

Rockbridge Hunt Newsletter - April-May 2000

Annual meeting - May 10th 7 pm.

All members (hunting and landowner) whose dues are completely paid for 1999-2000 season are entitled to vote. Student and social members do not have the right to vote. Only one vote per family member unit, too, please. Members wishing to add an item to the agenda are strongly encourage to contact president Frank Farmer (473-2525). Members not able to attend should return the enclosed proxy. You can designate any voting member as your proxy. Bylaws specify that 20 members be present to vote at the annual meeting.

One of the items on the agenda is a proposed change to the by-laws. All by-law changes need to be voted on by the membership if they are going to be enacted. What follows is the proposed change.

Rockbridge Hunt, Incorporated By-Laws (Amended 1994)

Article IV Section 9. Social Members

Social members shall be invited to all non-hunting functions of the Hunt and shall have all the social privileges that the hunting members have. Their membership shall not include *riding privileges* or voting privileges. The number of social members shall not exceed twenty percent of the number of the hunting memberships.

Proposed Amendment to Article IV Section 9.

Preamble:

Whereas Rockbridge Hunt sponsors horse shows, trail rides and competitive rides open to non-member participation, and whereas Rockbridge Hunt members may enjoy recreational opportunities including horseback riding on Rockbridge Hunt property and Hunt, Inc. properties held in common, and whereas Rockbridge Hunt hunting members may pay a capping fee and invite non-members to participate in organized fox hunting, and whereas Rockbridge Hunt traditionally allows non-members to receive an invitation to participate in organized fox hunting from the secretary upon paying a capping fee, and whereas the by-laws of Rockbridge Hunt deny these privileges to members in the social membership category, it is proposed that the by-laws Article IV Section 9 be amended and revised to:

Social members shall be invited to all non-hunting functions of the Hunt and shall have all the social privileges **and riding privileges except hunting** that the hunting members have. **Their membership shall not include voting privileges. Social members may pay a capping fee determined by the Executive Committee, and may hunt for a number of times as determined by the Executive Committee.** The number of social members shall not exceed twenty percent of the number of the hunting memberships.

MFH - David Bolen
President - Frank Farmer
Treasurer - Cindy Morton
Honorary Secretary -
Erica Jones

Stewards -
Pete Whitlock
Lauren Keating
Kathy Eichelberger
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Proxy from _____

I wish to assign my vote to _____ for the general membership meeting on May 10th, 2000

Date _____

Signed: _____

Mail to: Erica Jones e-mail: emjones@vt.edu
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If you e-mail me, be sure to note who will be voting for you.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

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| Minutes from 1999 | Election of Officers |
| Masters Report | New business |
| Treasurers report and approval of 2000-1 budget | Vote on proposed by-law change |
| Old business: | Vote on resolution for seasonal capping fee |
| Hunt ball | June hunter show |
| Endurance ride | Endurance ride |
| June hunter show | Hunt ball |
| Other committee reports | Educational program |

Officers nominated are: MFH - David Bolen, co-MFH - Cindy Morton, president - Pete Whitlock, treasurer - Katharine Conner, and secretary - Erica Jones. Normally we would not be electing any stewards (they are elected for four year terms; two positions every other year) but Pete will possibly be vacating his current position as steward. If Pete is elected president, the nominating committee has suggested Laura Jarvis as the fourth steward.

5th Annual Hound Show (at the Shiflet Pavilion, Churchville)

Glenmore hunt is gearing up to host the 2000 version of our local Derby day/hound show, May 6th. Lauren Keating is organizing getting the hounds ready for their big day out. David (Conner) guesses that about 10 of our hounds will go. Only one of these is an 'unentered' hound this year (Walker); the other puppies are too small to show.

There will be 10 classes starting at 1:30 pm, followed by horn blowing demonstrations, and the Kentucky Derby Social. Judge is Coleman Perrin, ex-MFH Deep Run Hunt.

Directions (from Stauton): Rte 250 west to Churchville; turn right on Rte 42; go 4 miles and turn right on Rte 736 (east) just before the Elk Run Church; go 1/2 mile and turn left into pasture field and follow gravel lane to the pavilion on top of the hill. Watch for Glenmore Hunt signs along the way.

Note!!: please call David Bolen before starting out to Churchville for a last minute update. There is a small possibility that the show may get cancelled due to disease considerations which have recently surfaced.

June Hunter Show - June 10th.

Volunteers needed as gate keeper/jump crew persons (at Fancy Hill Farm) (the farm on the left headed north on RT 11 coming from I- 81 towards the kennels). We will need at least two folks all day - one for the indoor ring, and one for the outdoor ring. If you can, sign up for a four hour shift. Shifts will be 7:30-11:30, 11:30-3:30, 3:30-7pm. Bring your hat, suntan lotion and chair (if the weather is like last year!). Or rain gear if we are not so lucky. Joan also needs warm bodies to help move and set up jumps on Friday the 9th. Contact Cindy Morton to sign up for your slot (463-6025).

The schedule of classes will be very similar to last year. If you would like a class schedule please contact Joan Alberti at 540-463-2514 . The prize list form 1999 is also on the web site. Plan to come and contest the foxhunters class. This horse show was our biggest fund raiser for last year.

Sponsorships are available to anyone who would like to do so. Individual classes or a 'division' can be sponsored for a fee. Please contact Lauren Keating for more information (540-291-3336).

Classes start at 8:30 am.

- ◆ Indoor ring: Green hunter, Low Hunter, Low Handy Hunter, Working Hunter, Adult Hunter, Medal classes, and Children's hunter
- ◆ Outdoor ring: 4-H/PC WT, WTC and over fences, Hopeful Hunter, Intermediate Hunter, Special Adult Hunter, Special Children's Hunter, Field Hunter Over Fences, Owners "Up", Small, Medium and Large Pony Hunters.

Spring Summer Trail Riding Schedule

Rockbridge hunt will be starting our 'summer' trail riding a tad earlier this year. Wilson Shepard has organized this for us. As usual, dates are subject to weather changes. Always check the hunt line before you load up your horse.

Date	Time	Trail Boss	Location	Refreshments
Sunday April 30	2:30 pm	Karen Zollman	Zollman's Pavilion	Pot luck
Saturday May 13	2:30 pm	Carol Atwood	Broadview	Tailgate munchies
Sunday May 28	2:30 pm	David Bolen	West Airsley	Tailgate munchies
Sunday June 11	2:30 pm	Karen Zollman	Zollmans' Pavilion	Tailgate munchies
Saturday June 28	2:30 pm	Jeannie Jeffer	Jeffer's farm	Pot luck

The hunt will provide paper plates and utensils for the pot luck meals.

In order to assure the safety of the riders and the hospitality of the land owners, the regulations and procedures of Rockbridge Hunt should be followed. The wearing of helmets is encouraged. All rides should last approximately two hours at a leisurely trail riding pace. We welcome experienced members and guests riding green horses and green riders on experienced horses. Please note that guests should be accompanied by a Rockbridge Hunt member (insurance rules). We request that members introduce their guests before departure.

The trail boss will be in charge and his/her wishes should be respected as such. Rockbridge Hunt requests all riders contribute \$5 per person to help cover insurance costs.

Contacts: Karen Zollman 540-463-6289; David Bolen 540-463-2315; Jeannie Jeffer 540-291-1237; Carol Atwood 540-463-1000.

Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting April 11, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by president Frank Farmer. All members present plus Viola Wise as our advisory board.

Minutes passed.

Erica will send thank you note to the Fords for paying for the copying and mailing costs for the newsletter for the last year, and for doing the folding, stamping and mailing.

Kathy Eichelberger reports that she has eight horses on the honor roll .

David:

Insurance - each activity where guests are invited costs \$75. We are covered up through April 19th ride but then any activity costs \$75 if public is invited. The Endurance ride gets their own insurance.

The policy has a \$1 million catastrophe.

Trail rides: Need to charge juniors this year (\$5) because of the insurance costs.

Need to NOT open to the public but 'guests'.

Treasurer's report:

Viola checked with Jessie Smith about replacing nonfunctioning windows in the huntsman's house. He promises to come out shortly and give us an estimate.

Agreed to postpone painting barn roof.

New gutters and some roof repairs on the barn got installed. [By Randy (R. L.) Weist].

Hopefully there will be some progress to try to find pipe leak around the barn but nothing has been done at this point.

Huntsman pay:

8% raise last year which was a catch up from miserly previous years.

Any increase in 'pay' will go to insurance payment (which is over \$700 a month). Motion to give David C a 3% raise and passed. (from \$7931 to \$8169).

Discussion on re-joining fee. Motion made and passed that states that any former member of RH only pays initiation fee once.

Amended budget approved.

Discussion of seasonal inter-hunt club capping fee which was tabled in the last meeting. Frank Farmer proposed that we present the idea at general meeting and committee approved. Erica will retype and present.

Nominating committee for 2000 elections is:

Jay Moore, chair

Lu Dooley

Betty Baird.

And - proposal slate is Cindy Morton as Jt-MFH , Katharine Conner as treasurer, Pete Whitlock as president, Laura Jarvis to replace Pete as Steward, Erica stays on as Hon Sec.

Educational program. Date - potentially the first weekend in Aug. Cindy is pursuing speakers and getting a committee together.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Submitted by Erica Jones, Honorable Secretary

Thank You Members for your Contributions

The newsletter committee would like to thank the Fords for their very generous contributions of time AND money for getting the past issues of the Rockbridge Hunt News in the mail. The Fords have been paying for printing and postage, and Sharon was also keeping the Rockbridge Hunt web site. We continue to request that anyone who feels like they should not be receiving this publication, please contact Erica Jones at 540-544-7359.

Currently the web site is under going a bit of a transition while it moves to it's new location ([Http://home.wlu.edu/~morton/archive/index.html](http://home.wlu.edu/~morton/archive/index.html)). If anyone is interested in taking over the web site, please contact Cindy Morton (cmorton@wlu.edu).

Signe Lewis has donated chemicals for the control of fleas in the kennels and runs. When Signe is not toting flea control around, she and her husband, Buster, run Mountain View Greenhouse and The Jefferson florist shop. Laura Jarvis will supervise application of the chemicals.

Every year Lauren Keating donates her labor to keep the hounds healthy, including administering immunizations, dewormer, flea control, and occasional first aid treatment. This year she also donated quite a lot of the products needed for those procedures, resulting in considerable savings for the hunt.

Miscellaneous

David and Nancy Conner were sent by Rockbridge Hunt this year to attend the biennial MFHA hunt staff conference in April in Georgia. One of the events was a tour of the kennels of Midland hounds. In a hound brochure that came with the tour, a hound (Midland Bullet) was featured. Interestingly, Bullet is the granddaughter of a hound Rockbridge Hunt raised - Midland Motley. Motley was the daughter of Rockbridge Madam. The Conners had a good time and got some useful information.

The barn now has new gutters, installed by Randy (R. L.) Weist. Laura Jarvis hauled off the old (dead) gutters (thank you!). Randy also did some roof repairs and some structural repairs on the barn.

Foxfield Races are April 29th in Charlottesville. If you have never been you should consider going. Maybe some other Rockbridge Hunt members would like to go along with you.

Kathy Eichelberger is still accepting nominations for the Honor Roll. Those of you who have nominated a horse; most of you need to dig out some photographs and finish your write ups.

Equine shedding seems to be on hold while the idea of spring remains elusive. Perhaps by the time you receive this the hair will resume falling out.

Following is a copy of the first page of the entry form for the Labor Day Endurance Ride. We included this in the newsletter for your edification; pass it along if you know of someone who might be interested.

ROCKBRIDGE HUNT 50/25 MILE ENDURANCE RIDE

Natural Bridge, Virginia AERC / ECTRA Sanctioned

Sunday - September 3, 2000

Well, the last two years at the revived Rockbridge Hunt Endurance Ride and Ride & Tie have been very successful with good participation. When you come to this year's ride and ride & tie, be ready to be treated to well-marked trails, great food and access to 50 miles of lovely, privately-owned wooded trails and open fields through our beautiful hunt country. So if you missed the last two years, make sure to put us on your calendar. For the rest of you, the Rockbridge Hunt looks forward to seeing you again

Camping is primitive with water tanks for horses and a large deep creek beside camp. POTABLE WATER FOR HUMANS IS NOT AVAILABLE.

HELMETS REQUIRED ON ALL RIDERS.

Pre-ride vet inspection 4 pm to 7 pm on September 2, rider briefing will be held at 7:30 pm. Ride starts: 50 mile at 6:15 am and 25 mile at 7:00 am. (Times are approximate and subject to change).

Entry fee includes camping fee, hot dinners ; dinner Saturday night for 25 and 50 milers, dinner Sunday night for 50 milers and **coffee and donuts available Sunday morning all under the covered pavilion. TO ENSURE YOUR MEAL PLEASE GIVE US A COUNT ON ALL MEALS AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO RIDE. Entry fee less \$10.00 will be refunded if ride manager is notified by Friday, September 2.**

DIRECTIONS: I-81 North to Exit 180. Take Rte. 11 North (Lee Highway) 8 miles to first and only stop light. Turn Left onto Rte 251. Go 1.7 miles turn left on Rt. 764 (Possum Hollow Rd.). Go 1 mile take right fork on Rt. 610 (Plank Rd). Go 0.8 miles. At intersection go straight through into camp.

I-81 South to Exit 191 (I-64 West). Go 0.5 mile to exit 55. Take Rt. 11 South. Go 1 mile to the Maury River Bridge. Get in left lane and take the Rt. 11 bypass. Go 2 miles to the stop light and go straight through. This is the same stop light as in the directions above. Follow the directions above from here on.

RIDE MANAGERS

Kevin & Brenda Baird

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Phone: 540-384 7793

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ENTRY FEES: 50 Miles	\$95.00	_____
25 Miles	\$70.00	_____
AERC Day Membership	\$10.00	_____

(AREC requires \$10 per day for non-members riders)

Extra Meal Tickets:

Saturday _____ @ \$7.00 ea _____

Sunday _____ @ \$7.00 ea _____

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