NEWSLETTER

January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! I hope all of you had a great holiday. I want to first send a heart felt thank you to everyone who shows support for Mid State Riding Club by being a member, or participating in our activities, or coming to the table with new and fresh ideas or by volunteering and all of the above!. Secondly, I want to thank you all for electing me as President for 2011. I tried to listen to all members in what you wanted for Mid State and as I have said in the past, the members drive the club. I was pleased with what we did last year and based on the feedback, I think most of the club members were too.

I am looking forward to 2011. My goal as this years President is to continue with many of last years programs of educating the horse and horseman and creating a space where we can have fun and enjoy our horses. We had an Officers/Directors meeting on January 2nd and the main topic was fund raising. This year we are going to concentrate on raising money to offset our operating costs. The Officers and Directors decided it has been long over due and we should raise the membership fee. It is a modest increase and part of the increase will be donated to the scholarship fund. Youth memberships will remain the same. We will continue to offer educational clinics and fun activities to benefit the horse and rider that will also generate revenue for the club. These activities will include our Second Annual ACTHA CTC. Our first ACTHA ride was a huge success and we made enough money to cover our cost and put some money in the bank. We are planning another ride this year and James Malcolm Horsemanship has asked to partner with us for this years ride. We are excited to have him join us! Our Annual Horse is always fun and low key for everyone of all disciplines and ages to enjoy. New activities we are adding this year are a fall Hunter Pace at Green Mountain Stock Farm and an ADT to be held at the Mid State show grounds. Other fund raising ideas were to have a yard sale and a bake sale as well.

Trail rides were discussed and based on last years turnout and interest, it was decided not to have organized trail rides. That was surprising since 75% of our members enjoy trail riding! We can revisit this decision if someone is willing to mark trails and manage a ride with an emphasis on trail etiquette.

We got a lot of interest in our Soccer games and they will continue to be held twice a month at the show grounds. A drill team was also discussed, maybe including a soccer ball?!

The monthly meetings will remain on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30. at Windower House in Randolph. The monthly programs fell through the cracks last year with only two presenters. One of the Directors, Sarah Isham suggested assigning a person for each month to facilitate a monthly program. This was done in the past and seemed like a good idea. The Officers and Directors present were assigned months to get the ball rolling. Members are welcome to jump in and host a monthly program. There will not be a meeting in January. We will get started in February with Jenny Bryan facilitating a round table discussion on pasture management.

We will have brochures and membership applications available at The Farm Show in Barre being held on the 25th-27th at the Vermont Horse Council table. You can also find membership applications on the Mid State web page along with information on our upcoming activities and this years clinicians as it developes. All of our FaceBook friends can find information there too!

Just a friendly reminder that dues are due!.

Happy Riding,

Jyl Emerson, President

2011 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was brought to order at 1:15 by President Jyl Emerson. Those present were Jenny Bryant, Leslie Chadwell, Charlie Ballou, Lorrie Churchill, Don Jacobs, Jenny Bryant, Felicia Dieffenbach, Mikayla Dieffenbach and Sarah Isham.

Jyl began the meeting with brief overview of her intent for last year. bottom line to move forward with the club. this year we will fine tune things and get into more of the finer details that were looked over last year due to the big push to get out of the closet so to speak. "Now it is time for the whipped cream and cherry on top"

Jyl presented an outline of topics to be discussed:

-Fund raising to cover operating costs and more

Current expenses are:

-Property taxes
-Club insurance
-Electricity for show grounds
-Porta potty
-Arena mowing and sweeping

After memberships, sponsorships and revenue generated from ACTHA and club horse show, we are $ 960.00 short of covering our operating expenses.

Discussion on how to offset the deficit was

1) Increase membership dues. Voted to increase individual dues to $15.00/yr and Family dues $ 25.00/yr. a percentage will go towards the scholarship fund.

2) Sponsorships. all members are encouraged to participate in acquiring at least one sponsor. Think big, national brands, not just local. Sponsor costs for a vendor table was increased to $150.00 with a banner and web/FB exposure included. Banner cost will be increased to $ 100.00 with the banners left in place throughout season. Banners will be taken down during winter months.

3) Clinics and events. It was decided that one way to raise money is to host events that will create revenue. The MSRC ACTHA ride will have James Malcolm partnering with our ride to bring in more outside paying people. Our annual horse show and two new events; an Arena Driving Trial and a Fall Hunter Pace.

4) Show grounds fee will be charged to any person or organization interested in renting the MSRC show grounds for an event. Fee was set at $ 100.00/day.

5) Membership drive and new member acknowledgement. Discussed welcome packets and someone to meet and greet new members. Make them feel welcome! Names were mentioned who would be best suited for this role. We also need club representatives at trade shows. i.e, Farm Show and Everything Equine

6) Yard sale was discussed that usually happens but did not last year. Carol Hodgens farm is a good location as it was said "Carol can sell ice to an Eskimo" All proceeds go to MSRC, no consignments. Bake sale at Randolph fourth of July. Jyl or Jenny will contact Chamber of commerce to see if there is a fee for a vendor table. Bethel Garden Show is also a possible venue for a display table with baked goods. Felicia Dieffenbach will follow up on this.

Programs for the club monthly meetings was discussed. We only had two last year. It was suggested by Sarah Isham that we assign people to do a monthly meeitng. this was done in the past. the Officers and directors volunteered to do the programs this year to get it started.

Club shirts with logos were discussed. Embroidered knit polo shirts or silk screened T-shirts were considered. Jyl is going to get pricing on both and present it to the club.

Advertising will continue in local papers, web page, FB, country folks, etc.

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Trail rides will have to be a marked, self guided ride. Keep in mind novice riders or green horses and proper trail etiquette.

Discussion on hosting a Hunter Pace at Green Mountain Stock Farm end of October. Leslie Chadwell and Felicia Dieffenbach will gives us guidance on this event.

By laws will be updated. Felicia will follow through with this and MSRC up to date.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Leslie Chadwell,, Secretary

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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

22nd-Club meeting, Windover House @ 6:30. Program topic: Round table discussion on pasture management, Jenny Bryan facilitating

MARCH

22nd-Club meeting, Windover House, @ 6:30. Program Topic TBA. Don Jacobs facilitating

APRIL

22-24th-EVERYTHING EQUINE at Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Jct., VT
26th-Club meeting Windover House @ 6:30. Program topic: TBA Sarah Isham facilitating

MAY

21st-MSRC Obstacle Trail Challenge held at Mid State showgrounds
24th-Club meeting, Windover House, @ 6:30. Program topic: TBA Felicia Dieffenbach facilitator
28th-Centered Riding Clinic held at Mid State show grounds. Clinician TBA

JUNE

11th- Mid State Riding Club ADT Mid State show grounds Show manger: Charlie Ballou
25th- TTouch clinic. Instructor TBA
28th- Club meeting, Windover House @ 6:30. Program topic: Introduction to holistic horse care. Jyl Emerson facilitating

,**JULY**

16th-MSRC 2nd annual ACTHA CTC
26th-Club meeting, Windover House, @ 6:30. Program topic: TBA Lorrie Churchill

AUGUST

14th-MSRC 56th Annual Horse Show to be held at the Mid-State Riding Club show grounds.
23rd-Club meeting, Corn roast at Abel Mountain campground

SEPTEMBER

27th Club meeting, Windover House, @ 6:30. Program topic: TBA Charlie Ballou facilitator

OCTOBER

1st-MSRC Hunter Pace, Green Mountain Stock Farm

25th-Club meeting, Windover House, @ 6:30. Program topic: TBA Leslie Chadwell facilitator

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, February 22nd @ 6:30 PM

held at Windover House
Randolph, VT

Round table discussion on Pasture Management.
Jenny Bryan facilitating

PECKING ORDER

Jyl Emerson	President	522-2156
Jenny Bryan	Vice President	728-3009
Leslie Chadwell	Secretary	234-9264
Betsy Kelley	Treasurer	728-3816

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Charlie Ballou, Felicia Dienffenbach, Donald Jacobs, Lorrie Churchill,
Sarah Isham and Lindsay Smith, Junior Director

MID STATE RIDING CLUB
RANDOLPH, VT
SINCE 1949

PO Box 295
Randolph,VT 05060

Youth (12 and under or 4-H Member under 19)	$ 7.00
Individual (over 12 years of Age)	$ 15.00
Family	$ 25.00
Life	$ 100.00
DONATIONS:	
Scholarship Fund	$_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	$_____

Mail check payable to

MID-STATE RIDING CLUB, INC.
PO Box 295
Randolph, VT 05060

NAME:_____DATE_____

MAILING ADDRESS:_____

TOWN/CITY:_____ST_____ZIP CODE_____PHONE (_____)_____

E-MAIL:_____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:____New ____Renewing Number of people on Membership _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP ____Youth ___Individual ___ Family ___Life

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NEWSLETTER E-MAILED TO YOU? ___Yes ___No

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR EQUINE INTERESTS;

__Horse Showing __Trail Riding __Equine events (UVM, Equine affaire, Etc.) __Gymkhanas and games events
__Programs on horse care, nutrition, training, etc. __Community events (Parades, etc.) __Driving
__Clinics (what kind?)_____
__Other:_____

CAN YOU HELP THE CLUB?

__I/we can serve as director
__I/we can help at the Eat Shack at a show
__I/we can help at a show at the ring
__I/we can help with grounds clean-up
__I/we can serve as an officer
__I/we can help with club publicity
__I/we can help with community events
__I/we can host/lead trail rides
__Other:_____

Please be advised that the handling, use and riding of a horse involves the risk of injury or death and that when participating in any riding event sponsored by the Mid-State Riding Club, Inc. you ride at your own risk. Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A 1039. Prior to riding in any of our riding events you must sign a liability release, agreeing to follow all responsible safety and helmet rules and releasing the Mid-State Riding Club, Inc. from any liability.

Signature of member(s) or parent if under 18.

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