

Harding Township/Green Village Bridle Path Association
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Nonprofit EIN #0100-7533-04

Officers

Ingrid Johnston—President
Jessica Jones—Vice President
Katrina Vitale—Treasurer
Joanna Bligh—Secretary

Board of Trustees

Sean Colquhoun, Esq.—Member at Large
Megan Finkle—Member at Large
Marjorie Henderson—Member at Large
Jamie Miller—Member at Large
Kathleen Young—Member at Large

Quarterly General Meeting
September 20, 2012 at 7:30 PM
at the Kemmerer Library

Attendees: Ingrid Johnston, Jessica Jones, Katrina Vitale, Joanna Bligh, Melissa Monte, Barbara D’Asario, Mare Olsen, Sean Colquhoun, Brita Tansey

OLD BUSINESS

President’s Report

- Sept publication and mailing of *Tattle Trails*
 - Current members and donors received newsletter
 - This issue was printed in color and was 10 pages at 39 cents/page
 - Includes the new Bridle Path logo
 - Spring newsletter cost \$60 to print; fall cost \$450 due to increased number of recipients, color printing, and increased number of pages with envelope insertion (increased postage)
 - To ask membership if they would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail
 - VOTE: “Continue to produce the newsletter in color”; 8 in favor, 1 opposed; APPROVED
- Nominations for officers and trustees
 - President nomination: Jessica Jones, Vice President nomination: Ingrid Johnston, Treasurer (Katrina agreed to continue to a 2nd year), Secretary nomination: Linda McBurney, and Trustees’ nominations: Sean Colquhoun, Barbara D’Asario, Melissa Monte, Jamie Miller, Kathleen Young
 - Subcommittees
 - Showground subcommittee: Mare, chair; Joanna, Katrina, Jessica
 - Trail maintenance subcommittee: Kathleen, chair; Joanna
 - Events subcommittee: Joanna, chair
 - Social media
 - Anne Quinn is stepping down as webmistress
 - Query Priscilla Miller as webmistress: **Checked with her and she does not know HTML; cannot do websites (JB)**
 - For 2013: Katrina, chair; Melissa
- Showgrounds report
 - Third party organizations contact HT/GV BPA for Showgrounds use
 - Forms to be developed and sent to third party organizations for notification of events, dates, and insurance; add events to BPA website Calendar of Events
 - VOTE: “Develop forms to send to third party organizations at end of year for show/event dates”; APPROVED
 - Post “locked” calendar display at Showgrounds: Vote: APPROVED **(Joanna to research costs of display board)**
- Holiday Party
 - When is Santa in town?
 - Tunis Ellicks House (NO HEELS) **(Joanna to reserve)**
 - Subcommittee: Joanna, chair; Mare, Melissa, Brita, Anne, Katrina
 - Punch, Christmas drinks
 - Have year-end report from officers

- Have members' highlights
- VOTE on 2013 officers/trustees
- Invite landowners (Joanna to find addresses)

Vice President's Report

- 2013 Horse Show, Sunday, June 6, 2013 (not Father's Day this next year!)
- Check with town—reserve date (Joanna)
- Jumping Clinic with Nancy Maillet, Sunday, October 21 (Date reserved with the town; date cancelled for Jumping Clinic: moved to spring; changed event to *Members and Friends Only Trail Ride*)

Treasurer's Report

- Horse Show profit \$661.80 (split with Crewe Hill)
- \$3600.00 in Checking Account
- \$26,000 in Savings Account

Secretary's Report

- *Horse Safety on the Roadways* brochure and poster displayed for Board; 1000 copies of the brochure were requested and sent to the NJ Horse Council; comments:
 - "Thank you Joanna—and thanks to all of your group who worked on this"
 - Michelle M. Liggett
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 - Payment of \$337.00 (invoice sent 7/12) received
- ASK the VET with Brian Colquhoun, DVM, is a web-based question-and-answer column, which was recently published in *Tattle Trails* and will be posted on our website
 - Notified membership by e-mail that questions are needed to continue the column
 - Will continue to solicit questions from the members
 - Suggest adding disclaimer to article: "Not necessarily the views of the HT/GV BPA" (Joanna)
- October-November brings the Community Donation Drive
 - Printing will be done in Oct; mailing is done in Nov
 - Most donations are sent immediately, but some continue to filter in through midyear

NEW BUSINESS

- Add Harding Land Trust as additional insured on the liability insurance with Blue Bridle (Katrina)
- Bridle Path flag and American flag should be flown at all events (Ingrid to research cost of BP flag, etc)
- Becker horse rescue sling arrived
 - Clinic will be held for use of sling at Lord Sterling for rescue personnel; att: Marge Margentino (Ingrid)
 - Logistics of storing rescue sling at NVVFD (Jamie)
- Showgrounds (Mare)
 - DPW fixed weather vane
 - Park benches are in transit
 - Parks Dept to trim trees soon
 - Town Parks Committee allocated: \$3000 for fence repair in 2013 (45 posts, 60 rails to be replaced)
- Trail clearing (Mare)
 - Continuous process
 - Hunter Pace: October 7th, Sunday—trails will be mowed and marked
 - New trails need to be mapped; buy GPS for Bridle Path (Mare to research)
- Capital plan needed for Bridle Path (Katrina)
 - GPS to purchase
 - Future expenditures to discuss
 - Arena harrow
 - Equipment shed at Showgrounds for tractor and trail clearing equip

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Bligh, Sec