

**Hampshire County Riding Club**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**President's Report to the Membership**  
**11/15/2025**

**Membership:**

- Current Membership - 71 Members

**2025 Events**

- **Trivia Night** - Small group but great fun! We will seek input to help us plan for this winter's trivia to see if we can beef up those numbers.
- **4H Fun Days** - Spring was cancelled but we had a fun event in October with 4H club members and a bunch of folks from Glencroft and Fullers Farms.
- **Peter Whitmore** was enjoyed by 10 participants in the morning clinic, and 5 competitors for the afternoon.
- **Indian Hollow Campout** - Unfortunately, our camping trip was plagued by low interest and threatening thunderstorms that weekend which scared off the people who were planning to come. However, a few people did get out there to ride the trails and had a great time!
- **Games in Goshen** - We had fewer participants than last year, but fun was had by all! Having consistent volunteers to staff various positions really helped make things run smoothly. We were able to utilize ribbons and prizes from the previous season, which reduced expenses, and we are looking into alternatives to ribbons that our participants might find more appealing. We also received some donations from local businesses and individuals to help make this event a successful fundraiser.
- **Trail Rides** - Due to insurance limitations, all trail riders must be members so we shifted from charging \$10 for guests to the requirement that all riders be club members. We welcomed several new members for our traditional trail rides, and we hope to explore a couple of new places for trail rides this coming season like Lake Dennison and Montague Plains.
- **Promotion and Networking:** This year, we reached out to other area riding clubs to set up an exchange of information about events that we are offering and get the word out more broadly. We continue to look for ways to promote our events, so members are encouraged to reach out to us if they have any ideas.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Income:**
  - Membership and Donations = \$2,170.45
  - Event Profits = \$1,509.79
- **Expenses** (non-event) = \$5,173.80
- **Net loss for the year = \$-1,493.56**

**Projects Current & Upcoming:**

- Grounds Maintenance and Improvements:
  - Great clean up this year! Lots of work on our trails was completed
  - Still need to get around to painting the fences and Secretary's Booth
  - New wheel for the main riding ring was installed - thank you to Phil, Diane Merritt's husband!
  - New door to the Secretary's Booth to be installed soon!
  - Explored new sand footing for the rings - too expensive
  - Exploring installing solar lighting
  - Mowing was handled bi-monthly by one of our club members instead of investing in a zero turn option at this time. Rings and grounds looked great for all of our events.
  - Portapotty
    - Committed to having a handicapped accessible option
    - Continues to be a significant annual expense
    - Researching composting toilet option that would work with our setting
- Bylaws
  - Complete Bylaws review was undertaken in order to:
    - Make them more clear (for example, with respect to Board of Director positions and terms)
    - Eliminate unnecessary or outdated sections (such as section relating to the seal)
    - Incorporate procedures that allow more flexibility (i.e. electronic voting and meetings on third Wednesdays)
  - Committee is putting finishing touches on proposed changes to bylaws
  - After the Board of Directors reviews new changes, will be sent out to membership for a period of open comment

**Election:** The Board is made up of Officers and Directors. Current Officers and Directors who are not up for election this year include: Rory Flynn & Teri Bullis. We are working on the bylaws to ensure that roughly half of our Board positions (half of the Officers, and half of the Directors) are voted on each year. The following represents the results of our election, including both electronic submissions and in-person votes at our annual meeting.

- Officer Positions:
  - Secretary position - Molly McCutcheon through 2026.
  - Treasurer position - Irina Scully through 2027.
  - Vice-President position - Jen through 2027.
- Director Positions:
  - #2 (3 year position) = \_\_\_\_\_ (would run through 2028)
  - #3 (3 year position) = Diane Merritt through 2028
  - #4 (3-year position) = Sherry Whitmore through 2028
  - #5 (2 year position) = Diane Raucher Miller through 2027