



Trail Tales

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

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September 2021

Upcoming Events

Sept. 15 Monthly Meeting ~ 7:30 p.m.
Jeanie Taylor's house, 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four

Sept. 23-26 Barkcamp State Park ~ Belmont, Ohio
Host: Suzanne Weimer
Please contact Suzanne for additional details. (724) 263-8054

Oct. 23 Members Only Fun Show ~ 12:00 p.m.
Ivan's Way Farm, 209 Walnut Rd., McDonald, PA

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **September 15th at 7:30** at Jeanie Taylor's house as there is currently construction going on at the Courthouse Square building. Jeanie's address is 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four, PA.

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@comcast.net. 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.



Happy Birthday wishes for the month of September go out to Karen Baker, Elaine Clemens Mowl, Dennis Prpich, Roger Shumaker, and Suzanne Weimer. We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Bentleyville Parade: The Bentleyville parade will be Saturday October 30th. This is a good parade for starting out a horse that is new to parading. Please contact Jeanie Taylor if you would like to attend.

Nomination Time

Nominations for the 2022/2023 years will be held at the September 15th meeting. Opened positions are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and three Director Seats. Elections will be held at the **October** meeting. You must be present at the meeting to vote.

Warning! Jeanie Taylor would like to warn everyone to check their horse trailers for White Faced Hornets (or any other kind of bee). She had a very bad experience recently while loading recently. The hornets had made nests in the window vents and under the satellite antennae.



Bob Kane reported at the August meeting that he is currently looking for barn help. He has an 18-stall facility in Bentleyville and is paying \$20/day for the summer hours and \$30/day for winter hours. If interested please contact Bob at 724-239-4511.

Mark your calendars - the Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 29th at the Tradesman Inn. Jeanie Taylor is planning to get in touch w/ Bucky the Guitar Guy to reserve this date.

Meeting Notes

The **July 21, 2021** meeting of the Mountain Valley Trail Riders was called to order by President Elaine Clemens Mowl at 7:49 pm with 9 members in attendance.

The **Invocation** was given by Elaine Clemens Mowl.

The **Minutes** of the June 16, 2021 meeting were read by Marci Kirchner. A motion to accept the report was made by Diana Hughes and 2nd by Meaghan Hettinger.

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 Kellie DiBattista.

Bills Against the Club were presented by the following members:

Marci Kirchner: \$102.82 for funeral arrangement

A motion to **Pay the Bills** was made by Meaghan Hettinger and 2nd by Kellie DiBattista.

Correspondence - The insurance policy renewal and a thank you note from Elaine Clemens Mowl were received.

Sick Members/Deaths – Michelle Frye's brother passed away; and Barb Gregg's horse Tucker traveled across the rainbow bridge.

New Members – Renewal memberships were received from Patty Walker and Sandy Thorpe

Director's Meeting – Nothing to report

Publicity/Highway Clean-Up – The next highway clean up will be planned for early October. More details to follow.

Trail Riders –

- Suzanne Weimer is hosting rides on July 30-31 at Salt Fork, OH; August 27-29 at Jefferson Lake; and September 10-12 at Barkcamp.

Newsletter - Nothing to report

Trail Blazing – It was reported that groundskeepers at Mingo have been doing a good job in the area of the small parking lot and leading to the top of the Blue Trail. Down trees have been removed and the trails are mowed.

Quarter Master – Nothing to report

Horse Shows – The possibility of hosting a horse show at Ivan's Way was briefly discussed. We will check with Tammy Schweitzer for available dates in September and October.

Parades –

- The Canonsburg 4 th of July Parade was held on Saturday, July 3rd at 10:00 am. It was attended by four horse and rider teams and one horse which was hand walked. There were seven walkers, two vehicle drivers and one pooper scooper. All went well throughout the entire parade route and the club received \$350.00 for their participation.
- The Bentleyville parade will be on Saturday, October 30th. Jeanie Taylor will follow up with the parade organizers for updates and details Banquet - The banquet is planned for Saturday January 29th at the Tradesman Inn. Jeanie Taylor will call to confirm this date is held for for us.

Old Business – Nothing to discuss

New Business – Eric Jack from American National Insurance (Farm Family Insurance was merged into American National recently) was present at the meeting to discuss the club's policy. Things that were talked about were bodily injury and property damage caused by horses and horse activities; Our current coverage includes 38 event days and this will remain effective; Current coverage limits of \$1M per occurrence and \$2M aggregate; PA Equine Liability Law; and the display of Equine Liability signs. A check for the insurance renewal premium was written in the amount of \$669.00 and given to Eric Jack

A motion to **Adjourn** the meeting was made at 8:45 pm by Dave Kirchner & 2nd by Meaghan Hettinger.

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2021**

New Member: _____

Renewal Member: _____

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

_____ **HOUSEHOLD: \$15** - Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address

_____ **INDIVIDUAL: \$10**

Member Name(s)

Birthday Month

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address: _____

Phone Number:

E-mail address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please make checks payable to: Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc.
Mailing address: P.O. Box 752, Washington, PA 15301

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:** _____

Office Use Only Check # _____ Amount Recvd _____ Date Recvd _____

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Directors

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2023 Kellie DiBattista

until 2022 Michelle Frye
Patty Walker
Marci Kirchner

Vice President *until 2022*

Dave Kirchner
(412) 551-9795

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Suzanne Weimer
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Marci Kirchner
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Jeanie Taylor
(724) 255-2764

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Meaghan Hettinger
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Scrapbook...Lauren Hettinger (724)514-7781 **Adopt-A-Highway** Kellie DiBattista (412)337-2031
Banquet Elaine Clemens Mowl (724)255-7932 **Trail Tails**.....Meaghan Hettinger (724)514-7781
Trail Scheduler

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