

**DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
May 21, 2018**

**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, George Parris, Kate Bowski

**Absent:** Cyndi Vollmer

**Welcome** to new members Vicki and Edward Peters.

**Secretary's Report (Pam Nebel)** Minutes available on the website at

[www.delawareequinecouncil.org](http://www.delawareequinecouncil.org)

**Treasurer's Report: (Tami Stevens)**

**Starting balance as of 4/16/18:** \$34,002.54

**Deposits:** \$655.00 (Dues, License Plates)

**Deductions:** \$1628.86 (Newsletter postage, Fire Station room usage, CFERD donation, FSAC/SPCA donation, AHC economic impact booklet, Goetz Insurance)

**Ending balance as of 5/21/18:** \$33,028.66

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Redners Save a Tape Program (Tami)** - Present receipts total \$3,476.

**Newsletter (Julie)** – Julie reported that the upcoming June/July issue will be full of great articles and lots of photos. A picture of the license plate will run continuously in each edition. Many thanks to all who helped provide articles.

**Surveys (Kate)** – Kate provided an excellent power point presentation with the results of our recent survey that she created and posted on-line. Great job on this Kate. Your efforts are much appreciated! Julie mentioned that organizational and commercial members should be encouraged to join as lifetime members. She sent an email to those who have not renewed their 2018 memberships and mentioned the lifetime membership costs. Kate mentioned that several from the survey had asked for applications and seemed interested in joining DEC. A summary of the responses is as follows:

- The majority of respondents were female and between the ages of 26 and 65.
- Most households had between 1-2 riders
- A wide variety of horses are owned throughout DE with quarter horses, paints and thoroughbreds making up the largest number.
- 65% own more than 1 horse and 66% keep them on their own property
- Sussex had the largest number of respondents, followed by Kent, then New Castle.
- 67% are pleasure riders and 33% compete.
- A wide variety of disciplines and organizational memberships are represented throughout Delaware.

If you are interested in a full report, please contact Kate Bowski at [lonestargeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:lonestargeorgetown@gmail.com).

**License Plates (Stan)** – So far we have received \$3,395 in license plate income for the months of December 2017 thru April 2018. This means 97 plates have been sold during this time. Great program! Stan reported that trailer tag draft legislation went to Alexis in Legislative Hall on May 7. They are presently on break now, but hopefully there will be a positive decision by the end of June. Many people have already indicated that they would definitely purchase the new DEC license plates for their trailers.

**First Time Horse Owner Clinic (Ken)** – Things to think about is whether we want live animals included in clinics, where to hold the event, speakers, etc. Ken has talked to two vets, one farrier, a pasture representative and also a Triple Crown representative. Dates suggested were sometime in October. Denton 4H Park was suggested. George Parris provided a contact name for Ken. Anyone who would like to be on the organizational committee please contact Ken at [kenhoreis@yahoo.com](mailto:kenhoreis@yahoo.com).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Sunday Hunting (Stan)** – No report other than nothing is on the legislative agenda to date.

**Sept 15 Northern Ride/Membership Drive (Julie)** – There will be hunter and leisure pace trails and also trails for driving. Stan and George are heading up north on Thursday to check out the driving trails with Terry Tobias. This will be a trial run for the event. Stewart Ramsey's farm will be used for parking. Next step is to form a committee to help organize the event. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Julie at [warrington\\_girls@yahoo.com](mailto:warrington_girls@yahoo.com). We are looking for someone to create a flyer advertising our event. It will also be in the upcoming newsletter. Julie mentioned the recent trip to Winterthur for the Point to Point races. Winterthur very graciously donated a \$1500 advertisement using the DEC license plate on their Jumbo Tron. Everyone got to see it. Many thanks to Winterthur for their generosity. Julie to provide Stewart's phone number to Stan.

**Jester Tract (Stan)** – This Tract is still closed. No news as to when it will reopen. State offices are still working there.

**AHC Conference (Stan)** – Being held for three days in Washington D.C. Stan mentioned that Sunday, June 10, may be best time to go if just planning to attend for one day. State Horse Councils and the Unwanted Horse Coalition will be meeting that day. Let Stan know if you are interested. DEC will pick up the tab for registration, parking and overnight if you wish to stay.

**DEC Apparel (Julie)** – The order is in and should be ready within 4-6 weeks. Julie will take check for invoice to Correctional Facility. Total cost is \$1949.25 for the entire order which includes various sizes and colors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**University of Delaware Grant Program (Stan)** – Amy Biddle (head of Equine Program at UDel) wrote to us in April about grant funding for equine projects. This would give students the opportunity to network in the equine industry through working on specific projects for different groups. She suggested that students could work on certain DEC projects and join committees. Good way to get the college students involved with our organization. Amy said that it takes

approximately six months to get grant approval. Something good to consider once UDel receives approval.

**Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue (TLAER) (Stan)** – TLAER training for first responders, etc., led by Rebecca Gimenez, was held in Dover, DE, this year. DEC once again donated \$1k to assist with this outstanding training effort. Pam provided Julie with pictures of the event for the newsletter.

**Member Appreciation Day Ride/Drive at Redden (Stan)** – Date is September 30. Ride out at 10:00. Lunch from 12-1:30 provided by Shorty's Catering. Park is booked and Shorty is booked. George Parris asked if DDC could have their meeting at 2pm as they did last year. Request was approved.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Bill Hudran** made a presentation on a website that he is in the process of designing as a one-stop-shop with the goal being to give a central point of contact for people interested in the horse industry. More information on this effort to be provided at a later date.

**Julie** mentioned the Retired Race Horse Project is sponsoring a Team category this year. There is a team from Delaware made up of 7 girls attending a variety of universities. They will work together as a group to retrain an OTTB to be presented at the end of the year competition. Julie will follow the team and report on their progress..

**Kate** is doing research on essential oils for horse care. She passed out a flyer with information on how they help with numerous horse ailments (not to replace meds, but to enhance support for ailments). She will continue her research and follow up with us.

**Pam** informed staff that CFERD sent a nice card thanking DEC for their generous donation to help with the Quantico horses in their care. They now have two new babies that are doing great along with the other 15 Quantico rescues.

Motion to adjourn made by Ken. Seconded by Pam.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting July 16, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Pam Nebel.