



President Susan Rudloff called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in conjunction with an Octoberfest potluck hosted by Cathy Denton and Peter Aiken. Approximately 35 members were in attendance.

Committee Reports:

- September minutes have not yet been posted on the website for approval.
- President Rudloff shared a written report with the original and revised annual budget and activity to date. Our current balance is \$5106.86.
- Debbie Clark reported that we have 86 members.

Michelle Aquilino reported for the trail committee; noting that the October trail ride is at Palmyra in conjunction with the camping weekend.

Old Business:

- Rally planning is going smoothly. Ellen Miles invited members to bring family and guests to share the fun and outlined a shorter than usual format with flat and trail classes and games with plenty of time to share fun with fellow Rusties.
- Allyn Linus reported on details for the November 16 Silent Auction to be held at her home along with a tack sale in her barn the same day.
- President Rudloff reported on plans for the Ashland Parade on November 18 and asked if anyone had a golf cart or other vehicle that could be used for pooper-scooper duty.
- Marilyn Chemlock reported on planning for the December 1st holiday party. As a change of pace, the catering this year will be done by the Italian restaurant where Emily Kolokowsky works and which is giving us very good rates. Guests will need to have pre-purchased tickets at the same rate as last year (\$15).
- Shirt and sweatshirt orders have been sent in. President Rudloff outlined details about pickup and payment.

Rudloff also announced that Hollyn Mangione and Patty Michalak had volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. The members moved, seconded, and approved both names. Discussed at some length was an idea to rethink the Newsletter Editor position allowing the position to move away from the traditional newsletter format and use other media (e.g. the website and Facebook) to fill that function under a "News Coordinator" function. No formal proposals were made, with a sense that the next Newsletter Editor could explore the possibilities further.

New Business

- President Rudloff asked that the membership consider increasing the holiday party budget by \$500 to a total of \$2000 (as shown in the written financial report). After some discussion the revision was approved by the members present with one "nay" vote.

Also approved with a single opposing vote was a request to move the November meeting from the day before Thanksgiving (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) to the preceding Wednesday, November 14. The November meeting will include announcing the proposed slate of officers for 2013.

Upcoming Club Events, Rides and Clinics: ***Please remember your helmet, medical armband, & coggins!***

Announcements:

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at Rockville Library, and the speaker will be Wendy Popp a physical therapist including demonstrations of exercises designed to improve the strength and balance needed for riding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**UPCOMING  
RSRC EVENTS**

October 26—28 RSRC Camping Trip Everyone welcome for riding in beautiful Palmyra Va. Stay one night or two. Contact Debbie Bader if interested [debbiebader54@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiebader54@yahoo.com)

Sunday Nov 11 RSRC Annual Rally All details [HERE](#)

Friday November 16—RSRC Silent Auction fund raiser. Hosted by Rick and Allyn Linas at their home in Goochland County.

Sunday November 18—Ashland Holiday Parade contact Gail Talley if you are interested in riding or volunteering.