



New Hampshire Horse Council Winter Newsletter 2022

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ANNUAL MEETING - Via Zoom March 5, 2022

Once again, Covid is turning our annual meeting and get together into a Zoom event.

It is easy to log into the meeting, but for optimum participation your computer, tablet or smart phone should be equipped with a camera and a microphone. A phone number will also be available for those who don't have access to a smart phone or computer with a camera and microphone.. In the meantime, you can explore options to download a Zoom App for desktop or smart phone at

[Download Center - Zoom](#)

The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and you can log in at 9:50 AM.

Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Welcome and Call to Order
- ◆ Introduction of NHHHC Officers and Board of Directors
- ◆ Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting
- ◆ Financial Report
- ◆ Trails Committee Report
- ◆ President's Report
- ◆ Legislation Report
- ◆ Voting results for officers.
- ◆ Presentation of the



Horse Person of the Year Award

- ◆ Report on new program "Support Where The Hooves Go Fund"
- ◆ Speaker Presentation - "Current Use, Conservation and You".
- ◆ Power Point Presentation, "Trails Etiquette and Private Lands"

Election of Officers

President - Fred Klein McNeil

Vice President - Jozi Best

Secretary - Trixie Lefebvre

Treasurer - Patricia Darmofal

Above are the current officers who have agreed to run again for 2022.

Write in nominations are being accepted.

If you know of someone (or you yourself), who wants to run for office, the name can be submitted by February 8th (we will be sending out the official ballot on February 15th and at that date, nominations will be closed) . Please make sure your nominee wants to run.

Send nomination to Patdarmofal@msn.com

2022 Voting Process



Voting will be done by online ballot. On February 15th, we will be forwarding you a link to a Microsoft Form to submit your vote and the voting deadline will be March 1st to allow us time to count the votes before the meeting.

To vote you must be a dues paid member of NHHC. You can pay your dues online via PayPal. There is a link on our website at [NHHC Membership](#) or you can pay by submitting your Membership Application and dues by mail, to arrive by March 1st to be counted.

Individual Memberships are permitted one vote, Family Memberships have up to 4 votes, 1 each for 4 adults (18 or over) living in the household.

Affiliates, Farm and Business associates, Grand Champion and Pegasus memberships may appoint one delegate to vote.

MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS PAID IN ORDER TO VOTE AND WATCH FOR THE ONLINE VOTING FORM TO BE EMAILED TO YOU ON FEB 15TH.

Current Use, Conservation and You



NHHC Annual Meeting
March 5, 2022 10 AM

The NHHC is pleased to welcome Chuck Souther, owner of Apple Hill Farm in Concord, NH, as our guest speaker. Souther is the Chair of the NH Current Use Advisory Board and has had his own property in current use since 1978.



Guest Speaker Chuck Souther

The NHHC is pleased to welcome Chuck Souther, chair of the NH Current Use Advisory Board, as our guest speaker for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Mr. Souther will be speaking on “Current Use, Conservation and You”, with a focus on helping NH equestrians to better understand the potential advantages to placing some of their property into current use as well as what this designation means in terms of land access.

Mr. Souther and his wife own and operate Apple Hill Farm in Concord, NH, a diversified tree fruit, small fruit and vegetable farm. The Southers enrolled their own property in Current Use in 1978, and Mr. Souther soon found himself a leader within the field. For many years, he was a member of the board and for four years served as the chair of the Statewide Program to Conserve our Environment (SPACE). SPACE was instrumental in lobbying for the constitutional amendment that legally established the NH Current Use Program. He has served on the Current Use Advisory board for nearly a decade and has been its chair for the past three years.

WHERE THE HOOVES GO

Thanks to your generosity, the first annual [Support Where the Hooves Go](#) Trail Funding Program was such a success, we can't wait to get started with fundraising efforts for 2022!

Between April and June 2021, the NHHC raised over \$1000 to donate toward equestrian-friendly trail projects within the state. Two recipients—the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (Powder Major Forest Bridge Project in Lee) and Bear Brook State Park (equine camping area) in Allentown—each received \$500 grants to assist in completing their projects. In fact, we recently learned that the NHHC donation to Bear Brook was the largest single donation the park received in 2021!



ABOVE NHHC Trails Committee Chair Debbie Briscoe and NHHC Vice President Fred Klein-McNeil present Matt Scaccia, Recreation and Community Relations Manager for SPNHF, with a Support Where the Hooves Go donation.



ABOVE: NHHC Trails Committee member Avis Rosenfeld and NHHC Trails Committee Chair Debbie Briscoe present a Support Where the Hooves Go donation to representatives of Bear Brook State Park

NHHC strongly believes that the Support Where the Hooves Go Trail Funding Program will be instrumental in demonstrating to land managers, conservation agencies and other recreational/trail organizations that the equine community is willing to commit to supporting landowner efforts in providing equine trails. This funding may prove instrumental in building relationships with these key stakeholders and growing opportunities for equine access on new properties.

For 2022, we are once again looking to fundraise at least \$1000 through your contributions to Support Where the Hooves Go. No amount is too small; please consider adding a contribution to your annual membership renewal. If you cannot give at this time, please share this info with others.

The NHHC Trails Committee is also interested to hear from members regarding projects in their area that could

benefit from funding to help [Support Where the Hooves Go](#).

To donate, please click [here](#); add a contribution to your annual renewal [here](#) or mail a check made out to NHHC (with WTHG in the memo line) to NHHC Treasurer Pat Darmofal 12 Kelly Street Haverhill, MA 01832.

Please note that the New Hampshire Horse Council is a 501 (c) 5 non-profit and donations are not tax-deductible.

TRAILS ETIQUETTE AND PRIVATE LANDS

A POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY DEBBIE BRISCOE, NHC TRAILS COMMITTEE

Questions to NHC have often come up as to what is proper procedure when riding our horses on private lands. We sometimes forget that every piece of land is owned by someone, be it public or private. So,

- ◆ What do you do when faced with no property signage, or with prohibited signs
- ◆ How do you approach landowners to gain access?
- ◆ How do you approach other trail users?
- ◆ How do you make your presence on someone else's property a welcome sight?
- ◆ What are your "rights" on trail use, or do you even have any?

What happens when you meet a landowner or another user on the trail will affect everyone else who wants to use that trail in the future so it is important that we get it right the first time.

This power point presentation will be available for general use by contacting nhctrails@aol.com



Accommodating both Pasture or Crop Field with Recreational Use

NH Land Use

- NH has a long tradition of public recreation on private land, and many owners voluntarily allow public access by not posting their land.
- Land that is not posted extends the privilege of public access to private lands through NH Common law. In this case, it is still recommended, when you can, to confirm permission.
- Access to private lands is a privilege respected by most visitors, but when some abuse that privilege then access is often denied to ALL.
- REMEMBER Landowners granting recreation access to private lands is an unselfish act by the owner that provides welcome experiences for users. THIS PRIVILEGE MUST BE RESPECTED.



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Since 1986 the New Hampshire Horse Council (NHHC) has represented the interests of New Hampshire's diverse equine industry. The NHHC acts as a liaison and the official voice for the state's equine industry. We protect and promote the equine industry for the New Hampshire government and for the general public through education, media and our members. Your membership makes it possible for us to communicate to the equine community, sponsor projects, provide benefits, and be involved in legislative issues. With your support, we can attain even more influence in the public arena.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Council Board of Directors meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom. Meetings are a lively exchange of information and problem solving focusing on the equine population in NH, from the family farm to the professional stable, from trail riding to horse shows, from agriculture to industry.

We can't do this alone and we would welcome input from YOU!

Not ready to serve as an officer, consider joining the Board and making your thought and ideas known and helping to put them into action. There is an application for the BOD on our website at

[NHHC Board of Directors](#)

We are lucky to have some great affiliate supporters!

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