

# Rolling Hills Saddle Club

## General Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

2015 Board Present: Janeine Charpiat (Correspondence Secretary), Dawn Williams (Treasurer), Leah Lee (Show Secretary), and Julie Martin (Beginner Ring Chair)

Next meeting: February 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Golden Corral, 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Financial Report: The club has \$61,310.15 in the bank. YTD income as of 12/31/2015 \$137,831.53; YTD as of 12/31/15 expense \$120,191.15 net income \$17,640.38 (does not include banquet).

Show Office News: None, no shows scheduled

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

### Old Business:

**Banquet Date – January 16<sup>th</sup>**. Still some spots available. First come, first serve but when we are at capacity, we will not take any more reservations. E-

mail [banquet@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:banquet@rollinghillssc.org)

**Send in pictures to Todd for slide show**. Link is in banquet email also. (Can have Anna resend links for banquet reservations and pictures upload if we need to.)

**No increase of fees from Wills Park** so there will be **no increase of fees for our members for 2016**.

### Friday night lights, Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>

Talked about purchasing software to calculate payback at November meeting – estimated \$200

Jay Verhoven said he would head it up and may have added money for payback donated as well as buckles.

We DID NOT set a budget for Jay Verhoven for Friday Night Lights at the December board meeting and we need to do so as soon as we have all the information. (We need to figure in announcer, person recording info, (2) persons taking registrations, gate help, prop setters, etc.)

See if Matt will still let us use the park's tractor if we have a responsible operator, as he stated before he would for FNL.

**RHSC will be partnering with the Western Dressage Association of Georgia** on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, before the Saturday, March 26 show.

It will be in the covered arena, starting at 6:30 p.m. and will be run “open card”, meaning you ride when you are ready and tell the ring steward which test you’d like to take when you enter the ring. You may also have a “caller”, or a person telling the rider which move to perform at what letter.

Go to [wdageorgia.org](http://wdageorgia.org) for more information or check out their Facebook page.

You can earn awards through their organization while showing at RHSC.

WDAG will be promoting the show also. We had a lot of interest at the August show but didn’t have enough time to advertise very well for it. Many people didn’t know really what it was and after watching, said they would like to try it the next time we offer it. WDAG hires their own judge and scribe and brings their own dressage arena to set up inside the covered arena. (I will help work this show again this year.)

More info to come on this.

**Anyone showing a registered Paint horse** - Go online to [APHA.com](http://APHA.com) to learn about the PAC program and download your enrollment form. Pac = Paint Alternative Competition. You can earn credits and awards through the APHA by showing your horse at RHSC.

**Problem with drops at rings** – you need to go to the show office and fill out a drop form and tell the ring chair you are dropping those classes.

**Remind about year-end requirements** – Majority of shows, three meetings, two work hours. ALSO, two work hours equals one meeting credits

Make it clear we are **giving double points to jumpers who attend the double judged shows**, in order to keep them competitive for the Top 20 for year end in the Hunter Ring. They **will not be charged double fees or receive double awards, but jumpers will receive double points and credit for two shows.**

**Donations** have already gone out to Iron Horse Therapeutic Riding (\$500) and Special Equestrians of Georgia (\$1,500), which are equine charities, and Cathy’s Cancer Cure [Halloween Fun Show proceeds (\$496)]. Halloween money is the only money that does not have to go to an equine charity, per bylaws.

- We can **look at donating more to charity** and talk about it at the May meeting, once we get through the winter months. Money would have to go to the two above equine charities because they are the only two who spoke at the October meeting. Per bylaws, charities wanting to receive donations must speak at October meeting.

**Exceptional Rider Classes** – Adding (2) Exceptional Rider Assisted Classes and (2) Exceptional Rider Advanced Classes for Special Needs riders of all ages to the **Beginner Ring**, (four classes total). Both Assisted and Advanced will offer a Walk Only and a Walk/Trot One at a Time class.

- **Exceptional Assisted Classes** will have a handler with a lead attached to the horse in the arena. Side walkers are allowed for the safety of the rider.
- **Exceptional Advanced Classes** may have a handler in the ring but he/she must remain a minimum of 10 feet from the horse. No attached lead rope allowed in these classes.

Class information and rules/bylaws was sent to the ring chair, Julie Martin, for approval. Julie stated the information looked good to her.

**RHSC may be partnering with Special Equestrians Of Georgia** for a show, with some of the proceeds to go to SEOG. Last time I talked with Stacey, she had talked with someone with the City of Alpharetta but had not yet spoken to Matt Casey, Equestrian Center Director. Matt stated to me he would work with us and Stacey and would “help out however he could”. This is still in the works.

**Non-Traditional English and Western** – Adding Classes to the **Open Ring**.

These classes are for horses that are not traditionally shown at RHSC shows, such as Arabians, Saddlebreds, Fresians, Morgans, etc. They will be judged according to their breed’s standard, not to AQHA standards.

There will be at least (2) classes in English and (2) classes in Western, as well as a Halter Class.

Information has been sent to the ring chair and I am still awaiting a response. Brian has been on vacation. More information to come soon.

### **New Business**

#### **December Board Meeting**

Brian believes he has enough ribbons to get us through the two February shows. He will order early so he can get the early percentage off discount.

We will **double judge the March and May shows and use October as a back-up**. If we wait to DJ October (the last show of the year) and bad weather hits, we will not be able to make it up and it can effect year-end requirements of members not attending enough shows, plus lost income.

Board voted to **increase pay for Jump Setters** from \$32 to \$40 per show. Takes 4-5 hours to set Hunter and Beginner Ring jumps.

\*\*Board has received complaints we use the same judges. In order to attract new judges from further away, the **board voted to pay \$100 towards a hotel room** for each judged arena 5X per year

\*\* (Is it 5x a year per arena or 3? I thought 3 but Janeine's notes state 5 –**need to verify**)

**-Verified that it is 5**

We had an issue with parking at the last show, blocking in a vendor. Owner had left car parked to go off premises and eat. I spoke with the officer and tow truck driver responding. Officer stated RHSC needs to talk with Matt Casey at Wills Park about signage (no parking, HC, etc) and towing. There are no signs posted listing which tow company is responsible for removing cars from Wills Park. HORSE TRAILERS HAVE TO SWING VERY WIDE TO MAKE THE TURNS IN WILLS PARK, AND WE HAVE SEVERAL BARNS WHO SHOW WITH US WITH VERY LONG TRAILERS. PLEASE DO NOT PARK AROUND THE BARNS AND BLOCK TRAILERS!

**- Janeine to include picture of parking area in the newsletter**

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.