

# Rolling Hills Saddle Club

## General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

2014 Board Present: Susan Stackhouse (President), Pam Almond (Vice President), Stacy Parrish (Treasurer), Pam Wigington (Correspondence Secretary), David Davis (1st-Year Board), Todd Patience (Webmaster), Brian Schnitzer (Open Ring Chair), Kelly Boltz (Hunter Ring Chair), Julie Martin (Beginner Ring Chair)

Next meeting: February 5, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Golden Corral, 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:49 p.m.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

Stacy Parrish reported on balance as of January 8, 2014, of \$26,681.40 (available balance \$29,500.89). That total includes \$3,831.35 in banquet reservations as of January 8. We received October and November bills from Wills Park; they total \$9,100. The insurance bill is coming due on February 22.

### 3. Banquet Update

The 2013 banquet will be on January 25, 2014.

### 4. Show Secretary's Report

No report; Jill Sobrado was not present. The Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary collected membership forms after the meeting.

### 5. Correspondence Secretary's Report

Pam Wigington read the minutes from the November meeting.

### 6. New Business: RHSC 2014 Goals and Objectives

Susan Stackhouse discussed strategic planning and listed the RHSC goals and objectives to achieve by the end of 2014:

- Reach net profit of 28% before banquet and charity donations.
- Increase show entries by making the registration process more accurate.
- Buy new times with display so we can display times and have a backup set for the running ring. The current timers are several years old and we had issues with them last show season.
- Lower the cost to run shows.
- Expand payment options and speed up deposits.
- Modify pricing schedules to cover price increases from vendors.

### 7. New Business: Cash Register

The club needs hardware to support the show software needed to track payments, classes, etc. We are looking for something that is web-hosted, provides online backups, accounting features, and more. This will help us post points faster, cross-reference horse-rider combinations, and ensure riders are entered in the appropriate age classes. We planned to purchase Horse Show for Windows.

Susan is prepared to donate two laptops to the club, but Horse Show for Windows won't run on these laptops. She is looking into a less expensive show software option (EZ Show Lite Win; ~\$200) and is waiting to confirm whether it is a web-based program. If EZ Show Win is not web-hosted, the show software will not be ready for the first show.

The laptops and any future RHSC equipment given to board members for club use will be accompanied by a statement of understanding and the club will keep an inventory of equipment. (In the past, no one signed for RHSC equipment.)

#### **8. New Business: Cash Register**

Susan investigated Costco for cash registers; there is one for \$189. A cash register means each person checking out gets a receipt and there's a tape for the treasurer's records, so we can balance deposits going into the bank.

#### **9. New Business: Voting on Double-judged Show**

Members present voted 28 to 20 to double judge the May show instead of the June show.

The backup double-judged show in case of show cancellation will be in October.

#### **10. New Business: Show Sheet Changes for 2014**

Beginner ring: dropping walk-trot hunter hack, adding walk-trot crossrails (one time clockwise, one time counterclockwise). Riders cannot enter the two crossrail divisions.

Open ring: adding beginner English showmanship (originally as class 1; now as class 4), moving beginner riding from classes 27–29 to classes 8–10, moving lead line back after the lunch break.

Running ring: no changes.

Hunter ring: moving Chris Elliott medal before open hunter over fences, changes to warmups.

#### **11. New Business: Fee Increases**

Fees for 2014 will be

- Individual membership \$30
- Family membership \$40
- Office fee \$10
- Stall fee \$25
- Grounds fee \$20
- Vendor fee \$50

The class fee did not change (remains \$8).

**12. New Business: Club Photographer**

Jennifer Maki (JLM Equine Photography) can be the club photographer. Her prices are \$50/disk or \$125/image with copyright. Questions were raised about vendor fee (she doesn't pay one in Newton County) and about whether she has insurance. The club would also like to know if she will take pictures for the club and the banquet and will ask her not to watermark pictures taken for the club.

**13. New Business: Two Open Positions**

The barn manager position is open. It involves someone who can be at Wills Park from noon to 7:00 p.m. on show Fridays and 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on show Saturdays to open the stalls and coordinate. The barn manager assigns stalls to participants, unlocks the stalls, and verifies that participants have shavings for the stalls.

Steve Sobrado has resigned as the running ring chair, so that position is also open. The running ring chair provides all coordination required for the running ring to run, including hiring the ring announcer and other people required to run the ring. Jay Verhoven is interested in this position.

Anyone is interested in either position should email Susan ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)) by Wednesday, January 15, then the board will vote.

**14. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.