

GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

Minutes 1/8/2019

Members present via computer/phone: Jean Harvey, President; Connie Moses, VP; Eric Wilking, Treasurer; Sandy Sims, Secretary; Cindy Schlener, Director; David Herrick, Director; Ginger Laplante, Club News Editor and Archivist.

Quorum met, meeting called to order at 7:09pm by Jean.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes from Planning Meeting also Board Meeting of Nov. 17, 2018 reviewed, corrections noted, and motion to approve with corrections made by Eric, 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Eric is waiting for official bank statements. Balance is \$2631.98 excluding Money Market account which is approximately \$10,000.

Expenses were \$695 for Scholarships and website costs.

Membership: 160 members, including 64 from 2017 not renewed, 66 new members.

Motion to accept report by Connie, 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed.

Items not addressed last meeting:

Budget for refreshments firmed up: single day \$25, multiday \$65. Nine potential events for 2019. Cindy motioned to accept, Sandy 2nd, motion passed. VP needs to add budget allowance to Host Guidelines .doc linked on website.

Discussion of need for 2 porta-potties at Chocorua this year.

Eric will budget for this at a cost of \$330.

Idea of single annual Liability forms: Discussion included difficulties of cross-checking between Hosts for signed annual form, changing location vs. removal, adding 2019 year, need for lawyer approval and associated costs. Pros and cons discussed. Insurance company never sees forms. Decision made to leave as is, and not initiate one annual form at this time.

Membership Lists: Request made to have updated list provided to all BOD persons on a regular schedule. Also Hosts need membership list 3 weeks prior to event, Treasurer to send out. Cindy suggested comma-delimited list.

Discussed to try to make better use of Outing Flyers, send out 3 weeks in advance via membership Email and Newsletter, plus notification of and "Invitations" to events on

Facebook to continue. This may help to increase attendance. VP needs to remind Hosts well ahead of time to prepare their Flyer.

Advertising: NH Horse and Trail and NE Horse and Trail are the primary places we might promote our Outings. We can affiliate with NEH&T for \$10 yearly, which would mean having to record mileage for the organization's members who attend our Outings. But we may increase GSCA membership by doing so. To qualify for NEH&T affiliation, the individual Outing would need minimum of 10 miles to ride.

Recording Mileage for NEH&T would involve the Event Host having one Mileage Form available at Sign-up (mileage sheet to be provided by organization) where NEHT participants would record their name, horse, possible registration #, and mileage. Mileage Form to be included in Host package, confirmed by the Host's signature, and must be sent by Host to the organization in a timely manner after the Outing. Cindy offered to coordinate this process. Motion by Eric to try this, 2nd by Connie. Motion passed.

Gift to landowners: Discussion commenced re: type of gift, amount of money, gift not cash to landowner, choice to be made at Host discretion, money to be separate from refreshments, and kept as separate line item. Question arose when/where to draw the line on gifts to landowners. Motion by Connie for UP TO \$50 gift, 2nd by Sandy.

Reminder that offering GSCA membership to private Landowner giving use of land for GSCA outing was approved previously and should be added to Host Guidelines by VP.

Cindy discussed a space on GSCA website she has made, called siteground262. She feels this location may be helpful to organize and host a drive, by being used as a repository and archive for reference materials and records on how to run each outing. She will continue to research the concept. This will not add to site hosting cost.

Annual Dinner Meeting is March 24th, at The Red Blazer in Concord, NH. Reservation was reported confirmed by Jean on January 11.

A.M. Program to be "A Celebration Of Life" for Barbara Hurld. Jean is organizing program and will be max. ½ hour duration. Family members to be invited to Dinner.

Menus discussed, Roast Turkey, Italian, Roast Beef. Jean will find out prices and update us.

Next meeting set for Wed, Feb 13th, 7pm via "Go2Meeting."

Next meeting Eric will propose budget for 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm, amid greatly deteriorating audio quality.

Recorded by Sandy Sims, Secretary