

**DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 19, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Stan Vonasek

Board Members

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

Secretary's Report (Pam Nebel) Minutes available on table and on website at www.delawareequinecouncil.org

Treasurer's Report: (Tami Stevens)

Starting balance as of 1/15/18: \$35,489.17

Deposits: \$1515.00 (Dues, Directory Ads, Equisure Insurance, Liability signs)

Deductions: \$2,214.29 (Franchise tax, Delmarva Printing, Equisure Insurance, PayPal fees)

Ending balance as of 2/19/18: \$34,789.88

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Directory Wrap-up (Ken) – Ken provided handouts with statistics of advertisement pages bought this year. Gross income - \$7895, Printing \$4150, Formatting \$400 and New Ads Bonus \$100. Directory looks great! Nice job!

POP Program (Marie) – Stan reminded everyone to bring in their proof of purchase seals from Triple Crown and Legends feed.

Newsletter (Wendy) – The next quarterly newsletter will be April-June. Please get your articles in to Wendy no later than March 15. The scholarship dinner will be the main feature. Carol to provide article from DDC and Laurie to provide article about SDTR program.

License Plates (Wayne, Stan, Julie, Pam) – Pam reported that our second monthly income from plate sales in January was \$770. Great news! Great program! Press release with photo shoot was held in January which included all committee members along with Dave Wilson, Scott Clapper with DelDOT, and Tom Cahall with JD Signs. Stan is communicating with DMV regarding what is needed from DEC to start the process to have license plates for trailers authorized. He will keep us informed.

Equisure Insurance (Stan) – Stan reminded folks that you can purchase \$1M of excess personal liability insurance thru Equisure for a cost of \$25 for individual and \$40 for family. Those interested signed up tonight. Stan will forward check to insurance company.

Redner's Save A Tape Program (Tami) – Collect \$5k in Redner's receipts and DEC gets \$50. Must have a Redner's card to participate. Several receipts were turned in tonight. We have a total of \$2,524.06 in receipts, not including new ones submitted tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarship Dinner (Stan/Pam) – Pam reported that we have 111 people signed up for the awards dinner to date. **NOTE: New number is 121 as of 2/21/18)** Set up time for the event is 10am on March 3. Deadline for donation acknowledgement on the program is February 27. Head count goes to the Moose on February 26.

Mini Expo (Stan) – Briefly revisited the topic of a one day mini expo from perhaps 10-2. Ken concerned about vendors not attending for just four hours. Location still an issue. C-Line Stables was mentioned as a consideration. Mary Bashtarz mentioned that we might want to change the name from "Mini Expo" to something else so as not to confuse people who may think we are referring to a "mini horse" expo. More discussion needed on this idea. Pam brought up a previous idea from Ken regarding having a "First Time Horse Owners Clinic". This could include vets, farriers, equine dentists and knowledgeable people to discuss what to look for when buying a horse plus the maintenance and care of a horse.

AHC June Conference (Stan) – Conference will be held in D.C If anyone is interested on going please let Stan know.

NEW BUSINESS

Annett Farm Sponsorship Request - A \$110 sponsorship was approved for Annett Farms. Pam will order a new banner to be used throughout the show season this year and will notify Elrita Annett of the sponsorship approval.

Newsletter Mailing Rotation (Pam) – Pam suggested the quarterly newsletter be rotated amongst members. This task involves picking up approximately 100 newsletters from Chick's when they are printed, folding in half, tabbing on three sides, labeling (Pam will provide mailing labels), stamping and mailing. The first three volunteers were Tami, Cyndi and Julie. Thanks so much for your willingness to help!

DEC Budget for 2018 (Stan) – Stan presented the proposed 2018 budget to members. Julie motioned for budget to be approved and Wendy seconded. Motion approved.

Deer Management Meeting (Stan) – Meeting will be held this Thursday at 2pm at the DNREC office in Dover. Stan will attend. Discussion will include crop destruction by deer and most likely the issue of additional Sundays for hunting will be raised. Stan will keep us informed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pam mentioned that all paid members (except BOD) have received 2018 membership cards in the mail. New members receive a Welcome letter along with their membership cards. Pam handed out membership cards for the BOD.

Julie discussed artwork for tee-shirts and will get with Joanie Siler to get estimates. Pam's banner company does not do shirts but we do still have the Corrections Office that will do shirts for us.

Stan mentioned that two parcels of Redden Forest are being discussed to be used for hunting. There are 19k acres in the forest. The Tunnel Tract and another that are the ones singled out for the hunting effort. More to come on this issue. Junior at Redden Headquarters told Stan that some trails will be closed off for riding at the Headquarters Tract and that riders need to abide by the rule. We are supposed to stay on marked trails only. Also, the Jester Tract will be reopening soon.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tami Stevens and seconded by Cyndi Vollmer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next Meeting – March 19, 2018, at the Harrington Fire Hall conference room.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Pam Nebel.