

Rolling Hills Saddle Club

General Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015

2015 Board Present: Pam Almond (President), Susan Stackhouse (Vice President), Pam Wigington (Correspondence Secretary), Stacy Parrish (Treasurer), Leah Lee (Show Secretary), David Davis (Second-Year Board), Sami Stackhouse (First-Year Board), Brian Schnitzer (Open Ring Chair)

Next meeting: May 6, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Golden Corral, 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m.

Financial Report: The club is in a better financial situation than it's been in 6 years!

The club's available balance is \$41,258.01 (includes the new timer, half of the show ribbons for the year, all Wills Park bills for 2014, and banquet payments of \$6,844.49).

Still due: Roswell Country Club bill (~\$7,000) and second half of the show ribbons (~\$5,000).

Operating expenses still to be paid: CPA (~\$350-\$400), insurance renewal (~1,600), corporation renewal (\$35), and PO box (\$90).

1099s are being processed.

2014 Banquet income:	\$9,170.78
Membership income:	\$1,630.00
Net income for 2015:	\$10,865.78

Show Office News:

- Splitting stall fees among multiple riders: The club database crashed this morning while attempting to split stalls for a preregistration. We will manually split stalls for riders who preregistered for the February 7 show, but going forward we will not split stalls: Riders need to work out fees for shared stalls among themselves: one should pay and collect from the others.
- Memberships: If you are present and signed in at the February 4 meeting and join at the February 7 show, you will get credit for the meeting. (We forgot to bring membership forms to the meeting.)
- Show office staff: The two dedicated office staff are excited about the show year and hope to be in the show office on Friday to start getting ready.

- Show office volunteers: Want to get your work credit by helping in the show office? There's a sign-up form in the show office.
- Credit card payments: We plan to offer credit card option for show payments soon! Details to follow.

Correspondence Secretary's Report: January minutes read and approved.

Friday Night Lights: We discussed the new series for the runners—we will gauge club interest in participating. If there's interest, the board needs to put together a business plan and think through possible issues.

Tentative details: events would probably start at 7:00 p.m. Classes would be cash back [runners are usually 80% payback and \$25 per run], and there would not be any end-of-year awards. There's more to come; stay tuned...

Reminders and Other Info: The new timers are in and are "really cool." According to Brian, there's a huge bright scoreboard and a very loud horn.

Golden Corral: Reminder that there's a \$30 room charge for use of the room at the Golden Corral. Please tip at least \$1 per person if you are eating.

Eagle Sportz: Our t-shirt vendor will be at the March, May, August, October, and November shows. When their daily sales reach \$1,000, the club receives 10% (additional percentage at \$1,500 and \$2,000 in sales).

Club Photographer: Jennifer Maki (JLM Equine Photography) will be at the February 7 show. She is the club photographer again this year. She charges \$65 for a CD with photos. Check her link on the RHSC Facebook page.

Banquet awards: Susan asked if members liked the 2014 banquet awards and choices and asked for ideas for next year. Members mentioned saddle (possible saddle series?), garment bag, and silver plates. Think about additional ideas; we'll ask throughout the year.

Hunter Ring: Leveling the Field for End-of-Year Top 20 Awards: The jumpers in the hunter ring do not get double points at double-judged shows, but the hunters do. The jumpers will now get double points at double-judged shows so they will be competitive with the hunters. They will not

be charged double fees or get double trophies: this is a points-only situation because the Top 20 awards are given by ring.

Fun Shows: In the past we've had two fun shows: one in July and one in October. We have not held the July fun show in the last several years because there has not been a lot of interest from the members.

We have held the October [Halloween] fun show. All proceeds from the show go to a charity voted on by members.

The board discussed the possible addition of a fun show with a potluck. Stay tuned for a poll to gauge club interest.

Clarifications on End-of-Year Award Qualifications: The meeting attendance requirement (attend 3 meetings) is per family membership, not per rider. You can substitute 2 hours in place of meeting attendance.

The volunteer hours requirement (work 2 volunteer hours) is per rider, not per family membership. You cannot attend meetings in place of fulfilling the volunteer hours requirement.

Looking for places to get your volunteer hours?

- Brian needs help at the Open Ring to "be the Steve" in the afternoons at the entrance gate.
- Leah needs help in the show office for filing and running items from the rings to the office and vice versa.
- You can also check with other ring chairs (Julie, Kelly, Jay) to see if they need help.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.