

## **MVHC Minutes 11/21/21 Annual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. In attendance: Jen Rand, Lisa Scannell, Jill Lane, Julie Flanders, Nina McMann, Vici Surr, Samantha Look, Porter Fraser, Vickie Thurber, Lee Barmakian, Chris Ewing, Celeste Ewing, Sarah McKay, Lyla Solway, Ginny Lobdell, Kristy Rose, Angela Egerton, Clare Harrington

Julie opened the meeting by thanking everyone who supported the Horse Council and its events this year. She also announced that we will send out an email with a description of the Perpetual Awards, and will ask people to send in nominations.

### **Annual Meeting:** Election of officers

President: Julie Flanders

Vice President: Jen Rand

Secretary: Jill Lane

Co-treasurers: Nina McMann & Lisa Scannell

Scholarship Committee: Ginny explained the process for high school students to apply for the scholarship. She also read the beautiful letter that this year's recipient, Bella Thorpe, had written for her application.

Pace Ride Committee: Stephanie Dreyer sent a report saying that she and Tara Whiting will commit to planning 2 trail rides and one fall pace ride in 2022.

Sarah McKay announced that Misty Meadows will be having their annual Open House from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 27. Pony rides will be available, and anyone interested must sign up online.

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Several ideas were put forward for events and projects for the coming year.

1. Vickie Thurber spoke about organizing a Safety Committee to make people more aware of horses on roads. Ideas included: sending letters to local business owners and thanking them for reminding their drivers about horse safety, reaching out to bicycle riders in some way to make them more aware and putting up signs at various locations.
2. Lyla Solway asked about the possibility of holding dressage shows in the coming year. She reported that she would be willing to reach out to other juniors about participating. Jen Rand said that she would be willing to run shows if others are willing to help with the work and if we can get enough entries to make it feasible.
3. Sarah McKay proposed organizing a tack sale that would be a joint venture between the Horse Council, Misty Meadows and the Ag Society. Angela Egerton has organized this kind of event before and has some ideas for pulling it together here. May or June?
4. Kristy Rose (program organizer for the AG Society) is willing to work with us on publicity. We talked about sharing information so that postings appear on both our websites or email sendings.

The formal meeting adjourned and people gathered for snacks and socializing.