

NYSHC Meeting May 15, 2010

Meeting called to order by George King at 10:25 am. Motion to accept minutes from last meeting made by Diane Jones, seconded by Barbara Cunningham. Motion passed. Stephen Ropel presented the Treasurers report. There was discussion about re-assessing the set up of the accounts to consolidate into a smaller number of accounts. Discussion of history of the accounts ensued. Originally the accounts were kept separate to keep track of the source and intent for the monies. The sources could still be documented but the monies placed into a single account. Motion made by Diane Jones and Steve Ropel to have Steve investigate streamlining the accounts in conjunction with the finance committee. Sharon Young Slate seconded the motion. There was more discussion with suggestions for types of accounts and importance of maintaining records for proper distribution of funds donated/earmarked for specific purposes. Motion passed. Membership numbers are down by approximately 90 members, possibly due to the economy. Steve indicated that the even though the PayPal system will be more convenient for members its cost adds on to the expenses generated per member. We have been frugal thus far but need to look for another source of income in the form of grants and other sources. George reminded us that the prime responsibility of the Board of Directors is fund raising. Steve will look at the unsubscribed members, see which clubs they belong to and send lists to the appropriate chapter Vice Presidents.

Susan Braen made a motion to accept the treasurers report and it was seconded by Mary Ann Byers. Motion passed.

Sara Chevako reported that the only thing remaining to close out the Trail Grant is signage on the Jones Rd parking lot.

Diane Jones gave an update on the website. Asked regional VPs to send her information on yearly and premier events which she will put together in proper format and send to Valerie. The PayPal link is on the website. Some suggestions for additions/changes to the website were made. We are members of Facebook and Shannon Budnik and Diane Jones will discuss how to best to use this.

*****Deadline for submission to the newsletter is the FIRST MONTH OF EACH QUARTER.****

Send the information or articles to George. They do not have to be Horse Council related.

Chapter activities were discussed. New chapter in Sullivan county had 26 people at their first meeting and plans a second meeting June 2nd. Orange county has scheduled 6 trail rides sponsored by NYSHC in Stuart Park.

Our annual meeting will be held in Orange county and many horse related activities are scheduled including an organized ride.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 pm.

Meeting resumed at 12:30 pm. Marie McRae presented information on the Marcellus shale gas extraction and its immediate and long term impact on the environment and people living in the area of these drill sites.

After a short break, the meeting resumed at 1:45 pm.

Carolyn Moore gave an update on the spring and fall rides.

Leah Leising gave an update on the Ride and Drive program. Bob and Janet Pfohl and Carol Fitzgerald have donated end of the year awards for 2010.

Sara Chevako is going to contact Karin Bump to find out what our exposure will be at the Syracuse Invitational and how it will be managed.

Sara Chevako proposed that her present responsibilities be broken up and taken over by other people. Sharon and Gary Slate are willing to break up their shared director position. Sharon would remain as director and Gary would become VP of the Central Region. Nancy Avery can be the equine representative to the NYS Trails Council. This would fill the positions that Sara is vacating and she would be able to formally place her name on the slate for Treasurer.

Chip Watson moved that we accept Sara's proposal. Colleen Segarra seconded the motion. Motion passed.

We will vote on the new Treasurer at the annual meeting.

Bob Phohl, Barbara Cunningham and Susan Braen all volunteered to be the State Horse Council Designee for the American Horse Council.

Valerie proposed an affiliate membership with the New York State Morgan Horse Society. Karen Lassell and Steve Ropel will investigate this proposal.

Colleen Segarra is going to gather more information on the castration assistance program. We need to ask an attorney and the group in KY that has a similar program about the liability issues and will report back on this.

George King presented information on the bill before the Senate that would require dental care to be provided only by a veterinarian. This would prevent equine dentists from practicing in NYS.

Lynndee Kemmett made a motion that the board support the equine dentists in their effort to become licensed to practice equine dentistry in New York State. Sharon Young Slate seconded the motion. The motion passed.

George also reported on the USTAs SOS program support cruelty enforcement for standardbreds.

Colleen Segarra gave an update on present cruelty cases including the Paragallo case. Replacement of the President and Treasurer positions was discussed again. The Treasurer position is taken care of but we still need nominations for President. George will remain on the board and continue his legislative work but will not be president. Deb Morano is on the nominating committee.

Plans for our annual meeting in Orange county were discussed. This will take place September 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Motion to adjourn made by Veronica Weber, seconded by Shannon Budnik. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

In attendance: George King, Teresa Passaretti, Deb Morano, Mary Szarek, Barbara Cunningham, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, Veronica Weber, Judy Dalton, Carolyn Moore, Diane Jones, Jean Arledge, Jean Rhuda, Charles Sawicki, Chip Watson, Colleen Segarra, Shannon Budnik, Karen Lassell, Heidi King, Nancy Avery, Sara Chevako, Sharon Young Slate, Gary Slate, Mary Anne Byers, Susan Braen, Sara Knobel, Stephen Ropel, Lynndee Kemmett.