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New Website/Newsletter: Debi Katsmar

Social Media:

Amber Gilbert, Maggie Williams
Debi Katsmar

Spring Dance: Amber Gilbert

Cancer Ride:

Nancy Skotar, Jenn Downie, Lisa Wood

Amber Gilbert, Loretta Valstar, Debi Katsmar



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from the President

Happy February everyone! I think we have started off the year on the right foot with new committees formed for the club and plans for a successful year of trail riding.

What makes an organization work is the countless hours spent by volunteers putting the wheels in motion, organizing, and bringing it all together. So thank you to so many that have offered their time to make Upper Canada Equestrian Association work successfully. If you haven't volunteered for a committee and would like to, please contact any one on the executive to offer your services.

That being said, we need volunteers to clean up the Heritage Trail and the Welland Canal Trail in April. Please let us know which section you can help with...

What also makes an organization work is the support we receive from the community in the way of donations, prizes, locations etc. To this end I have added to the newsletter (and the website) a section for club member's to advertise their business and a section for our sponsors. Please submit your information to me to be included in the next newsletter if you own a business. It is important as a club that we support those that support us!

The new website is now live - there is still some work to be done on it. Ride dates and information will be added shortly - also if there is anything missed please let me know so I can correct/add it. Be sure to check it out if you haven't already www.uppercanadaequestrian.com

The Spring Dance has been booked - March 26th at the Legion in Fonthill - see flyer attached. Please post this at your office, take it to your local tack store or anywhere else you can think of. Please call or email Amber Gilbert to let her know what you are bringing for the potluck 905-892-0006 or agilbert_4@sympatico.ca.

I hope to have the pledgeforms and registration on-line for the cancer ride within the next few days - at least before the meeting on the 9th. Tickets for the dance will be available at the meeting as well.

I think that is all for now. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on February 9th at Bertie Clinton Insurance Office - 7:30pm.

See you there...

Debi Katsmar



Remember - to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. Fees go up, March 1st.

January 12th, 2010 Minutes

UCEA Meeting January 12, 2011

open to suggestions for additions.

The meeting was opened at 7:40 pm at Bertie and Clinton Insurance in Fonthill. In attendance were 16 members. The agenda was reviewed and the presentation from Mike King from Intercity Insurance was deleted and OEF news to be presented by Mark Dobrindt was inserted. Motion to accept amended agenda by Mark, 2nd by Russ, all in favour.

Minutes from December reviewed. Motion to accept Russ, 2nd by Jenn, All in favour.

Correspondence - As discussed, at the December gathering, future mailings will be sent to the secretary and thus a savings of over \$200.00 to the club. Two new memberships and address change to the corporation were received. Both items have been dealt with.

Treasurer's Report as submitted to Lisa from Lucy. Opening Balance \$1128.00 from January 1, 2010 with total debits \$2651.35, and total credits \$1827.30, and thus a closing balance as of December 31st \$824.50 G.I.C. as of December 12 \$7512.48. Motion to accept Russ, 2nd by John, All in favour.

Old Business

Plaque for Henry of Pelham Winery- Dave Belme is continuing work on a plaque. It is to be presented to Henry of Pelham Winery in appreciation for their on-going support to accommodate the Breast Cancer Ride.

Heritage Trail Issue Update: Mark Dobrindt has nothing to report at this time as further meetings of NOTL council have not met on this issue to date.

Website Changes- Debi Katsmar has reported that the new web site is setup and exhibited the site on her computer. The site development is ongoing and

Constitutional Change- A reading from the constitution determined that to increase fees members must be notified at least 1 month prior to the vote of this change. In compliance to this, a motion was made to increase single to \$20.00 and family \$30.00. Motion to accept by Ron, 2nd by Jenn. This will take effect as of Mar 1, 2011. Memberships paid prior to, will remain at the 2010 rates. All in favour of the proposed increase in fees.

Fundraising Ideas- a discussion of several different venues for raising funds to offset costs incurred on club rides and for the promotion of trails. Amber Gilbert has agreed to Chair a Fundraising Committee consisting of volunteers Jenn Downey, Lisa Wood, Bill Barnett, and Ron Derkson. Motion to accept by Nancy 2nd by Russ All in favour.

Insurance for Club- discussion of new membership forms to reflect riding or non-riding members. Mike King will attend our next meeting in February to further discuss OEF benefits to the club.

New Business

Spring Dance- Amber Gilbert has graciously offered, to once again, chair the committee for the Spring Dance. Mark Dobrindt will book the Legion (as a member) with use of the kitchen. Suggested dates were Mar 5, 26, Or first two weekends in April.

Ride Dates- The UCEA is pleased to present the following dates for you and yours to come together and enjoy the fine weather, fine horses and terrific friendship!!! Membership forms will be made available at all rides, so bring a friend or bring three!

Heritage Trail April 17

Canal Ride May 1

Trail Clinic May 28 Judged Trail Ride May 29

The Breast Cancer Ride June 5

Dundas Valley June 19

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., February 9th

Bertie Clinton Insurance
Merrittville Hwy by Hwy 20

Plan to attend!
7:30 pm.

Events

Spring Dance
March 26th

Heritage Trail Clean Up
Week of April 10th

Heritage Trail
April 17

Canal Trail Clean Up
Week of April 30th

Canal Ride
May 1

Trail Clinic
May 28

Judged Trail Ride
May 29

**Nicky Aitken Memorial
Trail Ride for Breast
Cancer**
June 5

Dundas Valley
June 19 (tentative)

Lake Erie Swim & Ride
July 17

August

No scheduled rides at this
time

TransCanada Trail
Sept 18

Fall Color Ride
October 16

Friendship Trail Ride
Nov. 6

**Deadline for next
newsletter:
February 21st, 2011**

If you are a member of UCEA and own a business Advertise your business here!
Send your information to Debi Katsmar at graphics@designsbydebik.com to be included in next month's newsletter or give her a business card at the next meeting or event.



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Heritage Trail Clean up April 10
Canal ride Clean up April 30th

2012 will be the 30th anniversary of the club and Deb mentioned a few ideas to celebrate.

Further discussions to ensue. All ideas considered.

Buy/Sell/Trade was announced

50/50 Draw was won by Dick Hotte

The meeting was closed at 9pm by Nancy 2nd by Jenn All in favour

Constitution Amendment:

At the January 2011 it was voted that the constitution be amended to allow for the increase in membership fees. The existing clause in the amendment currently reads:

5. Annual dues of \$15.00 single and \$20.00 for a family are due as of January 1st. Only one reminder will be sent after the January meeting in the January newsletter. Anyone not paid up will be considered not in good standing until caught up.

The amended version will read as follows:

5. Annual dues of \$20.00 single and \$30.00 for a family are due as of January 1st. Only one reminder will be sent after the January meeting in the January newsletter. Anyone not paid up will be considered not in good standing until caught up.

Below is the complete constitution as amended:

1. The name of our organization shall be the UPPER CANADA EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION INC.

2. Officers shall consist of seven directors from whom a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parade director, rides director and director at large shall be elected.

3. The executive term of office shall be for two years commencing Jan 1st. Elections shall take place at the general meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in December.

i) Nominations for executive positions will be accepted at the October, November, and December meetings prior to the actual vote. The secretary will accept these nominations, in writing or in person.

ii) The president must have previously been a director or a member of the executive of said club for a minimum of one year.

iii) The past year's president is automatically guaranteed a director's seat if they should choose to accept.

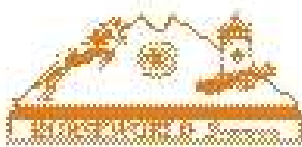
iv) The voting committee at the December meeting will accept signed and sealed votes for those who are unable to attend.

4. Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote and a person must

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be a member in good standing for one year to run for office. A family membership will allow two members of the same family over the age of sixteen to vote.

5. Annual dues of \$20.00 single and \$30.00 for a family are due as of January 1st. Only one reminder will be sent after the January meeting in the January newsletter. Anyone not paid up will be considered not in good standing until caught up.

6. All accounts must be paid by cheque and must have two executive signatures with the exception of petty cash when accompanied by a receipt. The Ontario governments "Guide to Bookkeeping for Non Profit Organizations" AGDEX#: 057, ORDER #: 88-010 be the guiding principle for the UCEA's bookkeeping.

7. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month unless changed by special vote and notice made to all members 20 days prior to the change.

8. Seven members, of whom 3 must be directors, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

9. All activities of this Association will be brought before the general membership for discussion and approval.

10. In the event the association decides to hold a Horse Show it is noted that:

i) all show rules come from the CEF

ii) no member of the Association will be allowed to judge.

11. Anyone wishing to ride in Parades must be a member in good standing and be approved by the parade committee.

12. Committees will prepare a ride schedule, organize parade units, parade dates and associated activities.

13. In the event the Association dissolves, a special meeting will be called. All members in good standing will be advised in writing thirty days prior to the meeting.

14. The board of directors will have a minimum of two meetings a year.

15. These bylaws may be revised at any meeting provided that written notice is sent to every member in good standing twenty days prior to the meeting.

16. All meetings will be governed by "Roberts Rules for Parliamentary Procedure."

The constitution may need to be amended again should we go with InterCity Insurance as our insurance provider. If we do change insurance providers to InterCity Insurance, it will be a requirement that all members hold OEF memberships to be a member of the Upper Canada Equestrian Association. Social (that is non-riding members) will not be required to have an OEF membership.



UPPER CANADA EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION



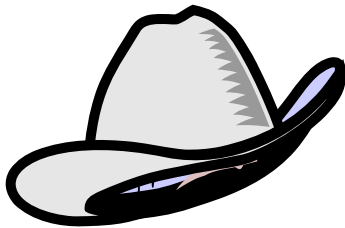
*Get those
dancin'
boots
ready!*



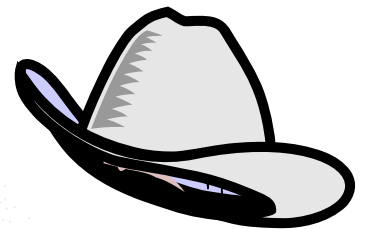
ANNUAL SPRING FLING



SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2011



Royal Canadian Legion
Hwy 20, Fonthill
Doors Open at 8pm



- Potluck Dinner
- Door Prizes
- Raffle Draws
- Music, Fun & Dancing

Call Amber Gilbert
at 905-892-0006
or email

agilbert_4@sympatico.ca
to let us know what you
are bringing for the potluck.

Tickets \$10.00/person

Tickets available at the club meetings or by calling one of the executive.

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