

White Mountain Riding Club Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2026 at Weeks Memorial Library

In attendance: Dave Chessman, Ramona Chessman, Vicki Herzog, Jeannine Kenison, Emma Gooden and Kristina Ennis

Attending via Zoom: Bonnie Hamel, Sharon Ellingwood-White, Trish Newland-Switser, Sabrina D'Agnese, Angela Hooker, Jon Franko and Ashley LaRoche

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jeannine Kenison

- March's meeting minutes were read by all. Amendment needed due to incorrect date of 4C Horsemanship/Bethany White confidence clinic. Correct date is June 12, 2027. Ramona made a motion to accept amended minutes, Bonnie seconded, all in favor
- Treasurer's report:
  - Emma made a motion to accept treasurer's report as read, Dave seconded, all in favor.
- Fair show updates:
  - The following positions need to be filled in order for the show to run smoothly; announcer, ring steward, two secretaries, gate keeper, ribbon runner, manure picker for the ring, trail set up/break down. It was noted that the volunteers work hard during the show day and they should be compensated. Kristina made a motion to pay the announcer, ring steward, gate keeper, and two secretaries \$200 for the day of the show. Vicki seconded, all in favor
  - There was mention of needing food for the judge and volunteers, Sharon is looking into getting a concession stand near the ring. Jeannine will coordinate a meeting with Sharon and Ricky about ring maintenance, stalls, trailer parking and fair passes. Vicki and Emma will attend as well.
  - Discussion was had about pre-entry dates for the show. It was decided that the pre-entry date would be August 1<sup>st</sup>. Any entries received between August 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> would pay a post-entry fee of \$25. Any received between August 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> would pay \$50 and no passes would be sent. No entries will be accepted after August 21<sup>st</sup> including same day entries. This is so that we can make sure there is enough trailer parking since it will be tight. Kristina made a motion to accept the above pre-entries, Vicki seconded, all in favor.
  - Emma made a motion to keep the office fee \$10, Bonnie seconded, all in favor
  - NEK Horse Show Series exhibitors will provide their own back numbers for the show since they will be assigned a number at the beginning of the year. There will be a spot on the entry form for them to enter their number. Emma will see what we have left for numbers and let Vickie know how many are needed for this year. She will also coordinate with NEKHSS to make sure we don't end up with duplicate numbers
  - There was a concern about holding the versatility classes due to them being pattern classes. It was discussed that they will take up too much time. Kristina made a motion to remove the versatility classes from the class list due to time constraints. Vicki seconded. All in favor
- Clinic updates:
  - Cost for Ray Hackett clinic is \$1048.56 including hotel, sound and insurance. Ray can take a maximum of 10 walk/trot riders and 10 walk/trot/canter riders. That breaks it down to a cost of \$52.43 per person. Suggested cost for exhibitor \$100
  - Sarah Trudell clinic cost would be \$748.56 and she can take a maximum of 10 participants. This breaks it down to \$74.86 per person. Suggested cost for exhibitor \$100
  - Kate Conway clinic cost would be \$848.56, can take a maximum of 6 riders, breaks it down to \$141.42 per exhibitor. Suggested cost for exhibitor \$175 for the day regardless if they attend both sessions or not. Kristina made a motion to accept the recommended exhibitor charges of \$100 per exhibitor for Ray's clinic, \$100 per exhibitor for Sarah's clinic and \$175 per exhibitor for Kate's clinic. Ramona seconded, all in favor
  - It was decided that the cut off for early volunteer sign up would be 3 weeks prior to the clinic and regular exhibitors would be 2 weeks prior to the clinic.
- Trail ride: The trail ride agreement was provided to everyone for consideration. Only change was to add no dogs allowed and no horses to be led, either in hand or from horseback. Emma made a motion to accept the adjusted agreement, Dave seconded, all in favor.
- Old business

- Charitable trust info:
  - ◆ We have been granted an extension of June 1<sup>st</sup> to turn in necessary documents and resubmit the application.
  - ◆ It was noted that we were granted non-profit status in the late 80's early 90's. Would that mean we are grandfathered in?
- Jeaninne will reach out all board members to get a board of directors meeting scheduled since there hasn't been one in many years.
- Social media
  - Thank you Bonnie for all your hard work! You are certainly increasing engagement and we have gotten new members from it.
    - ◆ Bonnie proposed that we hold a social media engagement initiative. Each time someone shares a post, their name gets put in a drawing. At the end of the season, three names will be drawn and they will receive a 2027 membership or 50% off a family membership, plus a small gift. Vicki made a motion to accept the social media engagement initiative, Emma seconded, all in favor.
- Zeffy, need to figure out how to take out old forms for clinics/shows and add new. Ramona and Vicki will work on.
- New business
  - Vicki brought up that as a 501c, we are required to do charitable works. She mentioned that the lunch fund balance at the White Mountain Regional School District is \$20,000 in the negative. She suggested that for our charitable work, we donate \$200 to the negative WMRSD lunch fund balance. We could also ask members if they would like to contribute as well and whatever is provided by members toward the lunch fund would be considered as a donation by the club. Any member wishing to donate should have funds to Vicki by May 15, with any checks made out to WMRC with the memo line stating "WMRSD lunch fund." After May 15, Vicki will send a check to WMRSD with for the \$200 from the club plus whatever private donations are received. Emma made a motion to donate \$200 to the WMRSD lunch fund and ask members if they would like to donate as well. Ramona seconded, all in favor.
- Emma made a motion to adjourn at 8:36, Kristina seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting will be Monday May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Weeks Memorial Library in Lancaster