



Vermont Horse Council

"Creating a unified equine voice"

Vermont Horse Council Meeting

Opening: May 15, 2011

The third Vermont Horse Council meeting of 2011 was called to order at 1 PM on May 15, 2011 in the Berlin Fire Dept., Berlin, VT., by Roger Morin, President. Twelve members were present.

Members Present: Roger Morin, Bea Call-Morin, Patricia Brannon, Terry Rose & Amelia Rose, Morris Lasell, Ilene Douglas, Phyllis Civitello, Michael Civitello, Jyl Emerson, Tammy Simon, Heidi Krantz

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Activity Reports
- Old Business
- New Business (Increasing membership)

B. Secretary's Report

- a. Approval of Minutes
Minutes were accepted as revised.

C. Treasurer's Report

- b. Treasurer's report (attached) was approved. Highlights included: Parade Group, Equine Emergency Fund, Trail Maintenance Fund, NEKET, LATR, General 4-H, Clif/Floyd, Farm Show, Everything Equine, and Annual Trail Ride. Noted was \$170 recently cleared at Everything Equine.

D. Committee and Activity Reports

a. Membership

Terry Rose reviewed new booth at the Champlain Valley Expo. Jyl Emerson mentioned she bought a table drape, but that a 2nd one would be needed for next year.

b. American Horse Council (AHC)

Ilene Douglas mentioned that AHC would send information to 4 VHC members (as yet unnamed). Ilene also reviewed some AHC issues including issues with immigration, using migrant workers on farmland, any federal issues, trails, national forest, wild horse round-up, and Coalition of State Horse Councils (which deal only with state issues). Coalition meets twice a year – once with AHC. Coalition issues include – equine processing, animal welfare, right-to-ride. Further, was noted 3 areas VHC is being encouraged to pursue: membership, raising money, and how to contact our state legislature. VHC membership in AHC costs \$350. Ilene suggested that someone should attend the AHC meeting held this coming June and handed out the cost for someone to attend ~\$1400 (not counting cost of meals).

Question was raised about need to join AHC if we could join the Coalition without joining AHC. Morris Lasell noted that we'd been members of AHC for ~ 30 years. Discussion continued about benefits gained from this expense.

Tammy Simon raised a question about having a regional horse council. Terry Rose stated there was the (nearly inactive) New England Horse Council. Ilene questioned about what VT horse issues were. Morris Lasell stated that 2 major problems, Abuse & Neglect, and Animal Rescue, were being tackled by Cindy Cross-Greenia. Additionally, trail use, and access to federal lands are important issues.

Points concerning 4 members who could receive AHC updates as well as deciding if anyone would attend the AHC meeting in June – were left unresolved.

C. Vermont Trails & Greenways (VTG)

Heidi Krantz stated that the results of recent VTG activity was development of trail signs saying “Respect other trail users.”

D. Groton State Park (GSP) Morris mentioned that a new trail was being developed to attach to the telephone line trail – all needed to finish was a connecting bridge. Also mentioned was the GSP work day (date?).

e. NEKET Phyllis volunteered to help on work day (May 21) & mentioned the need for more markers.

f. Trails & Greenways (T&G). Heidi K. mentioned T&G council has elected new officers and is looking for greater equestrian involvement. Further, at last symposium, attendance was scarce. It is at Randolph this year (Oct 15) with more information to follow. Heidi asked if there might be other members interested in attending &/or presenting. Anyone interested should let Heidi know.

She added that we should renew our membership. She also requested pictures.

Motion was made & approved to renew our membership with T&G.

g. Trail Maintenance Fund Morris L. reviewed that this fund of (\$350) is for clubs who want to improve a public-use trail. Heidi K. mentioned a possible trail need and would get more information.

H. Annual Trail Ride at Tunbridge Dates: Sept 23, 24, 25. Terry R. mentioned that we have gained \$240 in trail fees.

I. Safety. Morris L. wants permission to send Public Service Announcements out to radio stations concerning right-of-way with horses and motorized vehicles on VT roads. All agreed it was a good idea. Morris suggested the need to use VHC name in the announcement. Motion was made and approved that Morris write up the PSA, list the radio stations & fees, and present it to the executive board.

Tammy K noted that some people were posting the Safety poster and bumper stickers on their Facebook pages. Patricia mentioned the need to make Safety posters smaller when reprinted. Roger stated there were about several hundred posters left yet.

j. Equine Emergency Fund No action

k. Farm Bureau The Horse Industry sub-committee of the Farm Bureau has not been very active recently, as reported by Terry Rose. She added that VHC has contributed to this group but the funds are never used. Carmel and Terry Rose are to meet with Tim Buskey. To be determined is whether VHC should be more active in this organization. Issues in the past have included shortening the time for permits, Act 250, and various tax issues with horse industry. Ilene mentioned a similar group VHC

might like to join is the Vermont Traditions Coalition. Patricia B. will more information on this group regarding membership.

l. LATR. Course for May 21st cancelled & checks returned by Cindy C-G. due to low numbers. Vermont State Firefighter Convention will have a LATR booth & representation for VHC. Charge for that booth is \$150. Phyllis asked that a card be made that states the various depts trained in LATR technique. Group agreed there was a need to continue informing the public but to be careful and acknowledge appropriate chains of command.

m. Parade Group. No report

n. Riding & Driving. No report

o. Scholarship. Morris received 1 application. This will be sent to Sue. Scholarship information is publicized in high-school guidance counselor's offices.

p. Everything Equine. Heidi questioned attendance. Morris mentioned that attendance has been declining since it started. Members discussed feedback received including an increase of non-horse vendors, too many of the same (old) vendors, lack of professional speakers, difficulty hearing speakers, religious themes of speakers, poor venues, no well-known speakers (like Jane Savoi). Further difficulties mentioned were issues of moving the horses. Lastly it was mentioned to ask Tom Oddy how VHC can help further. Roger & Morris both mentioned future meetings with Tom Oddy were anticipated.

E. New Business Heidi K. gave an update on the Rail Trail. Mentioned VAST board is unsure if there is a need to apply for Act 250. State has provided \$10,000 and may help to secure permits. Meeting tomorrow in National Life Building in Montpelier (2-4) with Roger Morin attending to discuss non-motorized recreation issues & to show how VAST supports this. Also discussed were the 3 phases planned: 1. Swanton to Sheldon 2. Cambridge to Morrisville 3. Danville to St.Johnsbury. Once Act 250 is complete, maintenance work will be started. VHC needs to think about how we can help with the trails – eg., fundraising. Morris L. stated we should be prepared to make a donation separate from the trail fund. Motion was made and accepted to make \$1000 from general fund & use for trail maintenance if Roger can get a match. This is to be mentioned at tomorrow's meeting and to ask for other users to match this.

Terry R. presented Roger M. and Patricia B. the plaques for Horse Person of the Year.

Discussion to increase membership included suggestions for giving away free riding lessons with membership, developing resources on equine activities in VT (statewide directory). Mentioned contacting other horse groups (eg., VT Quarter Horse Assoc.) to see if they might join VHC. Morris stated he has an old directory and we could use this as a model to develop something similar online. Heidi stated she would phone old contacts to see if they might be interested in having their names in a new directory. Ilene suggested getting together with the New England States getting together. Terry R. stated she would see if they are still an active organization.

Next Meeting. NEKET Sept 24

Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28.

Minutes submitted by: Katherine (Bea) Call-Morin Secretary stand-in

Membership Committee Report

By Terry Rose, Membership Chair

For the May 11, 2011 Meeting

67 members have not renewed

116 Addresses compared to 170 at 3/31/11

185 Names compared to 263 at 3/31/11

76 Email Addresses compared to 114 at 3/31/11

Including:

12 LIFETIME

7 Business

48 Family

7 Farm/Club

41 Individual

0 Junior

Breakdown by County

Addison = 7

Bennington = 2

Caledonia = 8

Chittenden = 19

Essex = 0

Franklin = 9

Grand Isle = 1

Lamoille = 5

Orange = 14

Orleans = 9

Rutland = 1

Washington = 18

Windham = 0

Windsor = 7

Out of State = 15

Swap newsletters: 5

2011 Everything Equine Report:

Thanks to Jyl Emerson for the new and improved set up. .. Would love to hear your opinions.

The membership committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our booth volunteers, especially Jane Thompson for being the go-to person again this year.

Cindy Cross-Greenia attended the Exhibitor and Presenter Reception Saturday evening.

Roger arranged with the Fair Grounds for VHC to sell Horsin Around tickets. VHC got \$2.00 for every ticket sold. Thanks Roger!

VHC donated 4 hats to the Fair Grounds raffle. No winners announced yet.

Any suggestions for next year? Let me know. -Terry Rose

THE AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL -A UNIFIED VOICE IN WASHINGTON

I visited with the AHC Legislative Director, Ben Pendergrass, at the American Horse Council (AHC) headquarters in Washington D.C. at the end of March. Unfortunately, the other officers of the council were out of the office doing contact work for the AHC. However, we covered many issues at the federal as well as state level.

Among those Ben and I discussed were some major concerns of the equine industry and the AHC during the current congress. Of major concern is the changing law relating to immigration. - H2B. Another concern that affects recreation riders using federal lands is the appropriation of funds to those lands. The new forest ruling rule will affect repairs that are already backlogged. In a continued effort to keep trails open for recreational riders the AHC is working with the American Hiking Society and has begun a relationship with the Wilderness Society. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), which provides monies for equestrian trails at the state and local trail projects, will need to be re-authorized in the next national surface transportation program if it is to continue. In the past the RTP has provided approximately \$700 million for thousands of state and local trail projects across the country, including many that benefit equestrians. The RTP is one of the few sources for federal funding of trail projects that are not on federal land.

The National Meeting for the AHC's National Issues Form, "Congress on a diet: What it Means to the Horse Industry" will be held in Washington DC June 19 through the 22 The three day meeting begins with a reception hosted by the Coalition of State Horse Councils June 19 and on Monday, a daylong meeting will be held to discuss state issues while various committees meet during the day. Tuesday will discuss equine issues at the national level and members from congress will speak on the current fiscal environment on the Hill and how it could affect the horse community. In an email on May 12, 2011 Ben Pendergrass said "Then we will get into more special presentations on how lower funding may impact USDA programs and response to disease outbreaks etc. and then move on to recreation on public land may be impacted. Finally we will address what the horse community can and should be doing to mitigate the impact of tight budgets like partnering with federal agencies, etc."

In recent years, the AHC has been looking more closely at the state horse councils and noting that more state specific issues should be addressed at the national meeting. The forming of the Coalition of State Horse Councils several years ago has begun to deal with state issues. Monday, June 20th will be an all day meeting as they begin trying to help state councils become more proactive in state equine issues. The coalition meets twice a year, once at the National meeting in June and once in the fall of the year. The goal is to help individual state councils set milestones and new bylaws. Buster Black, of Georgia Horse Council is the head of the Coalition, and we discussed all kinds of equine problems but in the end agreed that every state has unique problems and to share those issues is helpful

In a phone discussion with Buster, he gave me a sense of where the Coalition is trying to help the state horse councils. The meeting on June 20, 2011 at the AHC annual meeting will focus on giving the states something to take home to use in their own councils and states. At recent meetings the discussions have targeted ways to promote membership at the grassroots level as a non-profit, how to make contacts with and calls on legislators at all levels. Sharing success stories on a variety of projects was encouraged. Buster and the Coalition feel this is the format that is most helpful to states councils and lets them take home something that will work in their state. States are struggling with a variety of issues from the how much gasoline costs to how to get workers for horse farms and raising money.

The Vermont Horse Council is not sending someone to Washington this year and as your representative to the AHC, I encourage the VHC to send someone in 2012. After emails to various state councils, meeting with Ben Pendergrass, talking to Buster Black I suggest a budget item for 2012 that details the expenses of the trip to Washington D.C. We invest \$350.00 in the AHC at a yearly level...it seems like the time has come to "go to the mountain" as they say.

In order to keep the horse community up to date on serious, contagious illnesses the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released on May 20, 2011 an initial EHV-1 situation report in response to the on-going Equine Herpes virus (EHV-1) and Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) disease incidents from an event in Ogden, Utah held from April 29 to May 8, 2011. The owners of horses known to have been exposed in this incident have been contacted by State Animal Health Officials. A total of 21 confirmed EHV-1 cases and 12 confirmed EHM cases have been reported in 8 states (CA, CO, ID, NM, OR, TX, UT, WA). Of the 33 total confirmed EHV/EHM cases, 32 are horses that were at the initial event. There are 7 horses associated with the incident that are dead or have been euthanized. (For more information on EHV-1 or EHM check out the USDA-APHIS website at the following link: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nahss/equine/ehv/>) (General EHV resources through the American Association of Equine Practitioners: http://www.aaep.org/ehv_resources.htm)

Following comments submitted by the AHC to the USDA asking for a review of the regulations covering horses imported from countries affected with Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) the USDA, on May 25, 2011, published an interim rule which went into effect that day.

For more detailed on information on the above two paragraphs go to the suggested web sites and/or the American Horse Council website.

Finally, remember to check out the AHC web site to follow the activities of our voice in Washington D.C., the AHC.

Ilene Douglas

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Hi!

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Definitions for This Report

Primary Exposed Horses: Horses that attended the Ogden, Utah event from April 29 to May 8.

Secondary Exposed Horses: Horses that subsequently came into direct contact with horses that attended the Ogden, Utah event.

Tertiary Exposed Horses: Horses with three degrees or more separation from direct contact with a horse that attended the Ogden, Utah event.

Exposed Premises: Premises with exposed horses.

Suspect EHV-1 case: A horse exposed to EHV-1 that develops fever (rectal temperature above 101.5 F), but has no neurologic signs at this time.

(Owner provides all grain and supplements)

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Contact Kelli Cole



GOal Achievement series Clinic II... July 30-31

"GO for the GOal"

(GO being the key word... Take action and go fwd)

To the general public fee will be \$300.00 including lunch each day.

To returning participants the fee is \$225.00

Stall fee is 10.00 night. Shavings are \$6.00/ bag as needed.

Bring own hay and feed.

Audit fees 35.00/pp no lunch included

Third in the series will be Sept 24-25 same pricing applies.

A progressive sequence of events enabling you to reach your horsemanship and ridden goals.

Goals can begin anytime so jump right in see for yourself how the "HYBRID Method of Horsemanship" can help you.

That's my new catch title... Hybrid horsemanship. A culmination of a life's learning.

******Also "bring a friend bonus!!" At Sable View**

To any events at SVNHDC if you bring a guest who attend a play day, clinic, you will receive a gratuity bonus of a private lesson with Leslie Chadwell at her facility

Regular price \$65.00 hr, If you bring a friend to an event you receive \$10.00 off Lesson. If you bring 2 the discount continues.

This is only one way, in which I am expanding my reach. I and my Hybrid horsemanship have had such an impact on so many it's time to reach farther.

My ultimate outreach is to offer a long distance video/ teleconference coaching service.

More info to follow on that, Unveiling TBA.



Parade Opportunities

July 3 evening in Montpelier

Sept 5 10:30 am in Northfield

Thanks - Jody Barna



Horse Trailer for Sale

4-Star GN Aluminum Horse Trailer - \$9950 (Richmond VT)

2000 two horse step up model well maintained and lightly used with removable mangers and partitions. 7' ceilings and 6'6" wide, each stall 37" wide with roof vents. Trailer is top of the line brand, pulls beautifully, 15' long, weighs 3750 and includes custom 30 gallon water tank and covered Spare tire under nose. 48" tack room with Astro Turf carpeting, two saddle-racks, 5 bridle hooks, zip pocket door organizer. Sleeping loft with mattress. Recently serviced and inspected. This trailer is a rare find. E-mail with questions or for more pix. Contact Polly Allen, -802-434- 4982

2011 Farm Club and Business Member Listing:

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Vermont Horse Happenings

June 15, 2011 Dog River Horse Club Meeting in Carpenter Park in Washington.

June 18&19, 2011 Dog River Horse Club Father's Day ride hosted by the Deberville/Lyons' family

June 24-25, 2011: *Public Sale held at Brykiss Farm, 1471 River Road, Stockbridge, VT. Contact Donny Bryan 158 Abbot Rd. Stockbridge, VT 05772 802-234-9242*

Friday night Tack sale 6:00 pm

Saturday Tack 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Noon chicken BBQ

1:00 pm horses and ponies

June 26, 2011 Dog River Horse Club #1 OF 3 gymkhana at Carpenter Park in Washington

July 2 & 3, 2011 Dog River Horse Club ride hosted by Mary Contois & Nina Rader

July 14-19, 2011: Otter Creek near Lowville NY, 3 parking lots, 100 tie stall w/water, toilet; sandy, well marked trails, no traffic, contact Ken Hoepner 802-644-5771

July 16 & 17, 2011 Dog River Horse Club ride hosted by John and Linda Farr in Waterbury 802-244-8748

July 16 & 17, 2011: Mt. Washington Carriage Road Weekend | www.HorseWeekend.Mt-Washington.com

July 29-August 1: *Gettysburgh; stay at Artillery Range Campgrounds across from battlefield Memorial; contact Ken Hoepner 802-644-5771*

July 30, 2011 Dog River Horse Club ride hosted by Carol Hebert in Williamstown 802-249-2395

July 31, 2011 Dog River Horse Club #2 Of 3 gymkhana gymkhana at Carpenter Park in Washington 802-883-5571

August 17, 2011 Dog River Horse Club meeting at Altlands Social time 6:30 meeting at 7. 802-439-6071

August 20 & 21, 2011 Dog River Horse Club ride hosted by Michelle Pike in Cabot 802-426-3704

August 28, 2011 Dog River Horse Club gymkhana #3 of 3 at Carpenter Park in Washington 802-883-5571

September 2-5, 2011: *Standard Mountain Ride, 246 Standard Mtn Rd, Lyndonville; large open field, outhouse only; need temporary fencing, contact Glen/Allison Branon 802-343-3005*

September 3 & 4, 2011 Dog River Horse Club ride hosted by Katie Mills in Marshfield 802-426-2100

September 9 -11, 2011 Vermont Horse Council NEKET ride and meeting

September 15-18, 2011: Tunbridge Worlds Fair, Tunbridge Fair Grounds, Tunbridge, VT

September 21, 2011 Dog River Horse Club meeting at Dusty & Charlotte Mills' house in Williamstown
Social time 6:30 meeting at 7.

September 23-25, 2011 Vermont Horse Council Fall Foliage Ride at Tunbridge Fair Grounds, contact
Karen Blow 802-479-2448

October 8 & 9, 2011 Dog River Horse Club ride hosted by Morris & Brenda Lasell in Williamstown

October 19, 2011 Dog River Horse Club meeting hosted by Karen Blow Social time 6:30 meeting at 7

October 2 2011 RHYTHM OF THE REIN THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM 3rd ANNUAL
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the sponsored ride; Sunday ride on your own. Prizes for the most pledges raised for adult and youth rider