- Anne Chapdelaine = Very interesting presentation about the therapeutic benefit of just being around horses. She is holding a fundraiser event on September 30th and has asked HCRC to help get the word out.

#### **Board Membership:**

- As Paula Beck is interested in stepping down, Irina was voted in so she can work with Paula getting up to speed on processes. Duties include processing membership payments, paying bills and managing the bank account – Jen briefly discussed with Irina and provided a list of duties.

#### **Future:**

- Photo Shoot Day