

**DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 18, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Stan Vonasek

Board Members

Present: Stan Vonasek, Ken Horeis, Tami Stevens, Pam Nebel, Julie Warrington, Wendy Lippincott, Cyndi Vollmer, George Parris

Absent: Dr. Christina Dayton

Secretary's Report (Pam Nebel): August Minutes are available on the DEC website at www.delawareequinecouncil.org and on the back table.

Treasurer's Report: (Tami Stevens)

Starting balance as of 8/21/17: \$30,339.97

Deposits: \$20.00 (Dues)

Deductions: \$631.88 (\$146.00 Pam Nebel for cookies, postage and advance for Mem App Day supplies); (\$75.00 Door prizes \$25 each for Chicks, SS, TSC) (\$260.00 Change for dues, t-shirts at Mem App Day event); (\$150.00 Hole sponsor for DE Horseman's Assistance Fund event); (88 cents PayPal fees)

Ending balance as of 9/18/17: \$29,728.09

George motioned to accept Treasurer's report and Ken seconded. Motion passed.

GUESTS

Members introduced themselves to new attendees Dr. Christopher Baldt and his wife, Jan, along with Darren Tatum-Poole and Brandon Tatum-Poole all introduced by Director Julie Warrington.

Dr. Baldt is a chiropractor who performs adjustments on both equines and humans. His wife, Jan, works with acupressure. Dr. Baldt has been doing chiropractic work since 1989 and has worked in Sussex County since 1995. He was past president of the Delaware Chiropractic Group and also has a detail resume of other organizations whereby he played a key role. In his early days, his first two cases fascinated him as they involved a stifle issue and a dizziness issue. Through a detailed process he was able to heal them. He has treated barrel racing horses, thoroughbred race horses, the Del State Equestrian Team show horses, and more. He feels that equine chiropractic care is a key element to equine wellness through treatment of the skeletal and muscular system. Treatments can last anywhere from thirty minutes to an hour. The initial visit is \$95 for both horse and their human; \$75.00 for follow up appointments and \$40 for human only and he will also adjust dogs. Contact information for Dr. Baldt is as follows: Phone 302-945-4575 or website at www.dr Baldt.com. He and Jan live in Millsboro, Delaware. Thank you for coming out to share your information with our group. Oh, and by the way, thank you for your kind comments about our group being so organized and having a great President and Secretary. Well received!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee (Pam and Wendy) – Wendy was nominated last month to continue as Director for another 3-year term. No other nominations as yet.

Newsletter (Wendy) – Articles for the newsletter are due now. Wendy would like an article about the recent Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue training (TLAER) that was held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. She has gleaned photos from Facebook posted by both Dr. Michelle Egli and Pam Nebel for an article. Pam offered to email Karen Clark to see if she would be interested in writing the article.

License Plate Design (Wayne) – Pam shared photos of license plate design in Wayne's absence. Julie suggested the committee meet with Tom at J&D Design this week and go over the color schemes. Pam will schedule a time.

Directory (Ken/Wendy) – Ken will handle Directory ads and Wendy will handle one-liners. Due date for all ads is October 30. Cost of ads is the same as last year and we will be using the same printer. Ken had letters available for anyone who wanted to take some to various businesses. The inside front cover has been purchased along with the outside back cover. Stan explained the Directory to new attendees.

Member Appreciation Day (Pam) – Date is Sunday, September 24, at Redden Headquarters. Ride out at 10am. Tami provided to Ken the three door prizes along with change for the registration desk. Members are free or they can also get their 2018 membership at the discounted rate. Just a reminder that this year non-members will pay a discounted (\$% off) membership rate to join in the ride. \$15 individual, \$20 organizational or \$30 commercial. *The discounted membership rate is **only** available at the event on September 24.* Pam went over the set up list for the event as follows:

Ken and Julie – Registration table activity

Pam – Plates, utensils, trash bags, paper towels, Subway cookies, list of active members, list of RSVPs.

Charlotte Grant – Water and sodas

Julie – Cooler, ice, money box, (Pam gave Julie two DEC tablecloths, hand sanitizer, pens, raffle tickets and bucket, horse combs, two plastic tablecloths and approximately thirty membership forms.)

Ken – Cooler, directories, money and money bag and three door prize certificates

Julie and Stan – 2 tables

Wendy – Membership applications

Joan Siler – Bring DEC shirts (Pam provided to Wendy to give to Joan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training - Cyndi Vollmer stated that she had attended all three days of the training and it was outstanding. She suggested everyone should take the opportunity to get involved with next year's training sessions. Date not determined yet, but there will definitely be another training effort. Demo's included overturned trailer rescue, open pit rescue, mud rescue, barn fire rescue and more. Lots of photos on Facebook from this valuable training. Mary Bashtarz mentioned that the Harrington Fire Department will come out to your farm upon request to check out your barn and bring to your attention any safety issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Southern States Feed and POPs – Ken mentioned that Southern States feed division will belong to Cargill by the end of this week. Triple Crown feed in this area will be manufactured by Purina. New England area will still be managed by Blue Seal. We don't know how this change will affect the POP program. To be determined.

MISCELLANEOUS

Stan read letter from the Delaware Animal Response Team thanking DEC for their generous donation to assist with the recent TLAER training.

Stan read letter from Department of Agriculture announcing that Ag Week will be held on January 8-11, 2018.

Ken mentioned that positive drug testing in PA on racehorses now comes with a six month suspension for the owner and a three month suspension for the horse.

Wendy acknowledged the recent passing of Penny Chenery, owner of Secretariat, on Saturday, September 16 at the age of 95. Secretariat was the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years winning the last leg of the Belmont by 31 lengths. Both Penny and Secretariat were champions and will be remembered.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Nebel and seconded by Tami Stevens.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting – October 16, 2017, at the Harrington Fire Hall conference room.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Pam Nebel.