



## Eastern Hudson Valley Horse Council

A Chapter of  
New York State Horse Council

# Minutes

### Board meeting

DATE

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TIME

7:36 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

Stephanie Fitzpatrick

### IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee: Stephanie Weber-Fitzpatrick, Kristan DeGrazio, Stephanie Bader, Theresa Mulkins

Members: Helen Ryan, Cornelia Gallow, Cheryl Smith, Scott Tarter, Paula Stewart, Rosanne Visco, Shannon Budnik, Lilly Gair, Georgia Ryan, Stephanie King

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Theresa milkins to appoint Helen Ryan as EHVHC Board Secretary. Seconded by Krisan. All in favor. Motion approved.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristan DeGrazio reported that the December Meeting Minutes where still pending. Approval will be pending for February meeting.

Member Introductions: Stephanie Weber-Fitzpatrick asked all members and board to introduce themselves to the group.

### BOARD

The Executive Board met at 7:00 PM to discuss upcoming meeting topics.

### REPORTS

Stephanie Weber-Fitzpatrick reported that the Executive Committee is working on a schedule of events for the coming year. Membership Meetings will be scheduled the fourth Tuesday of each month and will move around the three counties when in-person to make it more accessible for members to participate and feel more included. We are also updating our current email address and Facebook page.



Bylaws: The Executive Committee has also been busy updating the bylaws for the chapter. The current bylaws were considerably out of date and contradictory. The updated bylaws had been sent out to all members for review along with the meeting invitation and link. Notable additions include one board position for a representative from each of the three counties to ensure adequate inclusion, ability to represent the Council at area events, etc. Any questions, please email the Executive Committee.

Kristen DeGrazio reported that the Executive Committee would like to form Committees to help the Council operate and volunteers are welcome. Committees ideas include fundraising, newsletter, event coordinator, and others. Anyone interested should reach out to the Executive Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Additionally, the Executive Committee will be sending out a survey to members seeking input on what services, information, and events the members would find useful. These may include clinics, workshops, lectures, shows, barn buddies and scholarships.

Stephanie Weber-Fitzpatrick asked if there was any other business from the members.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming events:

Stephanie Weber-Fitzpatrick reported that Arrowhead Ranch will be hosting an event on May 7, 2023, in Parksville, NY. The day will feature demo's, tack sales and vendors.

Shannon Budnick reminded the members that the New York State Council will hold their meeting on March 4, 2023. This will be an in-person meeting in Binghamton, NY. All members are welcome to attend.

The EHVHC will host the awards brunch for last year's horse shows on March 5, 2023 at the Links at Unionvale. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Members reported other upcoming events such as the Hudson Valley Draft Horse Association, Equus Fest East (Sept 23-24) and the Horse Show Series at Tymor Equestrian Center. All events will be posted on EHVHC's Facebook and website and will be reported in the newsletter as available.

## **NEXT MEETING**

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Online

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Made by Theresa Mulkins. Seconded by Kristan DeGrazio. All in favor. Motion passed.

