

Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.



August 2024

Dear Members, Subscribers, and Fellow Foxhunters:

The Rappahannock Hunt will soon begin our 99th season of hunting in our beautiful territory with early Fall Hunting on Saturday, September 7, 2024. That evening, we will celebrate the start of the new season with our Gala Hunt Ball and Auction, which promises to be a spectacular event!

And, we are especially pleased and thrilled to welcome back Michael Brown, MFH, to carry the horn this season as our intrepid huntsman!

Please accept this letter as our invitation for you to join us this year. Enclosed is the 2024-2025 Subscription Registration Packet for your consideration. Over the past several seasons, we have been able to continue our operations without an increase in membership dues. This year, with an ongoing rise in costs coupled with the reknelling of hounds and associated maintenance expenses, your Hunt Board determined that a modest increase in dues is necessary.

This season is going to be one to remember and we want you to be a part of it! It all centers around a safe, educational and enjoyable hunting experience. To top that off, we will have trail rides, hunter paces, and a hunting trip down south just to name a few. Add in the breakfasts, fellowship, and territory of Rappahannock Hunt, and it's a no brainer. Now come join the hounds and members and let's kick on!

In addition to hunting on Wednesdays, Sundays, and some Saturdays, annual events include:

Sunday, September 1 — Hunt Night at Warrenton Horse Show

Monday, September 2 — Labor Day Trail Ride, The Hill, 9 a.m.

Saturday, September 7 — Opening of Early Fall Hunting & Hunt Ball Celebration

Sunday, September 29 — Fall Hunter Pace at Pine Rock, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 9 — RH hosts Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship Qualifying Meet

Saturday, October 26 — Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds at Red Hill; Host Virginia Hunt Week Riders

Friday, November 29 — Trail Ride & Chili Cook-off

Saturday, March 1, (rain date Saturday, March 8), 2025 — Point to Point Races at The Hill

Sunday, March 30, 2025 — Closing Meet & Breakfast

Sunday, April 13, 2025 — Spring Hunter Pace

Sunday, April 27, 2025 — Annual Meeting

Always check out the rappahannockhunt.com website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and hunt monitor at (540) 987-8957, for updates.

We hope you will commit to join us by completing and returning the registration form by September 30, 2024 so we can plan for the season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the Masters or the Honorary Secretary, Mandi Dillon, at rappahannockhuntsecretary@gmail.com

Sincerely,



Oliver Brown, MFH



Gus Edwards, MFH



Michael Brown, MFH

Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.



2024-2025 Subscription Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Text notices? YES _____ NO _____

E-mail Address: _____

*If registering for additional family members or non-hunting spouses, please state information for the roster, if desired:

Membership Category	Dues	Selection
Member/Subscriber – Adult	\$1,600	
Member/Subscriber & Non-Hunting Spouse	\$1,700	
Member/Subscriber – Family	\$2,000	
Young Adult (non-student ages 21-30)	\$900	
Young Adult & Non-Hunting Spouse	\$1,000	
Young Adult Member/Subscriber --Family	\$1,200	
Member – Social – Adult	\$250	
Member – Social – Family	\$300	
Junior (full-time student)	\$400	
Limited Hunting – Adult **	\$750	
Limited Hunting – Family **	\$1,000	
Groom	\$700	

All members are required to be a member of MFHA: **MFHA.COM**

All members are required to hold a Virginia Resident Special Foxhunting License valid through the season:
GoOutdoorsVirginia.com

All members must maintain a current (within 12 months), negative coggins test and vet recommended vaccinations for each horse that you are hunting throughout the season.

You may pay by check, to Rappahannock Hunt, mailed to the Secretary.

You may also pay via PayPal, payable to The Rappahannock Hunt at rappahannockhuntva@gmail.com

Please add applicable finance charges to your payment so that the cost incurred does not transfer to the hunt.

Thank you in advance.

PLEASE COMMIT TO JOIN BY SEPTEMBER 30, IN ORDER FOR THE HUNT TO PLAN ITS EVENTS AND MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, BY RETURNING THIS COMPLETED FORM AND SIGNED WAIVER TO:

Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.
c/o Mandi Dillon, Hon. Secretary
11460 Old Stillhouse Road Boston, VA 22713

Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.



Category Information & Descriptions

SUBSCRIBER:

Years 1-3 of dues paid. Unlimited hunting throughout the season. 1 fall guest cap, 1 formal guest cap included. No voting privileges.

MEMBER:

Eligible after 3 consecutive years of subscribership. Requires nomination and approval by the Masters, the Board of Directors, and the voting membership. Unlimited hunting throughout the season. 2 fall guest caps, 2 formal guest caps included. Voting privileges.

SOCIAL:

Open to all. Non-riding. Provides access to all meets and events where members gather and socialize. Included in all correspondence of hunt events. No voting privileges unless social member prior to 1988.

LIMITED HUNTING:

Limited subscribers must be full subscribers or members of a MFHA Recognized/Registered Hunt. Hunting is limited to 1 day per week. Must provide the name of the MFHA Recognized Hunt of membership. No voting privileges.

2024-2025 Capping Fees

Fall Hunting Season: September-October, prior to Opening Meet

Adult: \$55 Young Adult (21-30): \$45 Junior (Full time student): \$20

Formal Hunting Season: Opening Meet – End of Season

Adult: \$150 WEDNESDAYS Adult: \$175 Holidays, Weekends, & By-Days

Young Adult: \$75 Junior (Full-Time Student): \$35

**THE RAPPAHANNOCK HUNT, INC. EQUINE
ACTIVITY LIABILITY RELEASE,
WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE, AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISK**

This Equine Activity Liability Release, Waiver of Right to Sue and Assumption of All Risks (hereinafter "agreement") is hereby given by the undersigned to the RAPPAHANNOCK HUNT, INC., (hereinafter "the Hunt"), its agents, employees, members, officers, directors and staff, any equine activity sponsors; to the sponsor as agent for and for the benefit of each owner of land (hereinafter "landowner") upon which an equine activity to which this agreement relates is conducted and each partner, officer, agent, employee, director, shareholder, subscriber, member, heir, personal representative, successor and assign of the sponsor and of each landowner, and provides as follows:

In consideration for the opportunities provided by the Hunt, the sponsor and landowners to the undersigned, including any minor in whose behalf the undersigned signs this agreement (hereinafter "participant"), for the enjoyment of equine activities as a participant, the undersigned, including any minor participant for whom this agreement is signed, hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

1. **This agreement is given in part under the VIRGINIA EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT** (Title 3.2, Chapter 62, §§ 3.2-600 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia, as amended) as it may now provide or be hereafter amended (hereinafter "act"). All terms defined by the act shall have the same meaning herein, and the act is hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement. This agreement shall be so construed as to provide to the Hunt, the sponsor and landowners the fullest protection of a release, waiver of right to sue and assumption of all risks as is afforded by the act and by common law.

2. All pronouns herein shall be construed to include the masculine, feminine, neuter, plural or singular, as may be appropriate to the construction of this agreement.

3. **The participant hereby acknowledges that he has full and complete notice and understanding of the act and of all the risks inherent in equine activities.** Equine activities may cause, contribute to or result in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property (hereinafter "risks"). Such risks include, but are in no way limited to, the following:

- (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways or to trip and/or fall;
- (ii) the inability of anyone whomsoever to predict or foresee an equine's reaction to excitement, weather conditions, sound, movements, objects, vehicles, persons, animals, reptiles, birds or insects, and the effect of such reactions;
- (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, including, but not limited to, patent and latent objects or conditions on, under or protruding from the surface;
- (iv) hazards, foreseeable or unforeseeable, presented by rocks, cliffs, hills, fences of any kind, coops, trees, stumps, logs, bridges, ditches, bodies of water, debris and obstacles, and any equine activity in connection therewith;
- (v) the dangers and risks of tack, harness or other equine equipment slipping or breaking, for whatever reason;
- (vi) the dangers and risks of one becoming entangled in tack, harness, equine equipment or vehicles used in an equine activity;
- (vii) the risks of falling from or otherwise becoming unstable on an equine or on a vehicle used in an equine activity, with or without reason;
- (viii) the dangers of being struck by an equine, another participant, a hound or other animal;
- (ix) any negligent act or omission by the Hunt, the sponsor, or any landowner that causes or results in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property; and
- (x) all other risks associated with horseback riding, equine activities and related activities.

4. **The participant hereby RELEASES AND WAIVES ALL RIGHTS** that the participant may have or hereafter have against the Hunt, the sponsor, and each landowner for death, personal injury and/or property damage, which is in any way associated with the risks.

5. **The participant does hereby WAIVE HIS RIGHT TO SUE** or to bring any action against the hunt, the sponsor, and/or each landowner in connection with the risks.

6. **The participant agrees hereby to INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS** the hunt, the sponsor, and/or each landowner from any such claim, suit, or action, including reimbursement of all reasonable legal fees associated with the defense of any such claim, suit, or action.

7. **The participant hereby EXPRESSLY ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND DANGERS** of death, personal injury, and/or property damage that are in any manner associated with the risks enumerated, without limit, above.

8. **The participant hereby AUTHORIZES AND CONSENTS** to any emergency medical care that may, at the time, appear reasonably appropriate and necessary under the circumstances because of injury or illness caused by or incurred during the course of an equine activity conducted by the Hunt.

9. This agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect from and after the date given below the signature of the participant until it is expressly revoked by the same in a written notice personally delivered to the Hunt.

10. This agreement shall be so construed as to render it, in its entirety and each provision, fully enforceable. If any provision of this agreement is found to be unenforceable, such unenforceable portion shall be struck and the remainder of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

11. If this agreement is executed by the undersigned for and on behalf of a minor participant, as named below, the undersigned hereby warrants and represents the following:

- (i) that he is the legal parent or guardian of such minor, with full rights of custody and control;
- (ii) that this agreement is given on behalf of and is intended to be binding upon the below named minor participant, his heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns; and
- (iii) the undersigned further agrees that this agreement shall also be as fully binding upon the undersigned as if he had signed on his own behalf.

This agreement shall be binding on the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of the participant.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE FULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, EQUINE LIABILITY RELEASE, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS. I HAVE CONSULTED AND RELIED UPON MY OWN ADVISORS ON ALL QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND I HAVE NOT RELIED UPON THE HUNT, THE SPONSOR OR ANY LANDOWNER FOR ANY ADVICE OR EXPLANATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT.

PARTICIPANT:

Signature (18 years or older): _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of minor participant for whom signing: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: _____

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