

NYSHC March 6, 2010 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by George King.

Sara Chevako moved to accept minutes from last meeting. Carol Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Ropel presented the Treasurer's Report. He told us the taxes are due May 15th and they will be prepared for that date. Mark Gisselbrecht moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Carol Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Ropel explained the duties of the treasurer and George King then explained the duties of the president.

George then announced that Deb Morano would be the chair of the search committee for a new president. Daryel Jensen and Jim Leising will assist her. They are to come to the next meeting with their recommendations and the vote will be taken at the annual meeting. If no one is found to be the new president, Deb Morano, as vice president will become the new president.

Sara Chevako gave the trail grant report. Essentially all is completed. The only thing left to do is to have Dave Forness inspect the sites. A copy of Sara's final report was sent to him. The only outstanding items will be done after the snow is gone. The final signage is the only remaining expense.

The website update was given out via email before the meeting and a copy was available at the meeting. Shannon Budnik, Mary Szarek, Val Low, and Colleen Segarra looked into Pay Pal and Colleen told us there was a small fee for each transaction. It was agreed that we would try it for a year and if the cost incurred a loss for the council than we would look into raising membership fees. Shannon Budnik will work on getting the website and newsletter synchronized.

Representatives of the chapters that were in attendance gave reports on what was going on with their chapter.

Leah Leising gave a report on last year's Ride and Drive program. There were two sponsored awards in 2009. Dru Malavase sponsored one award for the oldest rider/horse combination with the most hours. A watch will be given to Lorraine Snyder on Satin Doll and Carolyn Moore on Redford. The second award was for the most hours overall and an embroidered cooler was awarded to Susan Knickerson. Leah asked that all chapters talk to their members about the program. There was discussion about a driving award for this year and also a category for a family "team" with an end of year award. Carol Fitzpatrick would like to sponsor this award.

Carol Fitzpatrick made a motion for the NYSHC to donate \$200.00 towards the purchase of water for the Dressage for Kids show. Seconded by Bob Pfohl. Motion was amended by Steve Ropel to have monies come from the show accounts. There was some discussion and the motion passed.

Carol made a second motion to allocate funds for a trophy given to the highest scoring NYSHC member for next year's show. Sharon Young Slate seconded it. Carol will keep track of membership status of contestants. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:15pm.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35pm.

Colleen Segarra gave a report on the Kentucky Horse Council's efforts to reduce unwanted breeding. Ideas were discussed and Colleen will find out how the Kentucky

program works. People interested can talk to Colleen and put together a proposal to put before the NYSHC.

There was discussion about our income source, which is membership. Membership numbers have decreased and ideas for increasing membership were discussed. We need to have someone in charge of advertising. Steve Ropel indicated interest in working advertising AFTER he steps down as treasurer. Lynndee Kemmet will work on some ideas for advertising and generating memberships to bring to the next meeting. Steve Ropel will help her.

Marsha Himler gave an update on the Horse Park. She will bring a copy of the completed media package to the next meeting for everyone to look at.

Colleen Segarra gave an update on the Paragallo case and other topics.

George King told all members that they have 3 things to work on before the next meeting:

1. Advertising ideas
2. Ideas for gelding incentive plan (KYHC unwanted breeding program)
3. New president and treasurer candidates.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Lassell, seconded by Vera Toth and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm

In attendance: George King, Teresa Passaretti, Deb Morano, Jean Arledge, Bob Pfohl, Janet Pfohl, Barb Cunningham, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, Veronica Weber, Judy Dalton, Betsy Jensen, Daryel Jensen, Charles Sawicki, Vera Toth, Mark Gisselbrecht, Cheri Parks, Mark Parks, Sara Knobel, Karen Lassell, Marsha Himler, Stephen Ropel, Lynndee Kemmet, Dru Malavase, Heide King, Sharon Young Slate, Gary Slate, Sara T. Chevako, Kathy Pratt, Carol Fitzpatrick, Colleen Segarra, Chip Watson