2021 Annual Sponsor Meeting Minutes

Highland Hills Pony Club

October 4, 2021

Attendees-

Kim Heaman, Kim Grossman, Kata Siegel, Angela Thomson, Natalie Dominguez

Sponsor on record that were not in attendance- Amie Kuciban, Danielle Ruskin, Alysia Apley

**Topics**

1. **Called to order- Kata Siegel**

Meeting was called to order at 6:27p. The meeting was held at Kim H’s residence, 2542 Ore Valley Road in Hartland MI 48353

1. Approval of Agenda

Natalie made a motion to approve the agenda, Angela 2nd

1. Approval of 2020 Sponsor Meeting Minutes-

Kata made a motion to approve the 2020 minutes, Kim G 2nd

1. Treasure’s Report- Kim G.

Review of 2021 Budget. We started the year with $801.08 and ended with $1900.85. We did the pasta fundraiser which brought in $351.10. Currently there are no recorded 2021 donations, however there may have been some to record such as for gift cards, and food that was bought for our year end party and summer camp. Kata will give donation receipts to Kim G. Expenses included - rally entry fees, regional and corporate dues, insurance fees, clinics, summer camp, dressage rally entry fees, and ratings.

**Old Business**

**Membership Updates-**

Madeline Kuciban and Ellis Siegel new members for 2021. No prospective members currently for 2022. All members returning 2022.

**Activity Report**-

Quiz- excellent attendance at Virtual Quiz. Audrey, Theresa, Jack, Evie, Finley, Liaden, Rachel, Kate, Sydney

**Championships**- Kate (Tet), and Finley, Liaden, Evie (Stable Managers). Rachel attended Festival.

**Tet Camp**- Kate, Finley, Liaden

**Summer Camp**- Liaden, Finley, Ellis, Jack, Evie, Kate, Audrey, Sydney

**January Games** **Clinic/Holiday party**- All members (at Jennifer’s)

**Pasta Fundraiser**

**Unmounted meetings**- in person and zoom

**Mounted meetings**- Tail rides, Games practice and Dressage test riding mini clinic with Natalie prior to Dressage rally (all at Thomson Farm)

**Dressage Rally**- Rachel, Theresa, Audrey, Jack, Evie (stable manager), Madeline (barn friendly)

**Service projects**- Detroit Horse Power and Farm Improvement/safety at Thomson Farm

**Regional Duties**- Hosted Regional HM clinic & Champs prep with Maggie Howley at Miracle Ranch

**Certifications/Testing Updates**

Finley HB; Liaden C1 HM; Kate D3 HM &Riding; Theresa D3 HM & Riding; Audrey D3 HM; Evie D2; Jack D1. Ellis and Madeline to do D1 this year.

**New Business**

**Slate of Officers**- The nominating committee (Angela, Danielle, Alysia) proposed the following officers (same as 2021)- DC Kim Heaman, Jt DC Kata Sielgel, Treasurer Kim Grossman, Secretary Natalie Dominguez.

Natalie made motion to approve the slate, with Kim H. 2nd.

**Proposed 2021 Budget**-

Lowered fundraiser goal will compensate with club dues. Continue budget for camps, rally, insurance, testing. Discussion of changing format of Treasure’s report to the simpler, less detailed national format.

Kata made a motion to approve, Kim G. 2nd.

**Membership Dues-**

**National Dues**- New member $155, Renewal $135 before 11/15, $145 after (online only)

**Sponsor Fee**- per adult

Angela made a motion to keep the sponsor fee $20/family, Natalie 2nd

**Club Dues**- discussion of whether dues should be per family vs per member

Natalie made a motion for Club dues to be $35/family, Angela 2nd.

**USPC Annual Fund Donation**- Discussion of history of HHPC always donating to this cause. Decreased from $100 to $50 in prior year due to decreased membership.

Kim H made a motion to approve $50 donation, Kim G 2nd.

**Regional Dues**

Last year regional dues were decreased due to COVID. Could go back up to $40.

Annual Regional Club dues per club- Discussion of whether this was $50 or $100. Kim G. will double check.

**Proposed 2022 Calendar**

Discussion to keep meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, depending on COVID situation. Continue mix of in-person and zoom meetings. Continue teaching topics, mounted games or polo cross or other. Focus on quiz prep as we resume meetings. Consider change of location to Kim H. or Angela’s for in person meetings to improve member attendance. Consider change of meeting date and time. Mondays do not work for Jack and Evie from late April to October because of Eq team practices. Mounted meetings on weekends only. Could sub in-person meeting for a mounted meeting depending on member availability. Discussed moving meetings earlier (Kim H. proposed 6p time, Natalie proposed 7p).

Will plan for in-person meetings 1st Monday of every month at 7p at MR; zoom meetings 3rd Mondays of the month also at 7p. Will revisit meeting day/time/location in April to set schedule for May to October.

Natalie made a motion to accept proposed schedule, Kim H. 2nd.

**HHPC duties to GRL for 2021**

Discussion about moving back to Mega Rally. Kata will talk to Alysia about selecting duties early. Kim H. said would want duties in area/rally/activities that our kids are participating in. locations and dates for 2022 not yet set, will know more after Fall RC meeting on 11/7 (virtual).

**Fundraising**

Discussion of kids being excited about fundraising if money is for club activities rather than dues and fees, ie camps, clinics, gear.

Pasta again? We did make money and they do make cute gifts. Many members still had leftovers from 2020.

Hot chocolate at MR.

Tack Sale in Livingston County at old Hartland HS, date TBD but likely last Saturday in January. Would like to go “all out”. Members to donate proceeds after cost. Historically well attended sale.

Other ideas- painting with a twist, lottery ticket, pinz bowling.

**Fall Activities**

UL testing 10/17/21 -Theresa, Kate, Liaden

UL Mounted clinic w/ Cherie Gabel NE 11/20/21. Location TBD

**Holiday party/Award Banquet**- will be in January. Likely on a Sunday afternoon. Discussed Jan 2, Jan 9, 16. January 17 is MLK day. Most kids off school.

**End of year gift ideas**- Carhart hats from TSC w/ HHPC logo.

**Fall RC/JLC Meeting**- VIRTUAL 11/7/21

**Other Business**-

Discussion of forming an actual Games team with goal of attending champs. Could gauge interest in our Region or attend a competition in neighboring region to qualify. Need for there to be 3 teams and go 2/3 to qualify. Kim H discussed possibility of interest in Polo Cross and idea to try this out at a mounted meeting. Penny’s ponies are available. Good for horses and kids to try new things to build confidence and for club bonding. Kim H. brought up Equine Affair in April as group activity in Columbus Ohio.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Kata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24p. Angeal 2nd.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Natalie Dominguez

2021 HHPC Secretary