

Rolling Hills Saddle Club

General Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2014

2014 Board Present: Susan Stackhouse (President), Pam Wigington (Correspondence Secretary)
Next meeting: September 3, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Golden Corral, 915 North Point Drive, Alpharetta

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. Correspondence Secretary's Report

Pam Wigington read the minutes from the May meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read made and accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report

Pam Wigington read the treasurer's report for Stacy Parrish. As of 6/4/2014, we had \$39,634.75 in the bank.

Largest deposit made to the account from the May show: \$23,668.43 (\$21,629.22 in checks and \$2,039.21 in cash).

Total deposits for May 2014: \$23,908.43 (includes show receipts, membership dues, and buckle donation). All bills received to date are paid in full.

Total Program Income for 2014 to date: \$82,464.88

Total Expenses for 2014: \$76,825.55

Net Income for 2014: \$5,639.33

The largest expenses for the year so far are

Facilities: \$24,512.00

Show Staff \$20,053.00

Operations \$16,987.27

Banquet \$12,988.71

Motion to accept the report made and accepted.

4. Show Secretary's Report

Susan Stackhouse reported that the May double-judged show went well in the show office. There were a few reports of issues but for the first show with new show office staff it went very well. Leah Lee is working with the new show secretary Jackie Perry for two or three shows.

The May show deposit was the largest deposit in 7 years (\$5,000 more than any other show). Approximately \$1,500 is due to the fee changes this year (equaled \$10 per rider). Participation at the May show was lower than at the May show in the past 2 years.

5. Banquet Budget

There were only a few members present at the June general membership meeting. Those present voted to distribute information by email for members to weigh in on the preliminary budget rather than to make decisions at the meeting. We hope to return to \$20/person for banquet attendees this year. Anna Booth has agreed to chair the banquet committee again this year.

Members will be asked to consider fair compensation for the banquet committee: meeting or volunteer credits (as is currently), class credits? We propose providing either true class credits for banquet committee members or giving a dollar amount to the banquet chair in class credits for distribution to committee members.

6. Assorted Updates and Reminders

Overflow: Barn F is overflow for those who show up after the barn manager is gone on Friday evening or for those without stall assignments.

Signs: A member suggested adding sign(s) saying **For Stall Assignments** with an arrow pointing to locations where stall assignments are posted for after-hours arrivals. Those who are not already members don't know where to find that information. Additional signs already on order: two magnetic **Barn Manager** signs for Pat's vehicle and two signs that say **Trailer Parking Only** for the lot by Barn A.

Grounds: Susan has a call in to Matt to follow up on a conversation with one of the grounds staff about manure in the side parking lot by the Beginner Ring. She wants to clarify what our grounds fees are paying for if it isn't for manure to be cleaned up.

Eagle Sportz: Will be at the June show with two new designs (one English and one Western).

RHSC Photographer: Jennifer Maki of JLM Equine Photography is the official show photographer. Other photographers should not be soliciting the members for business.

Running Ring Timer Issues: Susan asked Running Ring members present about issues with the timers. She was trying to determine whether we need to purchase new timers. The club is prepared to do so now if needed: we just replaced the antennas for the May show.

Hunter Ring: Susan asked Hunter Ring members present about judging at the May show in the Hunter Ring. We heard complaints about the judges. Both were from the same barn, which could be a conflict of interest. We won't have two judges from the same barn in the future.

June, July, and August Shows: The June–August shows are blue jeans and chaps shows. Members were told that judges may favor riders in full dress [not ding riders in blue jeans and chaps but perhaps place riders in full dress over those in blue jeans and chaps]. Riders were encouraged to consider this.

Trophy and Ribbon Budget for the Rest of the Year: Susan will check with Brian and send this information out in the minutes or a club email.

Future of Wills Park: We have heard nothing new re the future of Wills Park. There are rumors that it would be 3 years before anything would happen. Susan said she'd heard that Chicopee Woods may be closing. She's also checking with Sacketts; she heard they potentially plan to build something.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be in September. Members are encouraged to start thinking about nominations for the 2015 board and asking to solicit horse-related charitable groups for 2014 donation. (Groups will speak at the October 2014 meeting; send information to the RHSC Vice President.)

Bylaw Changes: Members are encouraged to start thinking about bylaw changes and ring changes they'd like to suggest. The process for bylaw changes starts in September. Ring changes are the purview of the ring chairs but members can suggest changes.

7. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.