

Rolling Hills Saddle Club

General Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2015

2014 Board Present: Pam Almond (President), Susan Stackhouse (Vice President), Pam Wigington (Correspondence Secretary), Stacy Parrish (Treasurer), Leah Lee (Show Secretary), David Davis (First-Year Board), Brian Schnitzer (Open Ring Chair), Jay Verhoven (Running Ring Chair), Jill Schnitzer (Friday Barn Manager)

Next meeting: February 4, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Golden Corral, 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Show Secretary's Report: Leah Lee reported that the revised club database is almost ready for the 2015 show season! All fees will now be tracked in the club database.

Class drop/adds: All class drops/adds must be recorded in the show office. Riders who want to drop or add a class need to get a form from the ring chair, get his or her signature, then bring it to the office or give it to the office runner. [The office runner will bring updated show sheets to the rings during the day and will also pick up these forms.]

The show office will still accept calls from ring chairs for drops/adds, but if the ring chair does not call the show office OR the form is not brought into the office, the rider will be charged for the class. Per the bylaws, all drop/adds must be done two classes before the drop/add class or you will be charged for the class.

Dedicated office staff: This year there will be two dedicated workers in the show office in addition to any volunteers. [Sign-up in the show office or by email to Leah to volunteer in the office for work credit.]

Class sheets: Each rider's class sheet will now show his or her number of meetings and work credits. This information will also be posted on the door to the show office.

Proof of age: Members are encouraged to show proof of age at registration or early in the show year. You can take a photo on your phone and just show it to Leah in the show office. Please do not submit proof-of-age documents.

Credit card payments: We plan to offer credit card option for show payments this year! We're still working out the details, so stay tuned...

Preregistration: Deadline for preregistration will now be the Wednesday before a show at 6:00 pm instead of Tuesday.

Online database: Leah is writing the online database; she hopes to have it ready at the end of this show year.

Treasurer's Report: Stacy Parrish reported that the club's available balance is \$46,183.52 (all Wills Park bills for 2014 have been paid).

Total program income for 2014: \$160,503.13
Total expenses in 2014: \$141,636.18
Net income for 2014: \$18,636.18

We currently have banquet income of \$978.40 and banquet expenses of \$2,758.13.

Motion to accept the report made and accepted.

Correspondence Secretary's Report: Pam Wigington read the draft minutes from the November 2014 general meeting. Motion to accept the report made and accepted.

Running Ring: Jay Verhoven reported that he is adding an additional youth buckle series (just pole pending) in 2015 in addition to the youth barrel series we started in 2014.

There are three sponsors for the buckle series in 2015: Sacketts, Cherokee Feed and Seed, and Romancing Western Wear.

Lead Line: Lead line points stay with the rider (vs. horse/rider combination as is the rule for all other classes).

Vendors: Eagle Sportz will be at several shows in 2015. We anticipate they will be at the March and May shows, as well as one or two in the summer and one in the fall. When their daily sales reach \$1,000, the club receives 10% (at \$1,500 we receive 15%; at \$2,000, we receive 20%).

Jennifer Maki (JLM Equine Photography) will be the club photographer again this year. She will miss a few shows but will be at most of them.

Fee Increases in 2015: Unfortunately Wills Park increased fees this year, so the club fees need to increase as well. We need to come up with another \$450-\$500 per show to cover the park's increases in ring fees (\$150 per ring), stall fees, fees for unstalled horses on the grounds, and RV fees.

The table below shows the three fees that RHSC will increase this year to cover the increase in park fees.

Fee Type	Amount	Fee Change
Rolling Hills Saddle Club Annual Membership fee	\$30/individual; \$40 family	No change
Office fee - per horse rider combination for Members and \$15 for Non-Members	\$10/member; \$15/nonmember	No change
Non Preregistration fee (save \$10 per horse & rider combination by preregistering by Wednesday @ 6 p.m. before the show)	\$10	No change
EMT fee	\$5	No change
Stall fee	\$25	No change
Unstalled horse on grounds	\$20	No change
Shavings per bag (2 bags per stall required by Wills Park Equestrian)	\$7	\$1 increase to \$8
Regular classes	\$8	\$1 increase to \$9
Exhibition classes (classes 100, 104, 108, 112, 117 and 120)	\$5	No change
Special classes (classes 227, 309, and 331)	\$14	\$1 increase to \$15
RV fee	\$30	No change
Vendor fee	\$50	No change
Returned check fee (plus bank charges)	\$35	No change

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.