

HCRC Meeting Minutes 1/17/2024

Participants: Lise Krieger, Jennifer Peotter, Teri Bullis, Irina Scully, Diane Merritt, Rory Flynn, Diane Raucher-Miller, Marlies Stoddard, Destinee Parkinson, Cheryl Brooks, & Sherry Whitmore

Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 2023 = Accepted

Board Membership:

- President: Lise announced she needs to give up the position of President as of March.
- This will open the position up for interested members and Lise will continue to be involved in a transition and future tasks.
 - Diane Merritt pointed out that the club used to have committees to arrange events instead of the Board having to do everything - discussion led to conclusion that this is the state of affairs for many clubs, and we all agreed with previous conversations we've had about focusing on doing a few signature events and doing those well.

Upcoming Events:

- Bowling - 1/26/2024 at 6:00pm (not 5:00 as was indicated in October's Minutes)
- Board Meeting 2/21/24 and 3/20/2024
- Trivia - 3/22/2024 6:30 at Smith-Voc Library
 - Emcee - Teri
 - Prizes will be organized by Jen, Destinee, and Sherry
 - Check In, collect donations and 50/50 raffle table will at entry for sign-in, collection of \$5 per person fee and purchasing raffle tickets - Lise will be in charge of this
- Grounds Clean Up and Trailer Clean Out/Content Listing on May 5 - Lise will follow up on getting a dumpster for the day.
- Hilltown Misfits Fun Day May 19
- Chesterfield Gorge Ride on Saturday, May 25th
 - Rent the Four Seasons and make this into a tailgate party after - Lise will contact the 4 Seasons Club. May also make a potluck.
 - Equine Farm Day at HCRC Grounds on June 8 - Teri volunteered to organize, Destinee, Rory, and Diane RM offered to be part of the committee
 - Breed presentation
 - Riding discipline demo
 - Have people sign a disclosure
 - No hand feeding?
- Thursday Night Gymkhana Games at the HCRC Grounds (June 20 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8, Awards Ceremony)
 - Diane RM offered to organize
 - Accrue "points" over the course of each game night
 - Rory has ribbons

- Peter Whitmore Agility Clinic on June 29
- Fourth of July Parade on July 4
- DAR Ride July 28
- Windsor Trail Ride August 25
- Working Equitation Clinic? Stephanie Hayes? Lise will follow up to inquire
- Hawley Forest Ride September 15
- Scavenger Hunt on HCRC Grounds in the fall - Date TBD
- Northfield Mountain Ride October 20
- Hilltown Misfits Fun Day October 27
- Bonfire/Potluck/Hay Rides?
- Christmas/Winter Party?

For Clinics = Promote far in advance. Require registration ahead of time, use Heritage Farm or another indoor as a backup indoor arena option

Promotion of Events and Social Media:

- Marleis suggested we consider inviting non-horse people to our events and connect into non-horse organizations to advertise
- Send our calendar to other clubs/organizations

Annual Treasury Report:

- Our 'withdraw any time' CD matured on 1/15 - Irina will take care of turning it over and upgrading the interest rate.
- The National Grid accounts are both still active. Irina will call them to be sure we are closing the account at the temporary post by the old Clubhouse, and keep the one that powers the Judges building.

Next Board Meeting: February 21, 2024 at 7pm

Location TBD