

RHSC General Membership Meeting – October 2016

Call to Order

Treasurer's Report

Show Secretary's Report

Correspondence Secretary's Report

Donated \$100 to Save A Lab in memory of Brian Schnitzer's mother, who passed away on September 23

Charities to Speak

All Charities seeking a donation must do a presentation at the October membership meeting per bylaws.

Special Equestrians of Georgia – Stacey Edwards

Angels on Horseback

Kids Kottage – Chairman of the Board, Craig Ajmo

Chief Daryl Mitchell of Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services

We Ride To Provide

Old Business

Only one more meeting – November 9th

Year-End Requirements – 3 Meetings, 2 Work or Volunteer Hours and Majority of Shows for your arena

- Two (2) hours of work equals one meeting credit
- Only need three (3) meeting credits total for family membership
- Each rider competing for year end in a family membership must work two hours
 - Friends or family can work for the rider but must give rider's name to ring chair

No Drops or Adds at the gate; Must be done in the show office of call Leah. Her number is on the card.

We are taking **Nominations for the majority of Board and Elected Officials positions at this meetings.** Job duties/descriptions on website or here (bring copy). Names of persons running will be posted on the website for 30 days prior to voting in November.

We are also taking suggestions for **Bylaw Changes** . Those will also be posted for 30 days on the website to be voted on at the November meeting.

Will get into both of these in further detail in New Business.

Halloween Show – Friday starting at 7:00 p.m. in the covered ring – rain or shine. All Money goes to charity. Membership will vote in November which charity(ies) will receive the money raised.

- We will need a gate attendant and ribbons person(s)
- We possibly need an announcer.
- \$5.00 a ticket for class at the gate – everyone gets an orange and black ribbon,
- If it's a group, it's \$5.00 a person who wants a ribbon in the class.
- Best Costume/No Horse will be first class, followed by Lead Line, 6 and under.
- Classes will be Scariest, Funniest, Most Original, & Open
- We will do all the 10 & Under classes next, then a Champion/Reserve Champion Class for the 10 & Under Classes
- We will do the 11-16 and 17 & over classes the same way
- Small children get to go first in case in gets cold
- YOU MAY LEAD OR RIDE YOUR HORSE IN THE COSTUME CLASSES
- Stall-to-stall Trick-or-Treating afterwards so please remember to bring candy for the kids

We have **Tentative Dates** for Wills Park for **2017**. We are going to meet with Matt after January 1st and check about additional dates. Feb 11 & 25, March 25, May 6, June 10, July 15, August 12, & October 7

- Matt stated no price increases for 2017
- No shows on holidays this year!
- As of now, no April or September shows, and again this year, no November show

Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities:

2nd Year Board is responsible for sponsors and advertising. Needs corrected on job duties sheet.

We used to have an advertising committee. Advertising committee receives free advertising, and/or volunteer or meeting credit(s) as compensation.

The fees are: \$25 for a business card on the website, \$150 for a banner hung at every show on fence by concession stand going towards barns, and \$500 to sponsor a ring for the entire year, with name announced frequently during show.

Anyone interested in being on an advertising committee or working on some advertising for the club?

******(Kaylee Kallam, 678-684-9385, approached me at September meeting and said she'd like to help. High school student - studying advertising)**

Bonding - In the recent board meeting, we discussed bonding the show secretary and treasurer in cover against theft, fraud, or loss of monies. This is just a precautionary measure due to thefts in the past. The club would be reimbursed by the bonding company for any monies lost/stolen by the secretary or treasurer.

Correction to Beginner Show Sheet for Exceptional Riders –

In 2017, Exceptional Assisted Riders and Exceptional Advanced Riders **will not** be able to cross over into the other division, unless Exceptional Assisted Riders are moving up to the Exceptional Advanced Divisions.

**Exceptional Advanced Riders may enter Class 29, Beginner Walk Only English and/or Class 44, Beginner Walk Only Western in the Open Ring. (These are 13 and under classes – check with Brian about exception for age)

Add to show sheet Exceptional Rider Classes will start as close to 12:30 p.m. as possible at each show.

Hunter Ring –

Unjudged Warm-Ups – Currently one per horse/rider.

Suggested by ring chair to change to unlimited warm-ups for \$10 a ticket.

- This way, the trainer could take the horse in and correct issues without having to come into the office and pay all the office fees, etc.....THOUGHTS FROM MEMBERS? (No issues at Sept mtg)

Open Ring –

Lead Line will be at “3 ish”, similar to what we are doing in the Beginner Ring with the Exceptional Rider Classes. We will start somewhere around 3.

Non-Stock Classes - We will be splitting the Non-Stock English Horse classes into Saddle Seat and Huntseat classes, as suggested by several people who show in these classes. Also revising Western.

Double Judged Shows – I suggest May. What other show would you like to see double judged?

By double judging March as well as May, members already have 6 shows at the conclusion of May show but may be good idea because of no show in April?

Double judging second February show - financial strain on families with two shows so close together and one with double judged fees. August because no September show?

Banquet – Sunday, January 8th – NEEDS CORRECTED ON WEBSITE – Listed as January 7th on Website

- Metropolitan Club – Needed a bigger venue due to being cramped the past few years plus our special needs riders in wheelchairs
- We are only paying for food since we are a 501(c)(3) if we hold it on Sunday.
- Start around 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.
- Go through awards for small children, Exceptional Riders, and Year-End only divisions first
- Break for dinner
- Special needs and small kids can leave after dinner if they wish.
- Resume with second half of awards banquet
- DJ afterward awards
- Last year's budget was \$16,500. The rest of the money came from member payments.
- We would like to do the Champion/Reserve Champion t-shirts again. Thoughts?

Meeting for those interested in helping with the banquet _____

Eagle Sportz will be at the October show making custom t-shirts. They donate a percentage of sales back to our club. We could keep track of that money separately next year and use it for a donation.

New Business

Suggested Bylaw Changes and Names of Persons Running for Positions on the Board or Elected Officers shall be posted on the website for 30 days.

We will vote on Bylaw Changes and Positions at November Meeting

We will also vote on Donations at the November Meeting.

Board and Elected Positions Available – If you wish to run, speak now

President - Brian Schnitzer

Vice President – Pam Almond

Show Secretary – Leah Lee

Treasurer – Dawn Williams

Correspondence Secretary – Janeine Charpiat, Todd Patience

Webmaster – Tracy Patience

Barn Manager – Blaine Maddox

Open Ring Chair – Brian Schnitzer

Hunter Ring Chair – Patty Sloan

Beginner Ring Chair – Julie Martin

Running Ring Chair – Kit Sloan – Jay Verhoven is resigning

First Year Board – Mary Howard, Angel Johns

Second Year Board – Charlene Riggs

Third Year Board – Steve Moore(?)

- If more than one person is running for a position, please be prepared to introduce yourself and tell a little about yourself at the November meeting before we vote.

***REMINDER per Bylaws: At least one board member is to be on show grounds the entire show day, meaning 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year, in job duties description.**

Bylaw Changes:

Article I Club Information, Section 4 – ADD web address

Article III Membership, Section 6 – Running ring exhibitors under the age of (**strike 13, add 19**) must wear approved headgear...

Article III Membership, Section 6 – ADD All Exceptional Riders, regardless of age, must wear approved headgear when mounted.

Article V Voting, Section 1 – The following officers shall be limited to being elected to two consecutive annual terms: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. **CHANGE TREASURER TO 3 YEARS**

Change to: The Treasurer shall be limited to being elected three consecutive annual terms.

(It's a lot to learn and then the term is over. If the treasurer is bonded, there shouldn't be any issues.)

Article VI Board Members, Insert as Section 7 and change Section 7 to Section 9 – “All Board Members and Elected Officers shall annually attend the majority of board meetings unless exigent circumstances exist. If a Board Member or Elected Officer is going to be absent for a board meeting, he/she shall notify either the President or Vice President prior to said meeting.

Article VI Board Members, Insert as Section 8 and move Section 8 to Section 10 - Board members shall meet their listed job obligations in order to receive compensation for that position from the club for that calendar year and to be eligible for that same position or a different position on the Board or as an Elected Official the next consecutive year.

Insert as Article XV and move the rest of the bylaws down one. New Article XV will be Honorary Board Member from the Community. Section 1 - This is a non-voting, board nominated position. The honorary board member will offer insight and ideas from the community on how to better the club. The honorary board member will be invited to sit in on certain selected board meetings where their input would be most utilized. This position does not have to be filled annually. The honorary board member must be a RHSC member.

**Explanation - Dover Saddlery employee Megan approached Leah about this. Per Dover, stores are required to get involved with and help the local horse community. They may put our logo on their website. This would be good for both of us. They already support our club with discounts and donations of items. Honorary board member would need to be RHSC member.*

Under RHSC Show Rules on Website - We will correct the website for rules and prices that need updated. Show sheets are correct.

- Rule #6 – Change Running Riders under the age of 18 (currently states 13) must wear approved headgear. It is correct on show sheet but not on website
- Rule #6 - Add “All Exceptional Riders, regardless of age, must wear approved headgear when mounted”.
- Rule # 20 – Change “in at least six shows” to “majority of shows”. Strike through second sentence stating “Horse/Rider combinations must show in the majority of shows in their division to be eligible for year-end awards in that division.”

Under 2016 Pricing on Website:

- Office fee - \$10 per horse/rider combination for members and \$15 for non-members. Strike through \$15 non-member office fee.
 - We already charge a \$10 non-member fee.

Change preregister by “Tuesday at noon” to “Wednesday at 6 p.m.”

- Vendor fee will go to \$35 next year (will officially vote at next board meeting). Wills Park charges us \$25, not \$35 as previously thought.
 - Anyone wanting to set up a table as a vendor in October, we will do it for \$35.

Membership runs from December 1st-November 30th the following year

Please remember to **leave at least a dollar if you are eating.** This room costs us \$35, but as long as we leave the servers that amount, Golden Corral does not charge us.