

White Mountain Riding Club
Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2026

In attendance: Jeannine Kenison, Stacy Bennett, Vicki Herzog, Ramona Chessman, Dave Chessman, Emma Gooden

Zoom attendance: Bonnie Hamel, Trish Switser, Jon Franko, Chelsea Cosgrove

Meeting called to order at 7:06

All had read minutes from the previous meeting. Emma submitted a few changes:

- The 2027 Bethany White/4C Horsemanship clinic June's date has been change to June 12, 2026. Both the Lancaster Fairgrounds and Bethany White are available
- It was left out that the Adult Walk/Trot and Green Horse classes will remain separate, not combined
- Trish was the one who submitted a sample media release for exhibitors and attendees, not Bonnie

Stacy made a motion to accept the amended minutes, Vicki seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's report

Ramona made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Emma seconded, all in favor.

Events Committee

Emma noted that the club has enough ribbons to cover the fair show, so there shouldn't be a need to order any. All agreed.

Vicki asked if the in hand trail class will count toward the NEKHSS pony/mini division points and it will. It was mentioned that there was a discrepancy in the class list wording. Some pleasure classes say "pleasure horse" and others say "pleasure." It was decided that the word "horse" would be removed to maintain consistency.

Emma made a motion to keep the show fees the same this year as they were last year Stacy seconded the motion, all in favor.

Emma made a motion to accept the class list as presented, with the change of the above mentioned wording. Trish seconded, all in favor.

The idea of show sponsorships was brought up and discussed. It was decided that club members could ask area businesses for in-kind donations, but wouldn't push for monetary donations. Supporters could also sponsor exhibitors with messages of support in the show booklet. Emma will use the club computer and printer to print show booklets in black and white. She will have the club reimburse her for toner for the printer but will provide the paper for the booklets.

The Memorial Weekend trail ride will be in Wheelock, VT. There will be a sign up cut-off of May 10 so that we know how many are coming and where parking will need to be. There are 2 parking spots, and where trailers are parked will depend on how many attendees there are. Once location is determined, attendees will be notified of the address.

It is recommended that horses wear shoes or trail boots on the ride. This will be communicated to those wishing to participate.

Clinics will need to start being advertised for participant sign-ups. Vicki will update the Zeffy forms for online clinic sign-up.

Emma and Bonnie each created a clinician contract. Vicki amended the contract that Bonnie sent her. Emma made a motion to use the contract that Bonnie made up and Vicki amended, Dave seconded the motion. All in favor.

A form for volunteer sign-ups will be created and put on the webpage. Emma will send out an email blast to paid members about needing volunteers to sign up.

It was determined that the secretary will have the meeting minutes out to the membership a minimum of 5 days after a meeting so that members can access them and reach out if they have questions. The email with the minutes will include the Zoom link for the next meeting.

Emma will add Jeannine and Bonnie to the facebook administrators so that they can also approve posts since Emma doesn't receive approval requests.

Jeannine asked about when the next NEK Horse Show Series meeting was, stating that other members may want to attend. The meeting was scheduled to 3/20 at 6:00 but was postponed due to weather.

It was brought up that we may want to start the planning stages of 2027 clinics to get a head start. There was mention of a dressage test day, both English and Western. A questionnaire about what people might want to see for 2027 events will be sent out to members.

It was requested that the Gmail contact list be cleaned up as there are people in there who haven't been members for years or who have never been members. Emma did so directly after the meeting.

Bonnie mentioned possibly having another open arena practice day at the fairgrounds. Because we are at the max number of events that our insurance allows, we would need to purchase a rider for the practice time. The cost would be approximately \$170 plus the fairground rental of \$100. The idea of the practice day will be added to the questionnaire to see if there is enough interest to cover the cost.

Bonnie asked about storing club documents and passwords in the cloud. It was discussed that with the frequent change of positions, it's hard to make sure everything gets transferred to the appropriate person.

Emma made a motion that a drive attached to the club Gmail be made. It will be accessible by the president, vice president and secretary and will contain all club documents pertaining to shows and clinicians along with passwords to club accounts. Bonnie seconded. All in favor. Emma will make the drive and give access to Jeannine and Vicki.

Emma made a motion to adjourn at 8:09, Vicki seconded, all in favor

Next meeting will be Monday April 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Weeks Memorial Library

Respectfully submitted by Emma Gooden on March 22, 2026