

# February 2025 Meeting Minutes

February 4th 2025

7:01 meeting commenced.

## Attendees:

**In person:** Gary Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Beth Ruggaber, Melanie Wolters, Pam McFadden, Chris Beaune, Maddy Francis, Mandie Armstrong, Laura Musyj, Erica Bacon, Marilyn Sykes, Brianne Shannahan, John Ashton, Ali Sauve, Dylan Sauve, Carolyn Vacik, Cody Doherty, Janet Riley, Ashlyn Miuccio, Maggie Mialls, Alicia Church, Keira Forest.

**Online:** Danielle Lauzon, Kirsten Lawton, Amanda Crowe, Faith Lewis, Allison Lewis, Caitlin Ribble, Amber Welker, Paige Shepley, Dee Lawton, Millie Isham, Alexis and Kristi Lawton,

January meeting minutes were read by Gary Nelson.

Motion to accept made by Gary Nelson, seconded by Pam McFadden and Janet Riley, accepted by all.

Treasurer report was read by Gary Nelson.

	General Account	Charity Account	Building Account
<b>Balance</b>	\$3214.92	\$7834.13	\$2038.56
<b>Deposits</b>	\$830.00	\$2846.30	
<b>Payments total</b>	\$430.44	\$165.12	

Motion to accept treasurer report as written made by Gary, seconded by Maggie and John accepted by all.

## Old business:

- **Rule Change Meeting:** please e-mail any rules you would like to review by e-mail ([trailriders.saddleclub@gmail.com](mailto:trailriders.saddleclub@gmail.com)) before the next meeting February 4th 2025, rule changes will be made at the March meeting.
  - There will be a 5 minute max discussion per rule changes as per the rule book.
- Winter series: **No credits applied to these shows as this would affect payouts. If rules aren't explicitly in the rules Beth developed, they will follow SOTC rulebook.**
  - runs will be made poles, barrels, poles, barrels, down and back. People can move around the outside of the ring during set up & tear down.
  - WETRA will have a bake sale table, Lisa will run food booth.
  - Reminder to stop by show office to drop off proof of insurance + fill out the waiver for WETRA
- For **attendance qualifications**, the October meeting is cutoff for 2025 awards, absolutely no exceptions. You need a minimum of 2 meetings (Other options: BINGO, monetary donation or working a show can count towards your credits).
- Need to apply for **new permit for BINGO** with the gaming commission.
  - to be able to apply we need to submit meeting minutes for January, they need to accept our financials in the bingo account as well . **These have been sent off.**
- The sand needs to be paid for still from last year, classics pen needs to be done + 1, maybe 2 loads for the gaming pen.
- Our anonymous donor that donated 2000\$ x 5 shows for payouts will be moving on to different projects. We will need to look into different options/sponsorships/donations for payouts this year. Beth has a letter written up and ready to go to ask for sponsors.

- We're looking to make connections with Windsor Essex Pony Club and South Shore Pony Club. The goal is to do an education day with a focus on in-hand classes and English classes to get them out to our shows, gain new members and increase participants. [Waiting on a date from pony club.](#)
- Idea of a square (cashless payment method) was mentioned as a possibility for the food booth as people don't always have cash for food booth. This will be looked into.
- We need a better engagement from members for volunteering for BINGO's.
- **Show dates for 2025 show season** are below, 3 rain dates that may possibly turn into show dates. Maggie will begin contacting judges for our dates.
  - May 25th
  - June 15th
  - July 27th
  - August 24th
  - September 21st
  - October 5th
  - **rain dates:** July 13th, August 10th, September 14th
- Car show fundraiser will be Sept 7th
- Discussion to put together a calendar to be posted on the website + Facebook page to allow people to plan show dates accordingly + add in other shows (jumper show, goats and ropes, etc.) Melanie will put this together
- Cody would like to be involved in helping coordinate and find judges for the junior shows.

## New business:

### Proposed rule changes:

#### 1. Junior Program changes:

1. Beth has fixed our "junior" program so that the classes line up
  2. Discussion to changing over the pony and horse classes over to peewee (lead-line), youth (12 and under) and teen (13 to 18).
  3. the Board will discuss a couple different options, it will be sent over to a vote.
  4. Motion to push to the next meeting made by Gary, seconded by Cody and Ali. Accepted by all.
2. Proposed to up the "play all day" fees by 10\$ due to increase in price of everything.
    1. youth would pay 30\$ for the day
    2. Adults would pay 50\$ for the day
  3. Proposed to up the membership from 40\$ to 50\$ for single, and from 60\$ to 70\$ for family, and change youth from 20\$ to 25\$.
  4. Proposed to change BINGO credits to two BINGO credits for an adult play all day, and one BINGO credit for a youth play all day.
  5. **EQUIPMENT RULE #2 & #4:** Proposing to change the rule for shanked bit for horses over 5 to horses riding in a snaffle must be ridden two handed, horses in shanked bits must be ridden one handed. Preference given to riders who are following the previous rules, up to judges discretion. Hack is two hands.
  6. **EQUIPMENT RULE #1:** Proposal to change the rule to allow any attire, would be considered an exhibition, will not go as an actual run. \*amending the rule
  7. Classes to add/drop:
    1. Drop down to one reining class
    2. Discussion to drop down trail classes to in hand, leadline, walk-trot and open trail. All the same set up.
- **All rules will be voted on at the March meeting. You must have an up to date membership to participate in the vote for any rule changes. All rule changes will be effective immediately.**
  - Canadian Recreation closed up in December, John Ashton has a cheque for 600\$ for the club.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Gary and accepted by all. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting:**

March 4th 7:00pm.