

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

Officers

Jessica Jones—President
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Katrina Vitale—Treasurer
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Sean Colquhoun, Esq—Member at Large
Barbara D'Asaro—Member at Large
Melissa Monti—Member at Large
Jamie Miller—Member at Large
Kathleen Young—Member at Large

BPA Spring General Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2013
7:30 PM
At the Kemmerer Library
New Vernon, NJ

Meeting came to order: 7:35 PM

Presidents Report

Jessica

- Chair, Horse Show Committee; date: Sunday, June 9
 - Town submission (done)
 - NJHSA, NJPA rating (done)
 - Prize List (Melissa M) adding Hunter Derby, handy hunter; will work with printer (PJ at UPS Store, Park Place, Morristown) to prepare Horse Show materials
 - Add GROUNDS fee as well as EMT fee to Horse Show registration form
 - Advertising in Star Ledger: contact Nancy Jaffers (Joanna B)
 - **Subcommittee meeting May 30th at the Showgrounds**

Vice President's Report

Brita

- Website refurbishing quotes:
- Michael Keyles (MK): will discount \$395 new; \$25/month to maintain
 - Other quote from online source: \$550 to redo with monthly maintenance fee
 - Another: \$50/hr to redo and maintain
 - **VOTE: OK to go forward with website refurbishing by MK**
- Seeking grants for trail cleanup
 - AQHA and Tractor Supply offer trail work grants (Kathleen Y)
- Mock Fox Hunt; check with Spring Valley Hounds if Masters and hounds can participate (Nancy M, Kathleen Y, and Brita T)
 - Val from SVH is OK with the event; free from BPA members
- Hound walking in midJuly (Brita)
- Far Hills Race Meeting; requires \$600 for spot; can do pot luck food; idea to raffle off 2 passes to donors/members

Treasurer's Report

Katrina

- Taxes are filed at end of June; afterwards will develop Capital Plan
- Cost of fencing for Showgrounds (hunt field ring only): estimate from Jim Fenimore (has town credentials)--\$20,140 for all new locust wood fencing/\$13,200 with partially using existing fencing; Township has #K towards fence repairs; disposal container from DPW
 - VOTE
 - Use new fencing
 - 14 AYE/1 NAY
- Historic Barn Tour in Harding Township (Katrina, Joanna);

Secretary's Report

Joanna

- Membership drive ongoing; have 25 members so far (3 new members—Nick Cioppettini, Nancy Scileppi, and Jerrold Neeff [photographer])
 - Notice box for Showgrounds to post events; Ingrid volunteered to make a Notice Box and in the meantime Katrina will bring an unbranded REALTOR box to hold membership forms, ect
- Begin cataloging the history of the Bridle Path Assoc for posting on our website with help from Barbara D'Asaro
 - Contacted Chris from NV Historical Society
 - Looking for historic meeting minutes; found at Lyn Halsey's (to follow-up)
 - Hugh S has old map; will forward to BPA
- Dressage for All Disciplines Clinics

- Sunday, April 21 (held) and Sunday, May 5 (CANCELLED)
- Jumping clinic with Megan Finkle for Saturday, June 15
- Spring Valley Hounds Hunter Paces (Sunday, June 2, and Sunday, October 6
- Marking and rolling of driving dressage ring (done)

Ingrid

- Flag, banner, and T-shirts with BPA logo
 - Will order

Mare

- Seek 3 estimates for showgrounds post/rail fencing; contractors must have certificate of insurance for Town (see Treasurer's report)

New business:

ATV on trails (Lisa Chapman's property) and at showgrounds; police report filed

Need signs on bridle trails "No motor vehicles"; get quote (Kathleen Y)

Kemmerer Library has open display cases for town-related artifacts; will request use for 1 month of horse-related displays; CURRENT equestrian books are also welcomed to add to the stacks. (Mare)

Memorial Day parade (Joanna) volunteers needed; will hold pre-parade marching rehearsal at showgrounds day/weekend before Memorial Day parade. ALL ARE WELCOMED! (Joanna)

Melissa L requests despooning clinic and looking into the possibility of holding a endurance/limited distance event in Harding. Will follow up with officers.

Meeting Minutes Addendum:

Subject: To the BPA BOARD: bridle trail restoration by Green Tree Inc./response required

Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2013 12:25:27 -0500

BPA Board:

Tina Bologna from the Harding Land Trust called Mare Olsen and Kathy Young late last week and they walked the trails that are being restored by Green Tree Inc. They have already cleaned the area of the Koven's property off Dickson's Mill Road and done a ton of work in that general area. The Land Trust has proposed that we add \$5000 to the \$40,000 that they have already spent on various properties which benefit the Bridle Path directly and indirectly. I am in favor of this proposal as the work that Green Tree is doing is more than what volunteers could accomplish in this short amount of time. It will open up loops that are not passable now.

Regards,

Jessica
President, BPA

Approved by the BPA BOARD by e-mail and telephone communication at the beginning of March, and **Green Tree Inc** was paid \$5000.00 by the BPA on April 25, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Bligh, Secretary