



News from this Month's Board Meeting:

At our recent board meeting, we reviewed the report submitted by our internal audit committee of our 2015 financial statements, and I am happy to report that the committee found the records "substantially correct". Thank you Betsy Coles and Mollie McGuire for this important work. The board also enacted several policy changes for prospective members, including limiting the time period applicants have to complete the member orientation process. Finally, the board reviewed a detailed board member orientation manual with extensive details on the club's finances and operations. Thanks to John Hedrick who pulled together this very informative and comprehensive document -- it is an excellent overview for current and future board members.

Most of the March board meeting was dedicated to a thoughtful discussion of the major issues that our current bylaws revision process should consider. We discussed the need to more precisely

define our membership categories and considered our board composition, including the size, length of terms, term limits and officer positions. In addition, we discussed ways we might improve our annual election process such as allowing directed proxy voting, written ballots, electronic meeting participation, and alternatives to floor nominations to allow members their own nomination process.

In April the governance committee will incorporate the internal feedback and research from other clubs and submit a specific recommendation to the board as to how these issues should be resolved in the proposed bylaws revision.

Ultimately, the members get to approve any bylaws changes or revision, so if you have something to say about these important changes, speak now! Email us and let us know your thoughts, or if you'd like to be part of the broader committee.

From Board President, Ingrid McConnell
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Update from the Volunteer Committee

Please remember your volunteer commitment this year! Every member has a volunteer time sheet that we will be reviewing after each work day to make sure people have either fulfilled their commitment or paid to opt out. Please email Ingrid or the RBR email account to make sure we have your hours recorded. If you signed up for committee work, we'll be in touch, but since we're still building out committees we're a little behind.

Volunteer Opportunities: Are you organized? Do you prefer making lists and telling other people what to do to moving rocks? Do you need volunteer hours? We need chairs for the **May 14th** work day, the **October 15th** Open House, and the **November 5th** work day. Please contact Ingrid McConnell if you are interested!

Scouts: RBR is a great place for Scout projects, although the City of Pasadena has clarified that only projects of a "non-permanent" nature are allowed. We have a list of projects that the City has weighed in on as well. Please consider contributing to Scout projects at RBR, or supervising a project if you're so inclined.

News About our Competitive Juniors! **Horse Show Updates by Carolyn Eberhard**

The final IEL (Interscholastic Equestrian League) show will be held on April 17th at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. First ride is scheduled for 7:30 am.

Myrtle Hill Farm trainer Katie Ginzton has one rider qualified for the Varsity Medal Finals. Only the top riders from the previous three shows are invited to compete for the top ribbon at the final show. Brian Wolhaupter and his horse Rochambeau (owned by Shannon Griffin) have qualified. The class consists of two components: first is a hunter class over fences at 3'6", and the second is an equitation class on the flat.

This will also be the final IEL show for three of our graduating seniors: Helena Bonilla Uribe, Nicole Hoang, and Emily Wright.

Come on out to Hansen Dam to cheer on our team and say goodbye to our seniors!

Also, on March 12th the first west coast College Preparatory Invitational (CPI) horse show took place at the LA Equestrian Center. This show, which is also held in Florida, is intended to give high school equestrians the opportunity to experience a collegiate horse show.

Entrants must first qualify by submitting resumes of their riding experience and photos. They were divided into four categories: Advanced, Limited, Intermediate, and Novice. Twenty horses from the area were donated for use at the event; riders did not ride their own horses.

Three Myrtle Hill Farm students qualified to ride in the Advanced Division: Carolyn Pasqualetto, Katie Kelman, and Brian Wolhaupter.

Arriving at LAEC 6:30 am Saturday morning, the riders and trainers were able to watch the competition horses being schooled by professional riders. The kids then drew numbers to determine which horse they would ride in one equitation class on the flat and one equitation over fences class.

The kids rode their assigned horses in the competition with minimal practice. At the end of the day, Carolyn Pasqualetto took a blue ribbon in the over fences class and a 3rd place in the flat. Katie Kelman took home a 6th in the over fences and a 5th in the flat, and Brian Wolhaupter won 2nd place in the over fences and a 3rd place in the flat.

Kudos

To the Bylaws subcommittee: Ann Regan, Bonnie Hedrick, David Enzminger

To Vitalio Gramajo for taking care of the horses no matter how bad the weather.

To Greg Hedrick for filling in holes caused by erosion from the rain.

To our plant watering volunteers.

To Betsy Coles and Molly McGuire for doing the audit report.

Welcome New RBR Members Approved at the February Board Meeting

The Caseria Family, the Fenske Family, Mary Milliken & Rod Seward, Michelle Newman & Joshua Ravich, the Wockenfuss Family, the Weber Family, the Won Family, the Rogan Family, the Chun Family, the Lowell-Schade Family

The membership roster is accessible from RBR's WildApricot site.

Planning to attend the Dressage Show on the 20th? Would you like to write an article about it? Please contact the newsletter editor at rosebowlriders_info@yahoo.com

Rose Bowl Riders Charitable Organization Hosts PUSD Kids

The RBRCO hosted 60 children from Pasadena Unified School District over two days in February. The students toured the barn with Sue Lafferty, watched a demonstration of jumping with Greg and KT, then did a horse-themed art project with Phyllis Ginter.

The teacher who arranged the field trips wrote,

"I just wanted to let you know that the field trips that our students took with you and Rose Bowl Riders on two occasions (2/10, 2/17) were so incredible!!



The students and parents RAVED about how much the kids learned and enjoyed themselves. The kids went home super excited and shared with their parents all about it.

It was very well tailored to the kids and your staff knew how to talk/interact with them in a meaningful way.

If there is ever another opportunity to do this again or if you ever have another presentation/field trip/workshop that you offer, PLEASE let me know.

Again, thank-you to you and your staff!"

Hey Look! Dads Can Ride Too!

by Ariel Wisch-Schute

Heads up - there might be a lot more competition in the May show's family paired ride as recently three of our dads took their very first riding lesson! Mr. Jahncke (Toulmin's dad), Mr. Shapiro (Maisie's dad) and Mr. Hoang (Nicole's dad) groomed and saddled up the most patient school horses to learn the basics. There were lots of giggles and "helpful" pointers from their kids as they worked to keep their mounts trotting in the desired direction. Those of us who have been on horseback from an early age take for granted how difficult riding is - starting as an adult is no easy task and these brave dads deserve so much respect! We're also happy to report that last weekend Mr. Ladekarl (Sara's dad) joined the dads group too. Looks like this trend is gaining momentum...who's next??

