

Rockbridge Hunt News

August 2008



Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting of Rockbridge Hunt, Inc.

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Meeting was called to order by Carol Atwood. Proxies read by Laura Jarvis. A quorum was established.

Old Business

Laura Jarvis read the minutes from 2007 Annual Meeting and motions for approval were given and minutes were approved. Treasurer's report for 2007--2008 season was given by Blair Jones. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved.

Master's report was given by Cindy Morton for 2007--2008 hunting season. Good year overall, with the second half much better than the first. She thanked the staff for their continued dedication and hard work. Cindy was highly praised for all of her hard work and service to the Hunt. Carol Atwood reported that Cindy has assembled a year-book for the season and a copy was passed around for review.

Huntsman's report was given by David Conner. We have 37 hounds. We may breed Tabby or Clever this year. A five-year Kennel improvement plan was presented, which involves immediate repairs to the existing kennel, the creation of a separate bitch kennel. Longer term replacement of the current kennel fencing and the demolition of the old kennel attached to the stable. Cost was estimated to be in the \$25,000 range, based on contractor's examination.

Elections. Nomination Committee recommended all current officers remain in office for the next year. This was accepted and passed.

President, Carol Atwood; Treasurer, Blair Jones; Master, Cindy Morton; Secretary, Laura Jarvis.

New Business

Carol Atwood reported on the Hunt's insurance issue. We only have liability coverage for hunt-related activities. Several members offered to help look into this situation for immediate resolution.

Upcoming events:

Poker Ride scheduled for 6/28. We need volunteers, especially for food for the picnic. Landowners have been contacted for the intended route. We need club participation.

Nothing, as yet, scheduled for July.

Trail clearing, paneling is scheduled for August.

Kick-Off Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 14. Whip and flask-tasting competitions will be fundraisers that day. Hound sponsorship was successful this spring. We will increase it to \$100 per hound to cover both vaccinations and Lyme disease protection. Rockbridge Hunt- logo clothing sale will be offered as a fundraiser, also.

2008—2009 budget was presented by Blair Jones. Major items of discussion: Single dues to be increased to \$595.

No increase in rent for huntsman's house for the present. Outstanding dues were discussed. No concerns were reported by Blair. Gary Ponder pointed out that about 22% of our budget is dependent on fundraisers and donations. (That estimate comes from adding together expected income from the main fund-raising activities.) It is imperative that we have much better participation from our own membership. There was a discussion on how we can get better participation. E-mailing all past participants is needed. All members should be active in encouraging friends who ride to come out. Newsletters will be sent by e-mail rather than paper mail to save substantial postage. Hunt Ball band will be different this year, cost about the same. All other expenses reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve budget. Budget approved and meeting adjourned.

Newsletter Information

- Laura Arnold put together the newsletter.
- All errors are my own.
- PLEASE feel free to offer suggestions for improvement to me.
- Please send anything you want to be included for future newsletters to vinluke@cox.net, with the subject of "newsletter"

Hound Sponsorship

This winter we started a program to allow individuals to sponsor a hound. One of the reasons to start this program is the increasing cost of veterinary care. We've got a great pack of hounds and a big part of that is the wonderful veterinary care they receive from Dr. Lauren Keating. Every year Dr. Keating donates a tremendous amount of time and supplies toward the care of our pack. It costs about fifty dollars a year for each hound to receive the proper routine veterinary care. This year there are additional problems that need to be addressed.

Lyme disease is spreading throughout our region. Our hounds will begin receiving annual vaccinations against this crippling disease. As is usual with most vaccines, in the first year each hound will need two doses. In following years, the adults will each get one shot. Pups must get two initial shots for most of the vaccinations they receive. Lyme disease is a truly debilitating disease. Treatment is costly and prevention through vaccination results in a much, much healthier pack of hounds.

Also, after several years of mild weather we're seeing an increase in fleas in the kennels. Many of you with pets at home know that the cost of flea-control products is increasing. We've also sprayed the kennel and runs (a big thank-you to Laura Jarvis and David Conner) and that will have to be repeated. It's an additional expense but it should help with control of both fleas and ticks.

The Hound Sponsor program has been very successful and we'll expand it this fall. At the Kick-Off Party we'll be looking for a second sponsor for each hound. The initial Sponsors have helped with Health Care for our hounds. The second Sponsors will be helping with Housing for the hounds. Our kennels are in pretty good shape; they were well-built and have been very low-maintenance but every building needs work eventually. The Executive Committee is working with our Huntsman to develop a five-year plan to get the renovations done and make a few changes.

In addition to the financial benefits of the Hound Sponsor program, you'll have a chance to get to know and learn more about the incredible animals who make our sport the adventure that it is.

To all our hound sponsors -- THANK YOU!!!



Hound Sponsors

Hounds	Health Care Sponsors	Housing Sponsors
Rockbridge Whisper 2000 (F)	Anita Claytor	
Rockbridge Tot 2001 (M) Rockbridge Tee 2001 (F) Rockbridge Tilly 2001 (F)	Kathy Ponder Jennifer Smith David Rhodenizer	
Rockbridge Calvin 2002 (M) Rockbridge Clown 2002 (M) Rockbridge Clever 2002 (F)	Terry Whitmore Leslie MacBride Fred Burks	
Rockbridge Webster 2002 (M) Rockbridge Winter 2002 (M)	John & Carol Carey Candi Hylton	
Rockbridge Tabby 2003 (F) Rockbridge Turkish 2003 (F)	Ann Batley Erica Jones	
Rockbridge Tweed 2004 (M) Rockbridge Twist 2004 (F)	Blair Jones Tom & Dawn Kirlin	
Rockbridge Tag 2005 (M) Rockbridge Tailor 2005 (M) Rockbridge Todd 2005 (M) Rockbridge Tinker 2005 (M) Rockbridge Target 2005 (F) Rockbridge Toni 2005 (F)	Meredith Harry Bill Erwin Leslie MacBride Kathleen Nowacki-Correia Laura Arnold Diane Long	
Rockbridge Lisa 2005 (F)	Laura Jarvis	
Rockbridge Tuft 2006 (F)	Marty Ramer	
Rockbridge Cinder 2007 (M) Rockbridge Clay 2007 (M) Rockbridge Cotton 2007 (F)	Jennifer Smith Lynn Golemon Cheryl Haas	
Rockbridge Soccer 2007 (M)	Jeanne Jeffer	
Rockbridge Lawyer 2008 (M) Rockbridge Lead 2008 (M) Rockbridge Lunar 2008 (M) Rockbridge Lacey 2008 (F) Rockbridge Latter 2008 (F)	Hugh Brown Anne Howard Katherine Quinn & Arwen Quinn Lu Dooley Anne Howard	
Rockbridge Caboose 2008 (F)	Gary Ponder	
Rockbridge Farmer 2008 (M) Rockbridge Frolic 2008 (F)	The Baird Family for Lois Farmer Rockbridge Hunt Pony Club	
Rockbridge Laser 2009 (M) Rockbridge Lester 2009 (M) Rockbridge Laura 2009 (F) Rockbridge Libby 2009 (F) Rockbridge Lily 2009 (F)	Drs. Stan & Kathy Eichelberger	

Results of the 2008 Spring Hunter Pace

Saturday May 3, 2008 at Tex Tilson Lodge at Hunt, Inc.

All divisions used the same course and the same optimum time which was 1 hour and 46 minutes.

Open Division			
Place	Number	Riders	Horses
1st	35	Cheryl Haas	Scotty
		David Rhodenizer	Nicole
2nd	40	Lynne Gilbert	Johnnie Rio
3rd	28	Jenner Brunk	Sir Buster Brown (Mulligan)
		Elisa Miller	Django's Guitar
4th	41	Diana Hicks	Bayley
		Liz Kiss	Flipside
5th	27	David Conner	Bluff
		Kathy Eichelberger	Tipsy Cake
6th	31	Fred Burks	Goslin
		Alice Lynn	Mr. T

Vintage Division			
Place	Number	Riders	Horses
1st	207	David Bolen	Ella
		Lauren Keating	Joni
2nd	232	Berkeley Pemberton	Jezzy
		Lee Pemberton	Foxtrots Silver Charm

Family Division			
Place	Number	Riders	Horses
1st	231	David Bailey	Buck
		Mary Bailey	Simon

Financial Statement for the 2008 Spring Hunter Pace

Income from the hunter pace was 1,645 dollars. All of that was entry fees. Profit was about \$1,400.

The main expense for the hunter pace was food. We paid slightly more than 200 dollars for the subs from Salerno's (which were delicious). The subs fed at least 60 people and we had enough left for at least 20 more people. The rest of the food was donated. Cost for that (various salads, cookies for dessert, chips, etc.) would be somewhere between fifty and a hundred dollars. Drinks and ice were donated. We had quite a stock of drinks in the Lodge and that helped but you'd have to allow almost fifty dollars for that.

We gave out door prizes, all of which were donated, with a value of about sixty dollars. Salerno's very kindly donated four gift certificates for pizzas! We did not have to purchase any additional ribbons because we keep a stockpile of them at the Lodge. Although we seldom have all the divisions fill, if they did, we'd spend about a hundred dollars on ribbons. And there's the expense of mailing out most of them.

One expense saved was printing and postage. Several members printed flyers and distributed them to likely outlets. And the event was publicized by email. More and more clubs are relying on this. While it's not fool-proof, it's extremely economical.

One other expense is the marking tape for the trail. I don't have a number for that yet. But virtually everything was donated except for the subs. And running the pace at the Hunt, Inc. property means we can get by with very few volunteers. Please thank Gary and Kathy Ponder, Laura Jarvis, Carol Atwood, Dick Ford, Cindy Morton, Nick and Nancy Cuzzimano for a lot of hard work. These fund-raisers give the participants a fun day and let them get to know a little about Rockbridge Hunt. While the biggest proportion of our income is generated by dues, the fund-raisers are important. And they help us recruit new members.

There are pictures from the hunter pace on the website.



Results of the 2008 Poker Ride

Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Winward Farm

Place	Rider	Horse	Poker hand
First	Stacey Katany	Winston	4 of a kind
Second	Kim Franke	Colton	3 of a kind
Third	Gary Javorsky	Jack	3 of a kind
Fourth	Cindy Kiser	Rocky	2 pair
Fifth	Stormi Arrowood	Farrah	2 pair
Sixth	Elizabeth Wood	Maestro	2 pair

Financial Statement for the 2008 Poker Ride

Virtually everything connected with fox hunting is at the mercy of the elements. Last Saturday was just a typical summer day -- a little warmer than most of us find comfortable. Thirty-five riders took the course for the Poker Ride. The first and last half-mile were out in the sun but there was a breeze most of the time and the rest of the course was shady.

The shortest version of the course was 7.9 miles. There was an additional short path with a series of small jumps that a lot of people enjoyed.

We had a great crew of volunteer help, as usual. There's no doubt the competitors have a better experience when the event is well-organized and the manpower is working cheerfully -- and the competitors commneted on it. Gates, road crossings, and cards were handled by Nick and Nancy Cuzzimano, Lu Dooley, Dick Ford, Nancy Schuster, Cynthia and Terry Secker.

Kathy and Gary Ponder helped with that and with virtually everything else. They worked with Anita Claytor to design the course, clear it, mark it, and clean it up. Anita also helped with registration, cooking, and scoring the poker hands. These three also assembled everything onsite at Windward Farm .

Laura Jarvis donated all the drinks, ice, hot dogs and more. My mother and I donated some of the food and I helped with registration and cooking. I tried to help with clean-up but this crew is pretty quick!

We also received additional cash donations from a few of our competitors and we really appreciate that. Although we can always hope for more competitors at a fund-raiser, since we had so many donations and so few expenses, this was a successful event, generating about \$1,145. A big thank-you to both the competitors and the volunteers.

Please send in your 2008 - 2009 season dues!!!

Mail to the Treasurer,
Mr. A. B. Jones, III,
1171 Happy Hollow Rd, Newport VA 24128

Hunting, single - \$595.00
Hunting, family - \$695.00

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Check the web page: RockbridgeHunt.org

Dates to Remember

<i>Sunday,</i>	<i>September 14</i>	<i>Volunteer Hunt</i>
<i>Sunday,</i>	<i>September 14</i>	<i>Kick-Off Party</i>
<i>Wednesday,</i>	<i>September 17</i>	<i>Cubbing begins</i>
<i>Sunday,</i>	<i>October 5</i>	<i>Fall Hunter Paced</i>
<i>Saturday,</i>	<i>November 8</i>	<i>Opening Meet and Blessing</i>
<i>Saturday,</i>	<i>February 21</i>	<i>Hunt Ball and Silent Auction</i>

For additional information about these events, please check the web calendar at <http://rockbridgehunt.org/>

Virginia Hunt Week Cancelled

Virginia Hunt Week has been canceled for this year (2008). Attendance has been down in recent years and the price of fuel is likely to add to that. We all hope to see the event return in the future. Various changes and alternatives have been discussed and will be considered.

One benefit is that the calendar opens up for October and early November. Each of us should be better able to attend joint meets and the fall hunter paces. Each of us can put a little more effort into our own events -- the Kick-Off Party, the Fall Hunter Pace, and the Opening Meet. Additional events may be added, like the Collegiate Hunt and Fall Hunter Trials.

October Hunt Weekend

We can all enjoy a long weekend of hunting and related activities in October. Guests will pay capping fees to each hunt. Glenmore Hunt and Bedford County Hunt have graciously invited Rockbridge Hunt members to join them as for joint meets. Rockbridge has extended reciprocal invitations. We will need to plan ahead to make sure each hunt has some idea of how many guests to expect. Rockbridge will be providing a breakfast at the Tex Tilson Lodge. The other days of hunting will be followed by nice tailgate meals. We'd also like to organize something to follow the beagling on Sunday evening. We do hope everyone will help support Glenmore Hunt's Ball. It's in a new location and should be a fun gala.

8:00 am	Friday	Oct 10	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt	Tea Time Farm, Afton	Capping fee, \$50
8:00 am	Saturday	Oct 11	Glenmore Hunt	TBA	Capping fee, \$35
6:00 pm	Saturday	Oct 11	Glenmore Hunt Ball	Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro	\$75, paid in advance
9:00 am	Sunday	Oct 12	Rockbridge Hunt	Kennels, Fancy Hill	Capping fee, \$35
3:00 pm	Sunday	Oct 12	Octorara Beagles	TBA	(no fee)
8:00 am	Monday	Oct 13	Bedford County Hunt	Willow Spring Farm	Capping fee, \$35

Western Day!

Rockbridge Hunt will be hosting a Western Day on Wednesday, October 1 at Broadview. This is an opportunity for us to share our sport with western riders. We'll hunt as usual. Capping fee will be reduced, for this day only, to twenty dollars (\$20). We may ask the first flight to avoid jumping so that our guests can ride near the front. Please, encourage your western-riding friends to come out and give it a try. If they can trail ride, they should be able to manage this.

We'd like everyone to bring something for a nice tailgate after the hunt. And please keep in mind our roles as hosts -- just be your usual friendly selves -- maybe try to explain what's happening.

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We're on the web:
Rockbridgehunt.org

Rockbridge Hunt, 2008-2009
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(H 540-463-6025, W 458-8109, M 570-0346)

Huntsman (Professional): David Conner (463-9547)

Field Master: Joe Conner

Whippers-in (Honorary):

Katharine S. Conner

Nancy H. Conner

Susan L. Conner

Cynthia J. Morton

Gary P. Ruley

Honorary Masters of Foxhounds:

Dr. G. E. Clapsaddle

Dr. David Bolen

Secretary (Hon): Laura Jarvis, 540-291-3186
59 Homeaway Ln, Natural Bridge VA 24578

Hunt line: 540-462-1113

Tex Tilson Lodge: 540-463-3781

Capping fee is \$35

Limit of 3 caps per season

<http://rockbridgehunt.org/>

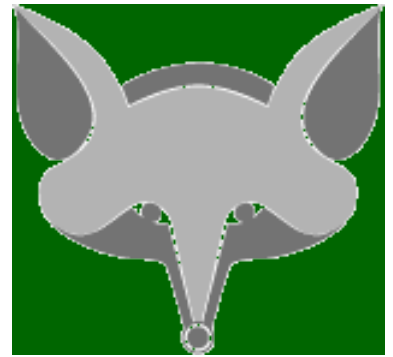
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Fall Hunter Pace

Course is 7 to 10 miles

Sunday, October 5, 2008
First on course at 11am

Teams will be given an ideal pace in miles per hour or meters per minute when they present themselves at the start line. Teams closest to the ideal time win ribbons in each division.



Six ribbons awarded for each Division. Two ribbons per team.

Teams to consist of two riders. Three can ride together, but only two ribbons awarded

Divisions: Vintage (combined ages =110)
Junior (one member must be under 18) Open (open to all)
Mixed Doubles (one male & one female rider) Trail (not timed)

Entry fees (includes lunch) : \$35 Adult rider, \$20 Junior rider.

Helmets, signed waiver and copy of current negative coggins required.

Location: Tex Tilson Lodge, Rockbridge Hunt property at Hunt Inc.

Directions: From Route 81, exit 180 to Route 11 North. Go 2 miles. Turn left on Fox Hunt Road (Rt 739). Stay left at fork and look for parking signs.

For weather update call: 540-462-1113.

Fixture Card Rockbridge Hunt 2008-2009

Check the Hunt Line every time:
540-462-1113

Sun *Sep 14* *Hunting Season Kick-off Party
at the Tex Tilson Lodge at Hunt, Inc.*

W *Sep 17* *4:00 PM* *Hunt, Inc.*
S *Sep 20* *8:00 AM* *Hunt, Inc.*
W *Sep 24* *4:00 PM* *Bolen*
S *Sep 27* *8:00 AM* *Montafon Farm*
W *Oct 1* *4:00 PM* *Broadview -- Western Day!*
S *Oct 4* *8:00 AM* *Pollock*

Sun *Oct 5* *TBA* *TBA*
 Rockbridge Hunt Fall Hunter Pace

W *Oct 8* *4:00 PM* *Bolen*

S *Oct 11* *TBA* *TBA*
 Joint meet at Glenmore Hunt

Sat *Oct 11* *Glenmore Hunt Ball*

S *Oct 12* *9:00 AM* *Hunt, Inc.**
 Joint meet with Glenmore Hunt & Bedford County Hunt

Mon *Oct 13* *8:00 AM* *Willow Spring Farm*
 Joint meet at Bedford County Hunt

W *Oct 15* *TBA PM* *Broadview*
S *Oct 18* *8:00 AM* *Montafon Farm*
W *Oct 22* *2:30 PM* *Zollman*

S *Oct 25* *10:00 AM* *Willow Springs Farm*
 Bedford County Hunt Opening Meet & Joint meet

**Breakfast follows hunting. Make reservations with Carol Atwood, 463-1000. Cost will be \$10 per person.*

***Potluck follows hunting. No reservations needed; please bring a dish to share. Cost will be \$5.00 per person.*

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Sun *Oct 26* *TBA* *TBA*
 Joint meet at Oak Ridge Fox Hunt

W *Oct 29* *2:30 PM* *Hunt, Inc.*

S *Nov 1* *TBA* *TBA*
 Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet & Joint meet

W *Nov 5* *2:30 PM* *Broadview*
S *Nov 8* *2:30 PM* *Hunt, Inc.**
 *Opening meet and joint meet with
Glenmore Hunt and Bedford County Hunt
Blessing of the Hounds by Rev Philip Parker*

W *Nov 12* *2:30 PM* *Bolen*

 *Hunting suspended for deer season
November 15-29*

W *Dec 3* *2:30 PM* *Broadview*
S *Dec 6* *10:00 AM* *Windward Farm*
W *Dec 10* *2:30 PM* *Bolen*
S *Dec 13* *11:00 AM* *Hunt, Inc.**
W *Dec 17* *2:30 PM* *Pollock*
S *Dec 20* *11:00 AM* *Broadview*
W *Dec 24* *Christmas Eve -- no hunting*
S *Dec 27* *11:00 AM* *Bolen*
W *Dec 31* *11:00 AM* *Montafon Farm**

Th *Jan 1* *11:00 AM* *Hunt, Inc.**

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