

Reddington Rock

Riding Club

JAN / FEB 2019

Upcoming Event

Spring Fling

March 2 11:30 AM
(Inclement Weather—
March 3)

Please call Sandi if unable to do Online Registration 860-965-2744

1st Meeting 2019

March 13 7 PM

Kibbe School
Somers CT



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, Hope everyone had a great Christmas and awesome New Year. We are looking forward to the 2019 camp season. Our membership renewals have been mailed. If you did not get it, please contact Janet Keown. **Reminder, for lot holders, please review the Camp Rules regarding lot renewals and changes. Please read this Trail Rider in its entirety, since we have a lot to go over at the March meeting.** We are planning a great season and have a few new events planned this year. The calendar is included this month, Please check it out, print and put it on your Fridge or where ever you look for upcoming events. I'm looking forward to spending lots of riding at the camp together.

Thanks, Holly Howlett

RENEWALS FOR 2019

2019 RRRC Membership & Lot Renewals

2019 Renewals were mailed out the week of January 7th. **All membership and lot renewals are due on March 13th, the date of our first 2019 meeting.**

Please note that lot rental fees increased to \$120.00 for the season. Last year, all of our lots were rented out and we have at least one member on a waiting list. It appears that a few lots were not in use last year. Members who leased a lot last year and did not actively use it and do not foresee that the lot will be used in 2019 are encouraged to free up that lot to other members who would like to have a lot.

You will note that, membership dues on the renewal form are the same as last year. However, 2019 dues, membership categories and 2019 fees were actively discussed last fall. However, as discussion could not be completed as we were closing out our year and because dues, fees, membership categories are multi-faceted issues, discussion will resume at the March meeting.

Please submit any address changes or name changes to Janet Keown via e-mail at janetkeown@yahoo.com or text to 860-204-2649.

March Meeting Agenda

The Board of Directors and Officers have been busy this winter addressing several open items what we wish to finalize at the March Meeting.

1. Safety concerns / Tree removal
2. Membership language and definition
3. Constitution Amendments

Please refer to items later in the newsletter



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Agenda—#1 Safety / Trees

There has been a lot of talk about dead trees, falling limbs and overall safety in the camping area for people, property and horses. *In the best interest of the Club and its members, the Board, Officers and Camp Committee feel the trees and hanging limbs are a severe safety hazard and need to come down prior to moving into camp this season.*

The Board, Officers and Camp Committee have worked diligently in obtaining quotes and interviewing vendors for the job and to better understand the severity of the situation. Many of the trees are infected by the bark beetle, have holes in the trunks, are splitting (or are split). Looking up at the tops of trees, many blown off dead branches are hanging up in the tree tops and will fall and strike a horse, a person, or cause other damage in the camping area.

A color coded map is attached identifying trees to be removed by Dad & Sons (12 +/-), trees to be removed by RRRC work party (smaller trees that can be cut down without getting hung up in other trees, are not near power lines etc.—(7+/-)), Trees that have many dead limbs, (which by trimming the dead limbs will hopefully give the tree a chance to grow stronger) and 2 clumps of trees that need to be assessed whether to come down now, in the future, or just be trimmed up. As the map shows, the identified areas cover almost the entire camping area. We received a revised Quote in the amount of \$2000 and Dad & Sons will be starting the after February 23 and will be completed before March 9. *Due to the nature and amount of this expense we are asking members to please consider a donation, in any amount, to help offset the cost.*

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email the Board at RRRC-BOD@hotmail.com. Or contact Carin Grakowski, Chairman. **Karen Gregior is looking for volunteers the week of March 16 – March 23 to assist in cleaning up some of the debris and relocate & stack the 8' log sections. We had a great turnout the last work party in the fall. We hope we can get the same level of participation on of the weekends in March to get camp ready for opening April 1st.**

In addition, 15 Trees were identified along the road by the woods. We have had preliminary discussions going with a logging company who is interested in timber harvesting the 8+- acres from the road along the woods back to the manure pile. We will be getting more information about this late April. The Logger is a CT Licensed Forester working with CT Mulch Industries with over 25 years experience. This is an opportunity for the club to earn funds, remove dead trees and remove trees with the bark beetle infestation. *There will be no detailed discussion about the logging at the March meeting and is tabled until we have enough factual information to share with the membership. This will become a "New Business" item at future meetings, and the members will have a vote, if and when, the time comes.*

Key for Map:

Pink = Dad & Sons to use Boom Truck to take down dead limbs

Orange = RRRC to remove trees (work party needed prior to April 1)

Yellow = Dad & Sons to cut trees, leave large logs for RRRC

Blue = Further evaluation needed

Agenda—#2 Membership

In the fall of 2018 it was voted to change the membership definitions. To recap, we voted to change the “Single” membership to “Individual” membership, representing any individual over the age of 18 (with or without children) could join and would be granted one vote. Due to time constraints in the fall, we never finalized the new definition of “Family” membership. The language proposed is as follows:

Family membership would be defined as: 2 legally joined adults, residing in the same household, with or without children. (This would include civil unions, domestic partners, Husband/wife, etc.) each adult would be entitled to 1 vote.

Please see the section for Proposed Constitution Amendments for applying for membership and the process to be followed.

Agenda—#3 Proposed Constitution Amendments

Highlights of Recommended Changes to RRRC Constitution & Vote at March Meeting

Over the winter, a small group worked with the Officers and Board to revise a few areas of the Constitution. The areas reviewed were: Article III - Membership, Article IV - Membership Defined, Article VII - Duties of Officers, Article VII – Directors and Article XIII – Camp Rules.

Changes are recommended for several reasons: to streamline the membership application process as well as reflect current practice, to update the definition of family to reflect societal norms, to clarify roles of some officer positions and ensure collaboration, to clarify and reflect current practice re: Board vacancies and, finally, to update camp rules to ensure expectations are clear and to ensure that lots are used.

Please take the time to read the following proposed changes to the Constitution. The changes have been referenced in bolded areas in parentheses or whole sections identified as ‘Currently’ and next section as ‘Proposed’. The plan is to vote on these changes at the March meeting.

ARTICLE III – Membership Requirements (Currently)

Any person, owning or leasing an equine, who has been sponsored by a current club member, completing an application and remitting the membership fee is eligible for membership. The applicant must attend two functions and be approved by the membership committee. Once approved by the membership committee, the applicant will be presented to the organization at a monthly club meeting, at which time a vote will be taken to accept (or reject) the applicant as a member.

Any person who does not own or lease an equine but is interested in equine activities, participating in and supporting the activities, purpose and mission of Reddington Rock Riding Club, may apply as a Supporting Member. Supporting members are eligible to participate in all Club activities and meetings. Supporting members are not eligible to vote, hold office or rent a lot. To apply as a supporting member, the applicant must submit a completed application including membership fee to the Club’s Vice President/Membership Committee. The applicant must attend two functions and be approved by the membership committee. Once approved by the membership committee, the applicant will be presented to the organization at a monthly club meeting, at which time a vote will be taken to accept (or reject) the applicant as a member.

Agenda—#3 Proposed Constitution Amendments Cont.

Should the club reject the applicant's application for membership, all fees will be returned to said applicant.

All accepted new members are subject to a one-year probation period. During this one-year period, the new member is required to support the club's purpose and mission by volunteering ten (10) hours. Volunteer hours may consist of but are not limited to: co-hosting an event, attending meetings, participating on committees, assisting with an event, participating in club activities (i.e.: camp cleanup and fundraising events). Once the one-year probation period is met, the member is eligible to hold an officer position.

A member must be at least eighteen (18) years old as of January 1st to be eligible for a camp lot.

All members are required to sign a Hold Harmless/Liability Waiver Form annually.

Guests, after participation in three scheduled riding events, are required to join and pay membership fees. Guests who do not own or lease an equine, after participation in three functions or events, are required to join and pay membership fees.

ARTICLE III – Membership Requirements - PROPOSED

Any person, owning or leasing an equine, who is interested in equine activities, participating in and supporting the purpose and mission of Reddington Rock Riding Club, may apply as a Member. Members are eligible to participate in all Club activities and meetings. Members are eligible to vote, hold office and rent a lot. To apply as a Member, the applicant must submit a completed application including membership fee to the Club's Vice President/Membership Committee. The applicant will be contacted by a person on the membership committee to review their application and find out the applicant's specific interests in joining our Club. Once approved by the membership committee, the applicant will be presented to the organization at a monthly club meeting and be welcomed in the next issue of the published Trail Rider.

(Comment: sponsorship requirement eliminated to ensure membership is open to all. Voting a member in at a monthly meeting is eliminated as it has not been the practice for many years. (Can join without previously attending two functions, BUT once a member, participate in 2 functions and completing 10 volunteer hours during their probationary period.)

Any person who does not own or lease an equine but is interested in equine activities, participating in and supporting the purpose and mission of Reddington Rock Riding Club, may apply as a Supporting Member. Supporting members are eligible to participate in all Club activities and meetings. Supporting members are not eligible to vote, hold office or rent a lot. To apply as a supporting member, the applicant must submit a completed application including membership fee to the Club's Vice President/Membership Committee. The applicant will be contacted by a person on the membership committee to review their application and find out the applicant's specific interests in joining our Club. Once approved by the membership committee, the applicant will be presented to the organization at a monthly club meeting and be welcomed in the next issue of the published Trail Rider.

Should the Membership committee have concerns about accepting an applicant, those concerns will be brought to the Board of Directors for discussion and approval, prior to accepting the new member. In the event the Club rejects the applicant's application for membership, all fees will be returned to said applicant.

All accepted new members are subject to a one-year probation period. During this one-year period, the new member is required to support the club's purpose and mission by volunteering ten (10) hours and attend two (2) function. Volunteer hours may consist of but are not limited to: co-hosting an event, attending meetings, participating on committees, assisting with an event, participating in club activities (i.e.: camp cleanup and fundraising events). Once the one-year probation period is met, the member is eligible to hold an officer position.

A member must be at least eighteen (18) years old as of January 1st to be eligible for a camp lot.

All members are required to sign a Hold Harmless/Liability Waiver Form annually.

Guests, after participation in three scheduled riding events, are required to join and pay membership fees. Guests who do not own or lease an equine, after participation in three functions or events, are required to join and pay the supporting membership fees.

ARTICLE IV - Membership Defined (Currently)

Family Membership w/ equines – Husband & wife or parents with children under 18 years of age, as of January 1st each year. Each adult (age 18 or older receives one vote)

Individual Membership w/equines – Any single person age 18 or older, with or without children, as of January 1st will be entitled to one vote.

Honorary Membership – member must be voted in by the general membership. No dues are required to be paid and no voting privileges are granted.

Family Supporting Membership (no equines) – Husband & wife or parents with children under 18 years of age, as of January 1st each year. Dues are required each year. No voting privileges are granted.

Individual Supporting Membership (no equines) – Any single person age 18 or older, with or without children, as of January 1st. Dues are required each year. No voting privileges are granted.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

Family Membership w/equines - 2 legally joined adults, residing in the same household, with or without children under age 18 years of age as of January 1 each year. (This would include civil unions, domestic partners, Husband/wife, etc.) Each adult age 18 or older receives one vote.

Family Supporting Membership (no equines) – 2 legally joined adults, residing in the same household, with or without children under age 18 years of age as of January 1 each year. (This would include civil unions, domestic partners, Husband/wife, etc.) Dues are required each year. No voting privileges are granted.

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers

- Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. The President shall issue calls for regular or special meetings and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The President oversees and coordinates the work of the other officers. **(Comment: the last sentence has been added.)**
- Section 6: The Camp Director shall have charge of the camp property and buildings, supervise work sessions, and with prior approval of the membership and Board of Directors, make major improvements. The Camp Director will be chairman of the Camp Committee consisting of seven (7) members. The Camp Committee is empowered to enforce all Camp Rules and will be responsible for improvement and maintenance of the club property. All decisions of the Camp Director and Camp Committee regarding camp usage is subject to approval by the President and Board of Directors. **(Comment: the change requires that Camp Director and Camp Committee receive approval of the President and Board re: major decisions vs. having unilateral ability in decision making.)**

Agenda—#3 Proposed Constitution Amendments Cont.

ARTICLE VIII – Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members and have in its charge the general management of the affairs of the club. Four (4) Directors will serve four (4) one-year terms with the retiring President automatically filling the yearly vacancy. In the event there is not a retiring President, or if the retiring President declines to serve, the vacancy will be filled by the Board, recommending a past president or member in good standing subject to club approval. Four (4) members will continue for an additional year. The fifth director (Director at Large) will be elected from the membership for a one-year term. The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancies, which may exist within its own body, subject to club approval. **(Comment: In sentence one, “one-year” has been added to clarify what constitutes a term. In sentence two, “eligible member has been changed to “retiring President” to make language clear. In sentence two, “recommending a past president or member in good standing, replaces “appointing a past president” in order to reflect current practice. “Director at Large” has been added following “fifth director” to clarify language.)**

ARTICLE XIII – Camp Rules

1. Lots are available to all eligible RRRC members age eighteen (18) or older, who owns or leases an equine, as of January 1st. Eligible Members wishing to lease a lot during the camp season may lease an available site through the Camp Director. If no lot is available, the name of the applicant will be placed on a waiting list. A current lot holder, however, will receive preference, if a lot change is requested. **(Comment: Language of two items is combined.)**
2. To lease the same lot each year, payment must be received by the March meeting.
3. Members renting lots must own or lease an equine and actively use that lot with the equine at least twice each season. Any member who fails to utilize their lot with their equine at least twice per season will not be able to renew the rental for the following season. In the event of unusual circumstances (i.e.: extended illness) that prevent the member from using the lot as required, the member may request a one-season exemption. All requests should be made to the Camp Director. **(Comment: The following is eliminated: “Any member as of December 31, 2016, who has leased a lot continuously for fifteen (15) years or more, may continue to lease a lot annually and is not required to own or lease an equine. This represents Grandfathered Lot Status. However, Grandfathered Lot Status will be lost if lot is not used at least twice annually.” This language is designed to ensure all members renting lots have the same expectation re: lot usage.**
4. There is no limit to periodic overnight camping of several days. However, extended stay overnight camping is limited to a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days to a maximum of two (2) periods per season.
5. The camp season typically runs from April 1 to November 30, depending on weather conditions.
6. Members or guests camping temporarily (one to two nights) in the field may use clearly visible portable fencing approved for equines. Examples of such fencing are: panels, electric tape, etc. Metal wire is not allowed. **(Comment: Language added re: approved fencing.)**
7. In order to preserve the general appearance of Camp Glazier, all lot holders must maintain his/her lot in a neat and orderly fashion. Scheduled cleanup dates for the grounds will be published in the Trail Rider. Noncompliant lot owners will receive notice and be given thirty (30) days to remedy. Continued disregard may result in lot privileges being revoked.
8. Members who wish to cut any trees on their lot must consult with the Camp Director. Prior to approving tree cutting on any lot, the Camp Director must consult with and receive approval from the President and Board of Directors. All debris must be disposed of in a designated area. **(Comment: additional approvals added re: cutting of trees.)**
9. No building or structures will be allowed on any campsite. This does not apply to tent platforms, camper decks and secured canopies. Equine ties and corrals must be approved by the Camp Director. No wire is allowed .

10. All equipment, except tent platforms, camper decks, wooden picnic tables, equine corrals, or secured canopy frames must either be removed from the lot or secured in the corral (or by the wood pile), covered by a secure tarp, prior to November 30th.
11. Washing within seventy-five (75) feet of the well area and the spring is prohibited per requirements of the Health Department.
12. All trash must be kept in a secure container to prevent animal infestation and removed every three (3) days. All garbage must be removed, by the lot holder, when leaving camp. The trash bin is for use during club events only.
13. All corrals must be cleaned of manure daily and manure must be placed under tarp in designated area. Manure is not to be deposited into woods.
14. Pets are permitted within the confines of your lot. Pets must be on a short leash when walked. Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their pets. All pets are excluded from the pavilion during meals, meetings and other club functions. If a pet becomes a nuisance or aggressive, the member will be asked to remove the animal. Any complaints should be made to the Camp Director or through the Problem Resolution Process. **(Comment reference to Problem Resolution Process added.)**
15. Parking
 - A. Parking of cars, trucks, equine trailers and motorcycles is restricted to designated areas and the general parking area (front field). No more than two (2) vehicles per lot will be permitted. Other vehicles may be parked in the general parking area (the front field).
 - B. Campers, trailers or other vehicles too large for a lot are to be parked in the general parking area (front field). Parking of vehicles and campers referenced in this clause is limited to a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days to a maximum of two (2) periods per season.
 - C. All roadways and common areas must be clear for emergency vehicles at all times. This means that not only shall the roadway be kept clear but either side of the roadway must be clear enough to allow a large emergency vehicle to pass through. Vehicles and trailers that obstruct the roadways and common areas are subject to towing at owner's expense.
 - D. Motorcycles, bicycles and ATV's owned by members must be parked in an area designated by the Camp Director. None shall be ridden on camp property for recreational purposes.
 - E. Members and guests parking on a lot rented by another member must obtain permission from that lot holder prior to parking on the lot.

(Comment: All references to parking have been combined under one section for easier reference. "c" is expanded to emphasize the need to keep roadways & common areas clear at all times and consequences of violations. "e" is an addition to ensure there is clear expectation to obtain permission before parking on lot rented by another member.)
16. Speed limit is five (5) miles per hour and will be strictly enforced.
17. Use of the camp for other than club activities is prohibited unless approved by the membership.
18. Disorderly and abusive conduct creating danger to animals or human safety will not be tolerated.
19. No fires will be permitted except in fireplaces approved by the Camp Director. All fireplaces must have a noncombustible base. Firewood logs must be split and stacked a safe distance from a fireplace. Burning pallets is prohibited.
- 20.. No fire will be left unattended.
21. No fireworks or weapons of any type are permitted on camp property.
22. Riders shall walk their equines in the camp area. Equines are not allowed in the area of the pavilion and kitchen.

Agenda—#3 Proposed Constitution Amendments Cont.

23. Members will always be responsible for the conduct of their children and/or guests.
24. Stalls may be leased. See fee schedule. Barn rules will be posted in the barn area and will be strictly enforced.
25. No equine displaying signs of a contagious or infectious illness or has been exposed to either within the past fourteen (14) days shall be allowed on RRRC grounds or on an organized club ride. An equine purchased at a sale or auction will be prohibited from the grounds for a period of fourteen (14) days.
26. All equines must have current health and vaccination records as mandated by the State of Connecticut. Documentation must be presented at each sponsored event. This applies to equines owned or leased by both members and guests.
27. No unattended equine will be left in the ring, camp lot or tied to a trailer. Neither will an unattended equine be left overnight on a campsite. "Unattended equine" refers to an equine whose owner has left the premises without designating someone to supervise and care for the equine.

Generators may be run during designated time frames from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Quiet time is from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

Finally, the Camp Committee is empowered to enforce the above Camp Rules and is responsible for improvements and maintenance of the club property

ARTICLE XIV – Problem Resolution

2. Repeated violations of Club or Camp rules and repeated conduct issues require higher-level intervention. In addition, serious violations of Club or Camp rules or serious conduct issues also require higher-level intervention. Such problems should be referred to or addressed by the Vice President and Camp Director. The President, Vice President and Camp Director are authorized to issue written corrective action notices to offenders. If warranted, two of the following four Officers are authorized to issue immediate suspension of a member: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Camp Director. **(Comment: President added to sentence two and two of four officers vs. two of three may authorize a suspension. Treasurer added. Corresponding changes made in #3.)**

3. When corrective action notices and/or suspension do not resolve a problem and there are additional violations, two of the four following officers may recommend termination of a member to the Board of Directors: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Camp Director.

Incidents of serious rule violations or serious conduct issues may warrant a recommendation of termination at the first offense. Two of the four following officers may recommend immediate termination of a member to the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Camp Director. Examples of such serious violations are but not limited to: physical altercation, putting others in danger (speeding, reckless riding), commission of a felony, conducting illegal activities on premises.

5. Dues and lot rental fees will not be refunded to a member who has been suspended or terminated.



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The Trail Rider

EQUINE AFFAIR 2018

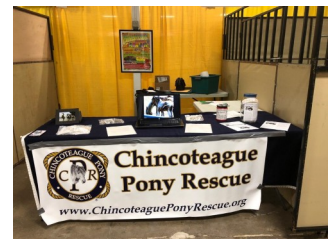
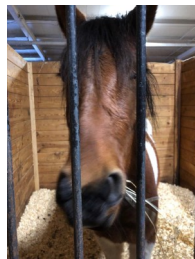
This year, Angela and her Oldenburg gelding, Lenny, were chosen to ride in a dressage clinic as part of this year's Equine Affaire. The clinician was Silke Rembacz, a dressage trainer originating from Germany. Angela and Lenny, approaching 4th level and PSG, were able to work on the quality of collection in each gait, and overall gained a lot from their session with Silke.



Something for the versatility clinic ??



Thanks you everyone who helped out at the Equine affair. We met many people and all had a great time. We raised over 200.00 for the pony's who were suffering from "Swamp cancer" which unfortunately none survived.



The Trail Rider

SADDLE FOR SALE

The saddle is a 17" "Big Horn" synthetic, all surfaces are ~suede (probably not real suede) includes the pad and a 42" cinch. I'm asking \$350 for the whole thing. Linda Mester. Please call 80-324-6580



Holiday Party 2018

There were 45 people in attendance. Marion Hartman won the ugly sweater contest. Not attending the party but the closest guess of the Candy contest was Gloria Coles. Prize winners for the horse crossword puzzle were Anicia Young most correct for the women and Rich DiMeola for the men. Santa's helper was Rosey Taricani. In between games we enjoyed a roast pork dinner and a variety of Christmas music. Our expenses were \$200.00. Thanks to everyone that brought goodies to make the day awesome.

Happy New Year

