

THC Meeting Minutes: 1/14/16



- ❖ Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Karen Tinker at Denny's on North Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23320.
- ❖ Introductions (28 in attendance)
- ❖ Guest Speaker: Ryan Fogelsonger is a retired horse racing jockey. He is currently working on opening up a boarding facility in Suffolk, Tribute to Miracle Farms, with 48 acres and 36 stalls.
- ❖ No published minutes from December as there was no business held. We all enjoyed the Christmas Party with 33 in attendance.
- ❖ Treasurer's Update:
 - The audit was completed on January 7th with no discrepancies and the books were turned over to the new treasurer, Diane Smith.
 - The club currently has about \$3,000.00 in funds.
- ❖ Committee Reports—
 - Membership:
 - Deborah Giddens is the new chair. She presented a couple of ideas to promote membership growth.
 - Motion to approve \$100 for a gift certificate to be awarded to the member who brings in the most NEW MEMBERS by the start of our Christmas party, December 2016. 🗳️ Jill Browne 🗳️ Heather Batts 🗳️ Approved
 - Motion to approve removing the discounted \$7.50 membership and implementing a straight full \$20 membership for a full calendar year or what is remaining. 🗳️ Jill Browne 🗳️ Laura Isenburg 🗳️ Approved
 - The last idea was for the club to somehow recognize the members who have continually been a member. For example a patch issued once a member has been involved for 5, 10, 15, 20 years. The discussion focused on the fact membership has its own rewards and those members in attendance were not interested in being recognized.
 - Hospitality: none Webmaster: none Programs: see below
 - Newsletter: **Need volunteers ASAP!!** Publicity/Marketing: **Need volunteers!!**
- ❖ New Business:
 - Newsletter is now vacant! We had someone lined up but she had to decline due to family. Please consider helping your club.
 - We are in need of a volunteer to assist with the THC apparel. Thank you Laura Isenburg!
 - New meeting schedule is to have the speakers first before the business is addressed.
 - Membership ideas (addressed above).
 - We are asking members to print out agendas, membership forms, and speaker flyers to share with those who perhaps are unaware of the club. Post them at tack shops, barns, etc. We need to get the word out more.
 - Discussion to possibly change the venue for meetings. There is some concern that we may be getting too large for Denny's. We will avoid moving until attendance numbers support the need for a larger facility.
- ❖ Motion to approve sending \$125 for the 2016 Annual Legislative VA Horse Council Reception: 🗳️ Cindy Gendron 🗳️ Jill Browne 🗳️ Approved
- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm: 🗳️ Heather Batts 🗳️ Jill Browne 🗳️ Approved
- ❖ The next meeting will be held February 11, 2016 at 7pm at Kelly's at Denny's on North Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23320.