

January 2025 Meeting Minutes

January 7th 2025 at St. Mary's Hall Maidstone

7:10 meeting commenced.

Attendees:

In person: Gary Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Madison Francis, Mandie Armstrong, Carolyn Vacik, Gale Brydon, Melanie Wolters, Allison Lewis, Chris Beaune, Pam McFadden, Janet Riley, Ashlyn Miuccio, Marilyn Sykes, Maggie Mialls, Ali Sauve,

Online: Beth Ruggaber, Danielle Lauzon, Amber Welker, Cody Doherty, Tina Loannis, Erica Bacon, Caitlinne Ribble, Kirsten Lawton, Cayla Mursall-Dyck

December meeting minutes were read by Gary Nelson.

Motion to accept made by Gary, seconded by Janet, accepted by all.

Treasurer report was read by Gary Nelson.

	General Account	Charity Account	Building Account
Balance	\$2815.05	\$5152.30	\$2036.41
Deposits	\$410	\$2431.70	
Payments total	\$4872.40	\$2938.91	

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as written made by Gary, seconded by Chris and Maggie, accepted by all.

Year end financial statement was read by Gary (see attached file)

Motion to accept Year end financial statement as written made by Gary, seconded by Janet and Marilyn, accepted by all.

Old business:

- Winter Speed Series at Wetra
 - **Dates:** February 9th, March 23rd, April 6th
 - **Divisions :** Peewee/Leadline, Youth 12&Under, Teen 13-18, Open
 - 10\$ Arena Fee per Horse Starting at 10am Online Entries will be available.
 - Allison Lewis is willing to do up a jot forms to set up pre-entries this way, entries will go right to her and allows for early draws, etc.
- Gift Basket will be sent to Karen with our condolences. This will be sent this month.
- The 2025 Board will be elected in January. The 2024 Board will stay on until after the awards banquet.
- Nominated Board:
 - Gary Nelson: President
 - Beth Ruggaber: Vice-President
 - Ali Sauve: Treasurer
 - Ashlyn Miuccio: Bingo Coordinator
 - Madison Francis: Junior Advisor

- Cody Doherty: Memberships
 - Melanie Wolters: secretary
 - Danielle Lauzon: Member at large
 - Carolyn Vacik: Member at large
 - Pam Beaune: Member at large
 - Food Booth Manager will be a new position either on board or by volunteer to work closely with the treasurer. [Lisa Nelson will take on this position. There will be a cleanout of old appliances, and things that no longer work. Janet Riley will donate a percolator for coffee to have breakfast up and running easily for classics/people who show early in the morning.](#)
- Vote in the new board, motion to accept Maggie, seconded by Pam, accepted by all.

New business:

- **Rule Change Meeting:** please e-mail any rules you would like to review by e-mail (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.
- 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 .
- 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.
- 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.

Adjournment:

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

Next meeting:

February 4th 7:00pm.