

PONY TALES

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Board Meets: 5:30 p.m. monthly on the third Wednesday, this month: January 16

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Odd numbered months will have a membership and board meeting. Even numbered months we will have an activity and board meeting. This month: Elections.



From Our President -----

Happy New Year to Helena Trail Riders!

Last year we had cancellations because of lots of snow, ice, and cold.

This year we had wagon rides at the Christmas party, people jogging in short sleeves or shorts , warmer weather, very little snow, and skijoring cancelled.

We really have to be ready for any kind of weather anytime. I have learned to never put my parka away or take the snow shovel out of the car.

The coatroom was cleaned prior to the Christmas party. Thank-you to those responsible.

We didn't get enough of Christmas so the tree is still in the meeting room due to the request of one of our board members. We will enjoy it one more time until its storage in the coatroom.

Many thanks to all those members who helped put away food, dishes, tablecloths, centerpieces and decorations and more after our lovely party in December. Many hands make light work. All of us benefit from each other's volunteer efforts. Please let us know if you are missing a lid, serving spoon, dish or other item you may have forgotten at the party. The dishwasher and the dishtowels were very busy and someone's item may have ended up in a cupboard or drawer.

Last Pony Tales, I mentioned that the board had voted to reduce the cost of membership dues. Although special meetings may be called by the president or upon written request signed by 10 members, the final decision is contingent on membership voting and the announcement of the proposal in the Pony Tales of the prior month. By-Laws state "Notice shall be given to the membership of all meetings." I was in such a hurry to make the last Pony Tales deadline that I neglected to review and follow Helena Trail Rider policy. I am announcing in the January 2019 Pony Tales that the board has proposed a reduction in membership fees to be restated and voted upon by members at the January 16th , 2019 membership meeting. The Helena Trail Rider board is meant to reflect the wishes of the membership and not dictate policy.

This is also our election night. Judy Gardner and Vickie Blixt graciously agreed to be our nominating committee. The results were Patsy Althoff agreed to run for a director position. We welcome any nominations from the floor at our January 16th meeting. The offices of president, vice-president and two or three(I have to verify the number) directors need to be filled.

Requirements to be a V.P. or President are that a person must have been a member for two years.

Voters must have dues paid up to date and be older than 12 years old.

Board member responsibilities are in the policy book and there are individual folders that also describe them.

The constitution or by-laws have not been updated or reprinted since 2006 so this is something that might be good to have on our to do list for the upcoming year.

Other suggested agenda items for the new year are: audit the books, follow up with the siding guarantee, update policy and by-law book and reprint, plan a spring or fall riding clinic, designate repair projects, and any other ideas you may have that need our attention.

See you January 16th! (6:30)

Marcia

Equestrians during winter

Expectations:



Reality:



Anyone with suggestions for programs or activities, please come to a meeting and share, or let a board of directors member know what you would like to see or hear about.

- Any member can contribute to the Pony Tales. For sale or wanted items and articles must be to Sharon by the 10th of each month. (trailridershelena@gmail.com)
- It is important that no Helena Trail Rider member is left out of the loop because he/she doesn't have the latest social communication device. Please let us know of any member who is not receiving the newsletter either via e-mail or by snail-mail.
- Send items you wish included in the newsletter to trailridershelena@gmail.com.

Trail Rides

No scheduled rides at this time.

Chris

If you have any questions, please call Chris Warren,461-6257. Thanks.

From Sharon:

Among the trail sites I have found on-line are the following:

<https://www.trailmeister.com/trails/montana-horse-trails/>

<https://www.alltrails.com/us/montana/horseback-riding>

As a general rule, these sites tend to include trails rather far from town, and often are written for hikers, not horseback riders, so can include some pretty rough trails. While I have yet to find a good resource for horse trails close to town, I often utilize Trailforks.

Trailforks is a mountain bike trail database & management system for riders, builders & trail associations. Users can contribute data and then local trail associations have the control to approve & curate the data. Ensuring the best, latest and accurate data.

Trailforks relies on the fact that there are thousands of people out there enjoying the sport every day, many of whom have a desire to share their experiences via GPS devices. So why not share them in a central location under a structure that makes every little individual contribution accumulate and add to the usefulness of an overall resource for the benefit of the entire mountain biking community.

What is a crowd-sourced database? Trailforks is a site where users help grow and maintain the database by submitting new trails, updating existing trails & submitting reports on trails. Users can also add photos & videos which are tagged to trails found on the website. How is it controlled? Users also help moderate the site by voting to approve or deny new trails and report bad data. If a trail is submitted with the wrong name and other users don't approve it then it won't appear on the website.

Many mountain bike trails are used jointly by horseback riders, and therefore this site is very helpful and useable. I will continue to post new rides I find in the year ahead.

If anyone has a good horse trail site they use, please drop me a note at trailridershelena@gmail.com.

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- Remember: West Arena Schedule is (exclusive use) every Tuesday and Thursday and the first Friday of the month.
- Don't forget to check on all Helena Trail Riders information posted to the website (including past copies of Pony Tales). Suggestions or corrections to Cheryl Bryant 2chalkie@gmail.com
- Join us on facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/helenatrailriders>



"Why's he wearing two blankets? Because he's Friesian."

HOW TO: DRAW A HORSE

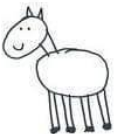
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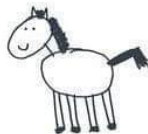
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