

VCMHC Minutes

April 29, 2025

ZOOM

The general membership zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President, Denny Powell. Eight members attended and a quorum was declared. The minutes were not read, as they are available on the website. Corrections were sent to the secretary, and the Feb. minutes have been corrected and approved.

First there was discussion of the Awards Banquet at Parizade in February. The 2025 meeting will be held again at Parizade in Durham, a comfortable venue with very good food and service. The meeting this year will be held on Saturday, November 22. Be sure to have points for the awards to June Davis by the first Saturday in November.

Discussion of other meetings and venues followed. We decided to have a general meeting at Southern States on Friday during the lunch break, time to be announced at the show.

We will have a trail ride/lunch meeting on Saturday, October 25 at Sandy Pines in Zebulon. The facility has excellent trails, picnic tables are numerous, and they are located near several food providers. Linda Sewall will make arrangements and provide details as October nears.

The Newsletter is our best promotion, though it is hard to get individuals to provide their information. The current plan is to distribute an issue after Southern States, which should provide plenty of news. Jen has served as editor, but as president, she may reach out to others for assistance.

Denny presented the slate of officers for a two-year term:

President – Jen Valentine

Vice President – Jim Paden

Secretary – Betsy Buchanan

Treasurer – June Davis

As there were no further nominations, it was moved and seconded to elect the slate as presented.

The Board of Directors includes the past Vice President (Denny Powell) and 4 other members. Linda Sewall volunteered to serve on the board. Fran Pugh and

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Sheila England are to be contacted regarding their wishes to continue. Other names for consideration include Bethann Metts and Jenny Ridgeway. Board members will be elected at the next meeting for a one-year term.

Treasurer, June Davis, presented the current financial status. Our checking account has a current balance of \$2,380.23. Our investment account supports our plans for 2025. Information for 2024 taxes has been sent to our tax accountant.

We discussed club sponsorships. Last year our sponsorships were:

\$500 each to Beth Tew's shows, NC State Fair, TWHA shows, Blue Ridge Classic, and Equine Events shows; with \$1,500 to the Grand National for a total of \$4,000.00

We have allocated \$2,500.00 for sponsorships of local events for the current year. We have a \$250 banner on exhibit for the year at the Cavvietta Quarter Horses and Cattle Co. venue. We voted to support Beth's shows and Triangle Wide Horsemen's Association (TWHA) with \$500 each. We can consider other events, including SC and VA with the balance.

We discussed expressing the club's support for Southern States this year by sponsoring the Ice Cream Social. Jim will contact Liz about this.

The club welcomes two new members, Rebecca Barber and Susan McGray. We discussed privacy and decided to include only name, city and state, and email on our membership roster on the website. Minutes will be posted on the website.

Regarding media, the website needs to be updated. Facebook is very active.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Buchanan".

Betsy Buchanan, secretary