

WMRC November 18, ²⁰²⁴ Meeting

In attendance: Emma Gooden, Cathy Dorr, David Chessman, Ramona Chessman, Vicki Herzog, Via Zoom: Bonnie Hamel, Sharon Eaton, Sharon Ellingwood-White & Trish Switser

Emma Called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Secretary's report: Everyone had pre-read the report from the October Meeting. Ramona made a motion to accept the report as submitted and 2nd by Cathy. All in favor.

Treasurers report: Ramona reported on an expense of \$159.90 for the zoom subscription, as well as the \$27.54 in interest income from our accounts. See attached for the full report of all accounts. There is a CD that comes to term on 11/18/2024. This is a 1 year CD. The current balance is \$3,154.13 at approximately 5.15% rate. Vicki made a motion to let the CD roll into the next term, David 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Vicki made a motion to accept the Tres. Report and Bonnie 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Horse Show Committee Report:

Cathy Reported that she had received information from Bethany on the Showmanship and Equitation Saturday and Mountain Trail clinic on Sunday in June. Bethany has us booked in for June 21st and 22nd. Bethany stated that she needs a \$100 deposit and a hotel reservation for Friday & Sat nights. Cathy to clarify with her on her costs to the club and participants per session. Any ideas on objects for trail would be welcomed and used.

4-H in VT has their state show July 10th -13th with the VT state clinic June 21st weekend.

How will these affect our clinic and show scheduling? Our Fair show is Friday August 29th. Currently this is the only show scheduled.

Bonnie made a motion to accept the Horse Show Report and Ramona 2nd. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Nominations for 2025

Vice President: Bonnie Nominated Vicki , Vicki Accepted

Secretary: Vicki nominated Bonnie, Bonnie declined since she can not attend the meetings in person monthly.

Trish nominated Cathy, Cathy Accepted

Webmaster: Sharon Eaton nominated Cathy, Cathy Accepted

Social Media Coor.: Cathy nominated Emma, Emma Accepted

Board Seats #1, 3. 6. 7: David had to step down due to a direct relation to an officer per the State requirements. Bills seat was open as he past away.

Bonnie Nominated Sharon Ellingwood White and Trish Switser. Both accepted. Vicki and Cathy both accepted to be re-elected if the club decides.

The club has 30 current members and the issues with offices and board seats are that the State requires no direct relationship with another officer or seat member. For example, Child, sibling, spouse, etc.

Votes will be in person by paper ballot during the December 16th meeting. Absentee ballots are available if requested before December 1st and returned to the club by Dec 7th.

During the meeting requests were made by Trish, Sharon Ellingwood White, Sharon Eaton, Bonnie and Cathy.

Bonnie was going to look into how Ellis River Riders (spelling) does their voting. They do an online voting system. You must log in to vote.

Other Old Business:

Vicki reported that Kate was putting together some dates and information on dressage/ combined training for a summer clinic.

New Business:

Vicki made a motion to have pet food donations sent to Riverside Rescue from the December meeting. Bonnie 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Other New Business:

Voting is in person Dec. 16th @ 7pm unless absentee ballots were requested. Those voting must be members prior to the October Meeting. Memberships run for the current year. Memberships can be renewed in December for 2025. You are required to bring a renewal form with your cash. You cannot just hand over cash at the meeting! Also, you can sign up online, which is now free of fees to the club!

Trish asked about reapplying with the State Charitable Trust. Emma said we have to submit another \$50 with the application so we will wait for the elections.

Trish made a motion to adjourn the meeting with David 2nd. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:33 pm

Next meeting December 16th @ 7 pm

Minutes recorded by Cathy Dorr