

# Rolling Hills Saddle Club

## General Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2014

2014 Board Present: Susan Stackhouse (President), Pam Almond (Vice President), Pam Wigington (Correspondence Secretary), Stacy Parrish (Treasurer), Pat West (Barn Manager)

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 7:32 p.m.

### 2. Correspondence Secretary's Report

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

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Stacy Parrish reported on a bank balance of \$45,508.72 with all transactions cleared to date. Total includes a deposit for the upcoming banquet but does not include Wills Park bills for July and August.

Total Program Income for 2014 to date: \$127,070.13 (from 2013 banquet, shows, vendors, and dues)

Total Expenses for 2014 to date: \$108,127.89

**Net Income for 2014: \$18,942.24**

The largest expenses for the year are for show staff, awards, and facilities. Buckle series income is \$600.00.

It costs us \$12,000-\$13,000 per show (ribbons, show staff, venue).

Motion to accept the report made and accepted.

### 4. Board Nominations at October Meeting

Please email board nominations to Susan Stackhouse ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)) by October 1. Elected positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary, Show Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup>-Year Board, and Webmaster.

We will vote on these positions at the November meeting. Only members in good standing can serve on the board.

### 5. Bylaw Changes and Show Sheet Changes

Bring suggested show sheet changes to the October meeting. The general membership does not vote on them; it's up to the ring chair.

Bylaw changes do get voted on. They must be documented at the October 1 meeting so they can be posted on the website for 30 days before we vote on them in November.

## 6. October Fun Show

Pam Almond will ask the Mayor of Alpharetta to be the celebrity judge. Volunteers are still needed (we have an announcer and one ribbon volunteer but could use more). Show proceeds go to charity.

## 7. Charity Organizations

Each year the club makes a donation to a horse-related charity. Charities that wish to be considered for a donation must sign up and come to the October meeting to talk about their organization. Email information to Pam Almond ([vice\\_president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:vice_president@rollinghillssc.org)) and copy Susan Stackhouse ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)) by September 30.

## 8. Qualifying for Year-End Awards: Proof of Age for Youth Members

Reminder that youth members must show proof of age before by the November regular meeting. Proof of age includes a driver's license, birth certificate, or passport. RHSC does not need a copy of this information – you just need to present it in the show office and get it checked off.

## 9. Banquet

The 2014 banquet will be on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at the Roswell Country Club. We should be able to take the member banquet fee back to \$20/person this year (nonmember fee would stay at \$35/person).

Anna Booth will chair again this year. **If you have suggestions for awards, email her at [asmbooth@gmail.com](mailto:asmbooth@gmail.com) before the November meeting.**

We hope we'll have the final points posted within 1 week of the November show. We'll send them out one time for members to check, then we're moving forward with ordering awards. The banquet is 1 week earlier this year so we do not have a lot of time for back and forth over the final points.

## 10. November Meeting Date

We would like to push the November meeting date to Wednesday, November 12, so we can approve the final banquet budget and provide a firm schedule of dates and cutoff for awards and banquet registrations. Those present agreed.

## 11. Banquet Compensation

The board recently discussed compensation for the banquet chair. Decisions on compensation should be made year to year. This year the board determined that 50 class credits will be given to the banquet chair.

## 12. Possible Changes in 2015

The board is discussing the possibility of doing eight shows next year with two of them as 2-day shows.

The board is also discussing the possibility of doing a Friday-Night Lights (or Saturday) for the runners. This would be payback classes in barrels and possibly poles. Entrants would pay \$20 or \$25 per run and also pay an office fee. This may be just in the summer to see how it went.

**We need your ideas on these changes – send them to Susan ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)) no later than October 24 so they can be discussed at the November meeting.**

### **13. Purchases**

We are ordering new timers and board for the running ring. The current running ring timers will then be a backup set. We are also ordering more walkie talkies for the rings.

### **14. Parking at Wills Park**

Pat brought up issues with parking at Wills Park. Cars continue to block the barns so trailers cannot get around. The club is looking at establishing set parking:

- Lot next to Barn A: trailer parking (with rigs hooked to trailers)
- Lot by shavings trailer: unhooked trailers
- Lot behind beginner ring: cars only
- Lot beside beginner ring: cars only

We are also looking at using the grassy area on the left as you pull in (near disc golf) for trailer parking.

Pat will mark these on a map and bring them the board and club for discussion.

### **15. Last Meetings of the 2014 Show Year**

October 1 and November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Alpharetta.

### **16. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

## **Member Action Items**

### **ASAP**

Volunteer for October Fun Show – send info to Pam Almond ([vice\\_president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:vice_president@rollinghillssc.org)) ASAP.

### **By September 30**

Sign up to talk at the October 1 meeting (horse-related charities that wish to be considered for a club donation this year). Email information to Pam Almond ([vice\\_president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:vice_president@rollinghillssc.org)) and copy Susan Stackhouse ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)).

### **By October 1 RHSC Meeting**

Email board nominations to Susan Stackhouse ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)).

Bring suggested show sheet changes to the meeting.

Bring bylaw changes to the meeting.

## By October 24

Send thoughts and suggestions about doing two 2-day shows in 2015 AND about a possible Friday- (or Saturday-) Night Lights for the runners to Susan ([president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org)).

## By November Show (November 8)

Show proof of age in the show office by the November regular meeting (youth members only).

Send suggestions for banquet awards to Anna Booth ([asmbooth@gmail.com](mailto:asmbooth@gmail.com)).