



NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Ground hog? What ground hog? Maybe he is buried in the snow! Today I am banging out the newsletter as (hopefully) the last storm for the season blows around outside.

Personally, I like winter, it gives me time to slow down, reflect and recharge before the summer and fall activities begin. So even though today it feels that spring is never going to arrive, we know it is just around the corner. Horses are shedding and acting silly, a sure sign of Spring. People are actually starting to make plans. We already have people signing up for the July CTC! A good sign that everyone is looking forward this years activities.

You will find a draft of the updated by-laws enclosed with this newsletter. The by-laws will be discussed at the March meeting for more revisions or approval.

Hang on! Spring is almost here. We just have to get through mud season!

Happy Riding,

Jyl Emerson, President



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

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2011 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was brought to order at 6:45 by President Jyl Emerson. Those present were Jenny Bryan, Leslie Chadwell, Charlie Ballou, Lorrie Churchill, Don Jacobs, Felicia Dieffenbach, Carol Hodgden, Denise Commons, Jeanette Cole, Joan Richmond-Hall and Sarah Isham.

Secretaries and Treasurer's report were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

BRIDGE WORK: The rip rap needed for the bank erosion will be addressed after the spring thaw. It was also brought to the club's attention that the Mitchell's (the people owning the property behind the MSRC show grounds and who shares use of the bridge) that the decking on the bridge needs attention. They had a "knowledgeable" friend assess the bridge and felt it needed re-decking. Jenny Bryan contacted Patrick Ross, the person responsible for VT state bridges. He asked for a history of any bank stabilization which was in 1998. He will examine the bank and bridge after the spring thaw to give his recommendation on what needs to be done. The Mitchell's will be invited along with anyone else interested of being part of the meeting.

YARD SALE: Date has set for June 4th at Carol Hodgden's farm. Carol brought candy in ice cubes to the meeting to prove that she can in deed sell ice cubes to Eskimos!

NEW BUSINESS:

DUES are due. Membership form can be found on the web site with the updated membership costs.

EVENTS scheduled for the year are: MSRC CTC (ACTHA sanctioned) held at Green Mountain Stock Farm, ADT (Arena Driving Trial) at show grounds, MSRC 56th Annual Horse Show and MSRC Hunter Pace held at Green Mountain Stock Farm.

JAMES MALCOLM approached the club with different options on clinics. The club decided to have James on Friday before the CTC for his two hour free demo and then a trouble shooting clinic on the Sunday following the ride. James will do an advertising blitz along with the club.

MARCY BAER will be giving a mounted clinic and a TTouch clinic. Her fee was more than expected but she is willing to work with the club on the cost.

SCHOLARSHIP: A page was created on the MSRC web site about the scholarship. It was discussed whether the club wanted to set up a paypal account to the page so people could make donations on line. It was decided to open up a separate checking account for this purpose. It was also discussed to give thank you notes to those who contribute.

CLUB SHIRTS: Jyl spoke to club member, Avril Howe on silk screened T shirt options and embroidery shirts. Embroidery would allow small runs after initial set up costs as opposed to T shirts that require large run orders. Jyl will have samples and more info at a later date.

ADVERTISING is ongoing in the same publications as last year.

BYLAWS: Felicia Dieffenbach rewrote the by laws. Copies will be enclosed in this newsletter and will be discussed/approved next meeting.

MARCH meeting is March 22nd with Dr. Will Barry as guest speaker on worming and vaccinations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 with round table discussion on pasture management with Jenny Bryan facilitating. Thanks Jenny!

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Leslie Chadwell, Secretary

MSRC 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH

22nd-Club meeting, Windover House, @ 6:30. Program Topic. Worming and vaccinations by Dr. Will Barry

APRIL

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 with Marcy Baer.

JUNE

11th- Mid State Riding Club ADT. Mid State show grounds Show manger: Charlie Ballou

25th- TTouch clinic with Marcy Baer.

28th- Club meeting, Windover House @ 6:30. Program topic: Introduction to holistic horse care. Jyl Emerson facilitating

JULY

16th-MSRC 2nd annual ACTHA CTC with James Malcomb Horsemanship demo and clinic before and after Saturday ride.

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

OTHER HAPPENINGS

MARCH

19th-Sableview "PotLuck Chat" series at Stockbridge Meeting House, Common Road, Stockbridge, VT. Chatting about Pasture Management with Jenny Bryan. Contact Leslie Chadwell at 802-558-3747

APRIL

22-24th-EVERYTHING EQUINE at Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Jct., VT

MAY

6-8-Sable View "Ready, Set, Go" Spring Clinic. Contact Leslie Chadwell at 802-558-3747

28th- Sable View play day/pot luck/trail ride. Contact Leslie Chadwell at 802-558-3747

MARCH CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, March 22nd @ 6:30 PM

held at Windover House
Randolph, VT

Guest Speaker: Dr. Will Barry speaking on
worming and vaccinations



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 \$ _____

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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 serve as an officer
 I/we can help at the Eat Shack at a show I/we can help with club publicity
 I/we can help at a show at the ring I/we can help with community events
 I/we can help with grounds clean-up 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.

