

# NH Horse Council News

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## **Annual Membership Meeting!**

This is open to members and non-members of the equine community.

We encourage YOU to attend your Horse Council meeting and consider being a member. It is important to the Board to meet those who are part of NH's equine industry.

Your ideas help our volunteers to shape what your Horse Council can do.

Your support and communication is key to the value of your Horse Council.

An annual meeting of the members is held each year for the purpose of receiving reports from committees, the Board of Directors, and Officers in the transaction of Council business. At the annual meeting, the Board will present a ballot to the members for their vote on Officers and relevant issues.

Officers will be elected by majority vote of the membership at their annual meeting, with quorum present, for a term of one (1) year or until the successor is installed. There is no limit to the number of times an Officer may be re-elected. U

## **Become a Member!**

Your support helps to keep the unique mission of NH Horse Council continuing. A unified group of equine owners, organizations and businesses are important for communication, promoting and being a voice for the entire equine industry.

Membership dues keeps us going and are used towards basic operation costs for the organization, in addition to those costs of having NH Horse Council visible at Farm & Forest, hosting education venues and supporting committee projects.

Our membership count is also an indicator to others who are outside the industry of our strength and connection to each other.

Can you help with a goal for 200 members?

This is a small percentage of our NH horse owners and should be achievable. U

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## **Save the Date!!**

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

**March 10, 10:00 am @**

**Suncook Business Park,**

**65 Pinewood Rd, Rt 28 –**

**Allenstown NH**

**Doors open 9:30am**

**Snow Date March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Tentative agenda.

Review and accept minutes from last annual membership meeting.

Take submittals for Round Table Discussion

Reports from Committee, BOD, Treasurer

Pick Financial Audit committee

Take nominees for Officers

One Bylaw Change

Ballot vote for Officers

Round Table Discussion and Light Snacks

Chairs are limited, so please bring a chair.

Please review the newsletter for volunteer opportunities and more about the Round Table Discussion.

NHHC Purposes and Objectives are included below. U

**Volunteer Opportunities:** if we have the chance to divvy out smaller tasks we can ease the volunteer time and be more successful in getting it done.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The below are current positions that could use some extra help or be fulfilled.

### Legislation Monitor/s

This position is to monitor the NH general court website for legislation or administrative rules by searching with key words. Make a list of any legislation or rules that may affect the equine industry. Closely monitor meeting/hearing dates so we can communicate to the equine community of opportunities to talk/listen/email testimonies at a hearing or to contact their legislator. If interested you can extend your research to what are the concerns in the wording of the Bill or Rule. You will communicate closely with the BOD. U

### Facebook Administrator or Assistant

This position is to set up, monitor and post items to our Facebook page. We are in need of a facebook guru or almost guru. You will work closely with the BOD and others working with NHHHC tasks. U

### Website Assistant

This position is to monitor the website for needed changes and additions to keep it updated. You will work closely with the website designer, BOD and others working with NHHHC tasks. U

### Newsletter Producer

This position is to layout the newsletter, when necessary to edit content for fit, and to send to out newsletters and alerts to NHHHC members and to the equine community, as needed. Maintain email lists for the above. You will work closely with the BOD and others working with NHHHC tasks . U

### Liaisons

These positions are open to individuals who wishes to share information between NHHHC and a specific outside committee or organization that is of interest to the equine community. The liaison is a bridge and will regularly report to the BOD or a NHHHC committee. For example, the Trails Committee has a liaison who seats on the Statewide Advisory Committee and the Farm Bureau liaison is a member of the Bureau and each actively attends their meetings. U

### Officers:

The descriptions below are showing the basics of duties. Depending on the activities of NHHHC, each may perform other duties prescribed by the BOD from time to time. Officers serve on the BOD. Must be available for meetings.

President-presides at all meetings unless unable to attend, supervises all business and affairs of the Council aiming towards completion of tasks, create the meeting agenda with assistance from the Secretary and past minutes. Cannot hold another office.

Vice President- to assist the President or preside as President when needed, and closely communicate with Officers.

Secretary-will take minutes of all meetings unless unable to attend, see all notices are duly given, assist President with meeting agendas, custodian of all records, and keep register of contact info for all members, including email lists. Cannot hold another office.

Treasurer-will have charge & custody of all funds of the Council, receive and give receipts due and payable, deposit all monies of the Council, maintain a financial report regularly (monthly), assist the Secretary with the register of members. U

**Board of Directors:** The BOD governs the Council. There are 11 positions available, Officers and Committee Chairman serve as BOD members, others are welcomed. If interested in being a BOD please fill out an application, send an email or have a BOD member nominated you. Meetings are held often monthly via teleconferences and periodically face to face. Must be available for meetings. U

**Committees:** are the backbone of NHHHC activities and shapes what the Council can do. We wish to have 2 to 3 persons on each as a minimum. Committees can be Standing or Temporary. Annual reports are expected. Board members serve as Committee Chairman. NHHHC members are welcomed to help on Committees!

Standing Committees: Trails, Education/Promotion, Membership, Communication, other committees can be created depending on activities or wishes of the equine community U

## **Round Table Discussion**

The BOD hopes that this gives the equine community an opportunity to discuss with **each other** in an efficient format for NHHC matters, value or interests of the NH Industry

We are asking those who plan to attend the annual meeting to submit a subject or ideas you wish to be considered for discussion.

Contact [dbriscoe57@aol.com](mailto:dbriscoe57@aol.com) or bring to the meeting.

Those who attend the meeting will decide the top subjects to discuss. The lower subjects will be discussed if there is time. Subjects will be posted and each NHHC member will have three votes to cast for three subjects that you think are most important to discuss.

Each discussion will have a time limit to be sure we get to all the top subjects.

We hope you will approve the Round Table Discussion and will participate in the discussion. This could prove to be an interesting forum and the BOD hopes to see you at **your** Horse Council's Annual Membership Meeting. 🐾

**Bylaw Changes:** to be voted by membership at annual meeting.

### SECTION 8: DUES.

PAYMENT: Annual dues are payable with applications for membership and based on the membership level chosen and thereafter on the date of annual renewal each year thereafter. Membership will become effective upon receipt of appropriate dues by the Treasurer, and recording thereof. This date will be the "renewal date" as described herein. The annual dues are subject to change by a majority vote of the Directors.

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## ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

SECTION 1: PURPOSE. The purpose of the New Hampshire Horse Council is to promote the interests of the equine industry of New Hampshire, to act as a liaison among various horse groups and associations, to disseminate information, to educate both the legislature and the general public, to act an official voice of the state equine industry, and to act as an advisory body to the University of New Hampshire, College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Food and Markets, the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee and the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Horse Advisory Committee regarding the horse industry and other related horse activities or programs.

SECTION 2: OBJECTIVES. Objectives of the Council shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- A. To further the common interest of the State's horse industry;
- B. To serve as a means of communication within the industry and to be a voice to those outside the industry where unity and strength are needed;
- C. To monitor legislative and administrative decisions which may impact horses and/or the horse industry;
- D. To promote horse-related activities, facilities and programs of beneficial interest to the horse industry in New Hampshire;
- E. To promote the highest standard of sportsmanship and horsemanship for activities and events that use horses as a source of healthful recreation and welfare of New Hampshire residents;
- F. To encourage the protection and development of resources vital to the horse industry in New Hampshire; and
- G. To encourage and support programs developed by New Hampshire youth equine groups that use horses for enhancing the development of human behavior.

## See Affiliate Sponsors on Last Pages

### NH Horse Council's Trails Committee Mission

- NHHC to be a lead organization as a resource for trail information, trail education, trail etiquette, trail reference documents, etc.
- NHHC will encourage equestrians to be involved with trail maintenance, trail funding and establishing landowner relationships to insure future trail opportunities.
- NHHC will encourage equestrian groups and individuals to have a representative on the trails committee to strengthen communication and unity for trail issues.
- NHHC will encourage communication and sharing information with NHHC from the different equine groups interested in trails. This is important so NHHC will be able to provide information to State Agencies and others about equine trails and equestrian involvement.
- NHHC will assist equestrians with trail issues.
- NHHC fills the appointed seat on the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.
- NHHC promotes and encourages sharing trails with other users! 🐾

**Hampton Beach is open  
Oct. 1 to April 30.**

**Be sure to keep Clean the parking area,  
path to beach  
and above high tide mark.**

**Be a good steward and remind others!  
Smile to those you meet.**

**Parking at Hampton South Beach only (lot  
is near bridge). 🐾**

## **NHHC Affiliate List:**

NHHC appreciates the support of:

Derry Trail Riders  
Monadnock Happy Trails  
New Hampshire Arabian Horse Assoc  
New Hampshire Horse & Trail  
Pemiquaney Riding Club  
Rockingham Riding Club  
Wentworth Hunt Club

Warrior Friesians

<http://www.warriorfriesians.com/>

Farms & Barns Real Estate LLC

And All Our Individual and Family  
Members

We are proud of our members who  
are helping to bring the equine  
community together.

Affiliates please send info for your trail rides or  
benefits for trails to [nhhctrails@aol.com](mailto:nhhctrails@aol.com)

**Please consider showing your support by being  
members of NHHC & our local working trail  
organizations! Your membership can be  
considered a donation to keep the club going and  
improves communication, thus bringing us  
together.**

Trail Users if you want to list news benefiting equine  
trails please contact [nhhctrails@aol.com](mailto:nhhctrails@aol.com)