

December 4, 2010 NYSHC Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:20 by Deb Morano. Motion to accept minutes from last meeting made by Barb Cunningham and seconded by Shannon Budnik. Motion passed. Steve Ropel presented the Treasurers report. He discussed the income so far this year and the pending expenditures. He indicated that the balances would be similar to 2010 balances. Marsha Himmler made a motion to pay the expenses for Bob Pfohl's trip to Michigan. Chip Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Colleen Segarra made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Marsha Himmler seconded the motion and it passed.

Sara Chevako reported that she still needs signatures to finish the transition of treasurer. She will obtain these soon.

Marsha Himmler made a motion to pay the \$100.00 dues to ECLR for this year. Sharon Young Slate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Marsha Himmler made some suggestions for additions to our website. She suggested that we add a Join Now and Officer and Board of Directors link to the first page. They need to be very user friendly.

There was some discussion about 501C3 set up procedures. We were reminded that according to NYSHC by-laws each chapter has to set up their own 501C3.

Steve Ropel reported that our liability insurance for 2011 is less than previous years due to membership decline. The bill for 2011 is \$5842.00. Motion to pay liability insurance was made by Bob Pfohl and seconded by Shannon Budnik. Motion was passed. The coverage is from 1/1/11 to 12/31/11 so the bill has to be paid by 12/10/10.

There was discussion about certificates for each DEC region versus a certificate that would cover the whole state. Lisa Shaver Steingart will look into this and let Deb know what she finds out.

Bob and Janet Pfohl gave a report on the AHC meeting they attended in East Lansing, MI. There were discussions about growing council membership incentives, fund raising mechanisms, and other helpful topics. Bob and Janet gave a booklet they had from the meeting to Karen Lassell to scan and copy.

Jim Leising talked about an abuse case in Cattaraugus county that he called Colleen Segarra about. Cattaraugus has no procedures in place at present for these circumstances but there is a meeting 12/14/10 to work on setting some up. He also discussed a trail workshop for building sustainable trails.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:07pm

Meeting re-convened at 12:55 pm.

Chapters made their reports and Carolyn Moore gave a report on the spring and fall trail rides and also gave the dates for this coming years trail rides. This is her last year organizing the trail rides and they are looking for a replacement.

Colleen Segarra gave reports on various abuse/neglect cases.

Karen Lassell suggested video/phone conference calls for our December meeting next year or moving the meeting to November to help avoid weather issues. Karen will investigate conference calls.

It was also suggested that at the beginning of the meetings we all do a brief introduction or have name signs to place in front of members so folks know who is talking during meetings.

There was some discussion about the annual meeting and possible activities. NYC would like to host this year.

Sue Knauer is going to be out of town for a year or so and this means the Fingerlakes needs a new VP. Shannon Budnik is taking over as Ways and Means Chair and Paula Leonard will take over the auction responsibilities at Brookfield.

Marsha Himler indicated that the final Horse Park package will be ready soon.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Janet Pfohl and seconded by Jim Leising.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

In Attendance: Teresa Passaretti, Deb Morano, Barb Cunningham, Mary Szarek, Bob Pfohl, Janet Pfohl, Charles Sawicki, Jim Leising, Carolyn Moore, Sue Knauer, Paula Leonard, Jean Arledge, Jean Rhuda, Sara Chevako, Stephen Ropel, Karen Lassell, Marsha Himler, Sharon Young Slate, Gary Slate, Lisa Shaver Steingart, Shannon Budnik, Colleen Segarra, Chip Watson, Mark Gisselbrecht, Vera Toth