

## **Martha's Vineyard Horse Council Minutes** **1/13/22**

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance: Jen Rand, Nina McMann, Julie Flanders, Jill Lane, Lisa Scannell, Jessica Burnham, Julie Scott, Liz Reid, Kara O'Sullivan, Stephanie Dreyer, Kaitlyn Dorr, Tara Whiting-Wells, Mariah BenDavid, Vici Surr, Mo Kelly, Jocelyn Elliot, Lyla Solway, Sofia Campos, Grace Guck.

**Secretary:** The minutes from the meeting of 11/21/21 were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Operating: \$3,397.77 (\$11,542.29 total - \$8,144.52 scholarship money)

Junior: \$6,889.28 (transferred \$1,000 to Operating for Fall Fuzzy)

CD: \$17,260.46

Scholarship: \$8,144.52

1. Jessica Burnham presented information about the large animal rescue training that the MSPCA offers and the possibility of bringing this to the island. Details: The cost is \$1,000 per day. Roger Lauze and an assistant would come and bring their artificial horse to demonstrate how to get an animal out of dangerous or life threatening situations. The training would run from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

There was a lot of interest and discussion around this topic.

- Sofia from Misty Meadows said she was willing to talk with Sarah McKay to see what their involvement might be.
- Julie Scott said that the Ag Society might be able to host the training. She also offered to put up the trainers at Slough Farm if needed.
- Julie Flanders offered to sponsor \$500 and MVHC will also sponsor \$500.
- There was quite a bit of discussion about possibly having participants pay a fee for the day.
- Someone wondered if this training would count as continuing education credits for Animal Control officers.
- Mo Kelly wondered about reaching out to the island veterinarians for funding as well as the SSA, since they often have to deal with large animal emergencies.

- Mariah Ben David thought it would also be worth contacting the large boarding barns (ex. Whitestone, Arrowhead, Pond view) for sponsorship and participation.
- Possible time for the training: March?

#### Follow Up:

- Jessica will get in touch with Roger again to confirm costs, availability, etc.
- Jocelyn Elliot said she has connections with some of the local fire chiefs, and will talk with them to gauge their interest in the training, since they are often called as First Responders. She will touch base with Jess about what she learns.
- Jess will stay in touch with Jill, so that we can get an email out when we know more.

#### 2. Plans for the coming season:

- Julie will find out the show dates for off-island **dressage** shows so we can plan around them for our own events.
- Stephanie and Tara will plan **3 trail rides** again this year.
- Grace Guck said she could offer something along the lines of a **Western competitive trail ride or trail classes**. She will put together more concrete ideas for next month's meeting.
- Julie Scott said the Ag Society would like to have more involvement of local horses at the **Fair**.
- Julie Flanders said that Steve Lampson is willing to judge to **Fall Fuzzy** for free. She will pass the information on to Samantha Look.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.