



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
P.O. Box 752
Washington, PA 15301

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July 2020

Upcoming Events

- July 18** **Mingo Creek County Park ~ Big Lot**
Host: Suzanne Weimer (724) 263-8054
Gather in at 9:30, ride leaves at 10:30. Bring a lunch for after the ride.
- Oct 2-4** **Barkcamp Campout Weekend**
More information in upcoming newsletters.

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **July 15th at 7:30** in the Big Lot at Mingo. Bring a chair. Please check the Facebook page for any updates on cancellations due to weather.

If you have a change of mailing or e-mail address or are not receiving your newsletter, please make sure to notify Meaghan Hettinger at (724) 514-7781 or meaghan.hettinger@gmail.com. Keeping your current address updated with the club will ensure you continue to receive your newsletter and other club notifications.

Pictures are always needed to document the activities of the previous year. Please send by e-mail to Meaghan at meaghan_hettinger@comcast.net or a physical copy of the picture to 106 Chestnut Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317.



Check out MVTR on Facebook! Just search Mountain Valley Trail Riders.

Election Results! Elections were held at the last meeting of 2019. The results are as follows: **President:** Elaine Clemens Mowl **Vice President:** Dave Kirchner **Recording Secretary:** Marci Kirchner **Directors:** Michelle Frye, Jeanie Taylor and Marge McCormick.



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of July go out to Howard Anderson, Mikayla Doran, Ryan Hettinger, Diana Hughes, Alyssa Janeski, Marjorie McCormick, Margo Bonal, Stush Sadowski. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Members in Attendance at the June meeting were Meaghan Hettinger, Marci Kirchner, Jeanie Taylor, Howard Anderson, Chuck Dye, Marjorie McCormick, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Suzanne Weimer, Diana Hughes, Connie Davis, Denise Esenwein and Sue Macurak. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to keep the club running.

We have some new MVTR members to report. Denise Esenwein of Negley, OH, Pam Brecht of Washington, PA, and Alana Elstner of McDonald, PA. Welcome everyone and we hope to see you at an event soon!



2020 Membership

Due to the difficulties of creating a schedule while under restrictions for COVID-19 it was decided to extend all memberships from 2019 through 2020 and to reduce the price of a new membership to \$10. **If you were a member in 2019 you do not need to fill out another form!** A membership form will be included with this newsletter for any new members wishing to join. New members may also join on our website at www.mvtriders.com.

While both Crafton and Canonsburg parades were cancelled this year, the Bentleyville parade scheduled for October is still a possibility at this time. This is a good event to start out a horse that is new to parades. We will keep you updated on any possible cancellations for the Bentleyville parade. Please contact Jeanie Taylor if you are interested in participating.

It was voted on at the June meeting to include the approved minutes of the previous meeting in the newsletters. Notes will be included at the end of the newsletter.

Meeting Notes

The May 20, 2020 meeting of the Mountain Valley Trail Riders was called to order by President Elaine Clemens-Mowl at 7:36 pm with 12 members in attendance. The Invocation was given by Elaine Clemens-Mowl.

The Minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting were not read as they are temporarily misplaced due to the change of Recording Secretary position.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Diana Hughes. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jeanie Taylor and 2nd by Marge McCormick. Bills Against the Club were presented by the following members: Diana Hughes – Postage \$20.80 Kellie DiBattista – Banquet Supplies \$38.67 A motion to Pay the Bills was made by Sue Macuric and 2nd by Kellie DiBattista.

Correspondence - A thank you note was received from WaCART for our \$2,000.00 donation and the 2020 program guide was received from the Washington County Parks & Recreation department.

New Members – A new potential member was present at the meeting, Denise Esenwein. Denise was given a membership application to complete & return.

Trail Riders – No planned trial rides are planned.

Trail Blazing – Nothing to report

Parades – The Canonsburg 4th of July Parade has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social restrictions. We anticipate that the Crafton Parade will also be canceled, but no formal announcement has been made.

Quarter Master – Suzanne Weimer is making a list to order new merchandise stock and investigating a new supply company.

Horse Shows – Nothing to report

Banquet - Nothing to report

Newsletter - Nothing to report

Publicity – Highway Clean-up is being postponed due to the COVID-19 situation.

Old Business – No old business was discussed.

New Business

- Jeanie Taylor would like to organize a charity ride to benefit Washington County Animal Rescue Team. Everyone was in agreement and a date will be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was decided that the cost of membership for the 2020 year will be reduced due to activities being restricted by COVID-19. Current members will be grandfathered and no membership dues will be owed for 2020. Cost of a new membership will be \$10.00 per individual.
- A summer covered-dish picnic was discussed. We will decide on location and date at the June meeting.

- Meetings will continue to be held at Mingo Park until further notice. In the event of rain, the possibility of using the concession area at the Washington Fairgrounds was suggested. Michelle Frye will look into asking permission.
- Camping with your horse is not currently permitted at Mingo Park at Shelter 10 as it had been in the past. An alternative of using the Boy Scout area is an option, but this area is not well suited for horses.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:30 pm. A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made at 8:15 pm by Patty Walker & 2nd by Michelle Frye .

MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020
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Please complete application and make checks payable to: Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc.

New Member _____

Renewal Member _____

TYPES OF YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

Household: \$10 Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address
Individual: \$10

Member's Name(s)

Birthday Month

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please provide your e-mail address if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically.

The undersigned applicant, in consideration of accepting this entry, does for himself/herself, his/hers heirs, executors, and assigns, waive and release Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc. and all individual members thereof, and all other persons, regardless of their capacity in any way connected with the Club described herein, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, or liability of any kind or nature that he/she might have. Further, he/she acknowledges that said release will extend to any accidents, damages, or claims arising out of the Club activities by his/her acts of anyone or any animal.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

If Youth, Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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until Jeanie Taylor
2021 Marge McCormick

until Michelle Frye
2022 Patty Walker
Marci Kirchner

Vice President *until 2022*

Dave Kirchner
(412) 551-9795

Quarter Master *until 2021*

Suzanne Weimer
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Marci Kirchner
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Jeanie Taylor
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