



New Hampshire Horse Council

The Equine Community Working Together
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Your officers and Board of Directors have been working under stressful conditions trying to fulfill all of the mandates in our ByLaws.

We number 5 people. That limits the number of jobs and projects we can cover with the necessary focus and attention they deserve.

Recently, we sent out a questionnaire to our membership asking for input into what should be this Council's main focus.

Based on the input we received we have decided to turn our attention to two major areas, legislation and trails issues and the accompanying newsletters to keep you informed. We will be issuing two types of newsletters. One, a general news issue with news and information of a general nature, published 3 times a year, late fall, late winter and summer; and a trails issue that will keep tabs on matters and legislation directly impacting trails of a more immediate nature.

Alerts will also be issued on matters needing immediate attention:

Members are Important

When NHHC approaches state and local government bodies, membership numbers count. NHHC undertakes to be the voice of the horse owners of New Hampshire and to make our voice heard, we need to have the numbers to back us up. Your membership gives us the clout to make our voice mean something – to make sure that those who make the laws, listen to us.

Senate and House bills being posted for hearings,
 Must attend local and state meetings,
 Other pressing matters.

We would love to be able to offer other services like clinics and meetings and outreach to clubs and towns, but we just don't have the man(woman) power.

Positions are available on our Board of Directors. The application process is simple and a form is attached. We are also looking for a new President for the coming year. If you are interested, please contact one of the current officers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS COMING UP

Accompanying this newsletter is a membership form for the calendar year 2020. Membership applications received after October 1 will be applicable to 2020

Please use the attached application to renew your membership. Then, share this application with a friend or horse neighbor and ask them to join NHHC also. A PayPal payment option is available on our website. We won't pretend that the dues money isn't important. It takes cash to be able to print and distribute information and forms, but more than that, we NEED YOU!

NHHC Officer Nominations for 2020

Our current President, Marilyn Stuller has asked to be released from her position as President. Her life is headed in a different direction and she is pursuing an exciting business venture and needs to devote time to it, which necessitates letting go of other obligations.

We are looking for someone to step up and volunteer for the position of President of NHHC for the 2020 year.

The job is not hard and we are all very supportive of each other. Most of our meetings are held by conference call so travel is limited. We do occasionally hold "face to face" meetings but they number only a couple of times a year.

Let one of the officers know if you are interested. We would be glad to answer any questions before you make a commitment.

We are also looking for additional Members for our Board of Directors. The Board is responsible, along with the officers, of making the decisions about the activities of NHHC.

Having a few more people committed to sharing the work load would allow us to accomplish more. New people also means new ideas and new ways of looking at things. Please share your expertise with us.

An application for the Board of Directors is also attached to this news letter.



MARK YOUR

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING 2/29/19

CALENDARS NOW

Looking ahead to 2020, we are in the planning stages for our Annual Members Meeting. It will be held on Sat. Feb. 29, 2020. Location will be UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center 153 Page Hill Rd., Goffstown NH.

NHHC Annual

Members Meeting

Saturday, February

29, 2020

Bad Weather date

March 7, 2020

The day will begin at 9:30 am with a welcome and sign-in. Following will be the members meeting to include Council activities report, a Treasurer's report and Committee Reports.

Then we will break for a light pot luck lunch with a chance for members to relax and catch up.

After lunch we are planning some interesting educational items to include:

*UpReach demo
Manchester Fire Dept*



ANNUAL MEETING DEMONSTRATIONS

STATEWIDE NEWS

There is a new Volunteer Program Manager for NH State Parks

Jesse Creedy Powers – Volunteer Program Manager Division of Parks and Recreation

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She is interested in meeting with groups involved with working with the state. She will be setting up the Annual Work Plans for the coming year so contact her to find out where your group stands.

News From Southern NH

BEAR BROOK STATE PARK,

Maintaining a working relationship with our state parks does yield results. Derry Trail Riders have been present and involved with projects at Bear Brook SP and this commitment has born fruit. Bear Brook will be the site of the first NH state park with a campground dedicated to horse camping. Updates coming on the progress with this project.

PISGAH STATE PARK,

Supporters of Pisgah State Park are also working with the state on this very important park. To keep abreast of plans effecting the

rail trail in this area, look at this site <http://www.swrpc.org/plan-for-ashuelot-rail-trail>

News From Northern NH

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The New Hampshire Horse Council (NHHC) is a nonprofit 501(c)5 organization dedicated to the protection and improvement of the horse industry in New Hampshire. The NHHC represents all breeds and disciplines. Through communication, education and leadership we act as a liaison among horse groups, the general public and the legislature.

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