

White Mountain Riding Club
Meeting minutes from February 18, 2026

In attendance: Vicki Herzog, Jeannine Kenison, Bonnie Hamel, Dave Chessman, Ramona Chessman, Stacey Bennett, Emma Gooden
Zoom attendance: Jonathan Franko, Trish Switser

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

All in attendance stated they had read the previous meeting's minutes. Bonnie made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Ramona seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's Report was provided by Vicki
Emma made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bonnie seconded, all in favor

Events information:

Emma and Trish brought to the club that the NEK Horse Show Series is requesting we add some classes to our class list so that exhibitors can receive points for the NEKHSS end of year awards. Emma made a motion to add the following classes: PeeWee showmanship, equitation and pleasure; green horse showmanship, English versatility, and Western versatility. Combine the hunt seat and saddle seat classes, combine the pony/mini model classes and remove the pattern and driving classes. Dave seconded the motion, all in favor

It was also requested by NEKHSS that we change the wording from "Stock seat" to "Western" in our class list. Emma made a motion to change the wording, Bonnie seconded, all in favor.

Bonnie requested we add two open attire classes, a walk/trot and a walk/trot/canter open to all seats where show clothes are not required and exhibitors can be judged on performance instead of attire. Exhibitors will be required to wear appropriate clothing such as close-toed shoes with a heel and long pants. Vicki made a motion to add the Open Attire classes, Emma seconded, all in favor.

Three clinics have been confirmed for 2026

Ray Hackett clinic July 19. Cost will be \$425 for the day + hotel room. There will be two sessions: A walk/trot based showmanship and riding session with up to 10 people as well as a walk/trot/canter based showmanship and riding session with up to 10 people.

Sarah Trudell clinic August 1. Cost will be \$300 for three hours. Sarah will take up to 10 horse and rider combinations and will cover how to navigate multiple obstacles. She will focus on straightness on the ground prior to having riders saddle up. Sarah will bring her own obstacles.

Kate Homan Clinic September 26 with a rain date of September 27. Cost will be \$400 for 7 hours. There will be morning flatwork sessions and afternoon over fences sessions. Flatwork will be individual lessons and over fences will have 2-3 riders per session. If a participant wishes to participate in the over fences portion, they are required to attend a flatwork session prior. Those who want to only attend the flatwork portion are welcome to do so without being required to attend the over fences session. Suggested cost for attendees is \$90 for flatwork only session or \$150-\$175 for both sessions.

Ray Hackett has been confirmed as the judge for the fair show. His fee will be \$425 for the day, plus hotel room the night before. Bonnie mentioned that Ray stated he previously couldn't judge someone he had given lessons to within a certain period of time. Trish will reach out to Ray to find out if those he teaches in the clinic on July 19 will be eligible to show under him at the fair show on September 4.
Update Ray will be able to judge those he may teach in the July 19 clinic.

It was brought up that because we need volunteers for the show and clinics, maybe we offer early sign-up privileges for events to those who volunteer for our events. Bonnie made a motion that in exchange for attending two meetings and volunteering prior to attending a clinic, those members will be allowed the opportunity to sign up for events of their choice before the general public and other members. Stacey seconded the motion, all in favor.

Emma needs help coordinating volunteers for this years' events. It was decided that the Ray Hackett clinic needs 3 volunteers and the Kate Homan and Sarah Trudell clinics need 10 volunteers. Emma will create a survey document with volunteer positions needed. She will create a facebook post and send an email to all current members.

Bonnie proposed a clinic for 2027. This will be a clinic put on by 4C Horsemanship and Bethany White about confidence around horses and in the saddle. It will be a two day clinic with proposed dates being June 5 and July 31, 2027. Cost will be \$400 per day plus hotel stay for each time for Bethany. Bonnie proposed it so early due to Bethany's available dates filling up fast. There is concern about the June 5 date being the same time as high school graduations. Bonnie will check with Bethany about another date. Emma made a motion to hold the clinic, Trish seconded, all in favor. Update – June date has been change to Saturday, June 12, 2027, confirmed available by Lancaster Fairgrounds and Bethany White.

Trish submitted a sample media release for exhibitors and parents to sign giving the club permission to take photos and use them on our Facebook and web page. Vicki made a motion to accept the wording as is and add it to both the membership form as well as clinic and show paperwork. Bonnie seconded, all in favor.

Emma was appointed to fill the vacant Board Seat #1, will hold that position through 12/31/2026

The trail ride in the Lyndonville area was discussed. Vicki made a motion to hold the trail ride May 24, 2026, Emma seconded, all in favor

Emma brought up that the application for the Charitable Trust was rejected due to not having all board members' info on the application and not having a pecuniary benefit statement. It was also noted by the state that Robert's rules are very complicated and that it would be in the club's best interest not to state that they would follow those rules. Emma made a motion to remove from the bylaws that the club will abide by Robert's Rules and to add a pecuniary benefit policy. Vicki seconded, all in favor

Jeaninne made a motion that rather than Robert's Rules, the bylaws will state that "All meetings will be conducted by a structured agenda model." Bonnie seconded, all in favor.

Emma made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., Bonnie seconded. All in favor

Next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Weeks Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted by Emma Gooden on March 12, 2026