

VIRGINIA CAROLINAS MORGAN HORSE CLUB

Club Minutes April 2011

The spring meeting of the VC Morgan Horse Club was held at Cedarwood Equestrian Center in Chapel Hill on Saturday, Nov, 23. Following a catered Bar-B-Que lunch, President Leanne Jones called the meeting to order at 2pm; a quorum was declared.

The membership expressed great appreciation to Jim Paden and Denny Powell for hosting today's meeting. Also thanks to Pig Crazy for providing a delicious meal.

The minutes were not read in the interest of a shorter meeting. They will be emailed to the membership, or mailed to members without email.

Fund Raising: Andrée Vetrano announced the SCRIP forms are on each table. The club earns a percentage of each purchase and in the past 18 months has earned \$500.00, primarily through Andrée's efforts.

Pete Jaeger reported the NC senate has approved the VC Morgan Horse Club's request for a special license, along with 20-30 other special requests. We must sell a minimum of 300 plates at \$20 each. The club will receive \$10 for each plate sold. The design is yet to be made.

Rob Marsh, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report.

Bank balance 4/20/11	\$1,828.60
Fund Raining a/c	498.00
Memebership (PayPal)	870.01
TOTAL	\$3,196.81

Show Committee: Jennie Mercier reported on the show status. More volunteers are needed, and volunteer applications are on each table. To date, Suzette has only 1 volunteer to help with the Sport Horse division. There is a strong focus on youth this year, with a Youth of the Year contest and several special activities, including a balloon artist and a treasure hunt. Sponsorships can be made at any time and are always welcome!

Promotion: Mary Daughtry requested 2 tables be set up at the show for the club display. She is always looking for display photos, as they are changed out frequently.

Awards: Elizabeth Abernathy has forms available for the year end awards. She requested email address corrections for anyone who has changed (or needs to correct) an email address. Last year there were about 28 entries – and the prizes are always fabulous. She reminded the youth that they do not need to own or show a horse to compete – they need only be a member and submit all activities according to the rules.

Membership: Leanne Jones reported a current roster of 57 members with 41 memberships (some are family or couples). She recognized the new members and visitors with us today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete Jaeger spoke about the Morgan Pavilion at the Kentucky Horse Park. It is funded by the AMHI and a great deal of money is needed to complete the project. He made a motion that the VC club send \$5,000.00 to the AMHI. There was discussion of how this could be done

with just \$3,000.00 in our bank account. Pete stated the club does have funds available for this donation. Mitch then seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Rita Harwell is a member of Forever Morgans, a rescue group specifically for Morgan horses. She brought a lovely example with her today – and explained the group seeks not just money for the care of these animals, but homes (temporary or permanent) and time from volunteers. They can be reached on the website: <http://www.forevermorgans.org>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Buchanan, Secretary