

**DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 21, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President Ken Horeis

Board Members

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

Absent: Stan Vonasek, Dr. Christina Dayton

Secretary's Report (Pam Nebel): July 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 7/17/17: \$30,259.97

Deposits: \$200.00 (Dues, SS Proof of Purchase)

Deductions: \$120.00 (Pam Nebel for cookies, InfoRailway – web hosting/internet service)

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

Julie motioned to accept Secretary's report and Pam seconded. Motion passed.

Cindy motioned to pay all bills and Charlotte seconded. Motion was passed.

GUEST SPEAKER

Karen Clark

**Delaware Animal Response Coordinator
Office of Animal Welfare**

Karen briefed the group on the upcoming Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue training event scheduled for September 8-10, 2017, at the Delaware State Fairgrounds which will include hands on and live demonstrations. The large animal response team responsibility used to be handled by the Department of Agriculture. It is now run by the Office of Animal Welfare located in Newark, Delaware. There are two stations----Sheltering and the DE Large Animal Response Unit. Sheltering would be in an emergency situation such as tornado, hurricane, etc. The Large Animal Response group would be the ones to contact for emergency rescues for large animals. Homeland Security is involved with grants and funding. They are also part of FEMA. Karen mentioned that 75% of the expenses come back from the government during a disaster. Dr. Rebecca Giminez (new member to DEC) from Macon, Georgia, will be here to provide her expertise in large animal rescue. Her fee for this effort is \$20k. Dr. Giminez travels all over the country doing exactly what we will be witnessing here at the fairgrounds. The DE State Fire School has technical representatives coming out to enhance their training efforts. The Harrington Fire Department will be there as first responders to enhance their training for rescuing large animals. First responders from NC, PA and VA are interested in participating in the course. A press release will be out soon from the Department of Public Health. Morning talk sessions will be held at the Exhibit Hall and afternoon outdoor demos will be outside. Live demos will include a dummy horse and trailer at the event whereby the trainees must evacuate the horse in the safest manner possible, a mud pit whereby the horse needs to be pulled out, a mock barn fire whereby technicians will be trained on how to remove horses and an evening

search and rescue in the woods. Anyone who wishes to join the Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Unit and be a part of this important program should contact Karen Clark at 302-242-3594. She is looking for first responders to sign up first. Certifications will be received after completing required courses. Information on space available for auditing will be forthcoming along with a press release. They are looking to educate the community along with enhancing the skills of first responders. More courses will be held in due time. They plan to hold another event in 2018. A discussion ensued on a donation amount for this course. Stan had mention \$1k in a previous email. Wendy made a motion to donate \$1k to this event and Cyndi seconded. Motion was passed. DEC banner will hang at the event.

During this briefing, it was mentioned that during a hurricane warning the fairgrounds horse barn can be used to house horses, but the stipulation is that the owner needs to be with their horse at all times. Karen said that the Red Cross is supposed to come out to provide comfort items for horse owners. That has never happened to our knowledge. Schools are to be open for housing small animals. Animal Welfare Investigator S. Warburton with the Department of Agriculture can be contacted for more information on these particular efforts. She also investigates large animal cruelty reports. *See attachment #1 at end of minutes for course outline and tentative schedule.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter (Wendy) – Please send Wendy any articles that you wish to be published. Don't be afraid to go out and take some pictures of various events to publish in the newsletter. The final newsletter for 2017 will include October thru December, as we are going to quarterly newsletters in 2018.

License Plate Design (Wayne) – Wayne spoke with Tom at J&D Design in Harrington and he will have 3 designs for the committee to review by the end of next week. Wayne shared copies of other state license plates with Tom to give him an idea of what we are looking for. Cost is \$50 per hour and projected total is \$250. George Parris made a motion not to exceed \$250 and Pam seconded. Motion was passed. We appreciate Julie's effort on getting her friend to help out, but we do understand that she was very busy this year. More to come from the committee after design samples are provided.

Directory (Ken) – 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. Be sure to put your name on the bottom of the ad form or application so that Ken will know who obtained the ad.

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

OLD BUSINESS

4-H Awards (Ken) – Ken was in attendance to hand out awards again this year. He also read a thank you note from Susan Garey expressing appreciation from the 4H to DEC for sponsoring the embroidered garment bags for the champions of the 52nd State 4H Show at the Delaware State Fair. Congrats to all!

Member Appreciation Day (Pam) – Date is Sunday, September 24, at Redden Headquarters. Ride out at 10am. Carriages leave first and riders follow. Lunch will be provided by Shorty's Catering from 12 noon until 2pm.. Door prizes will consist of gift cards from the following

businesses: Chick's \$25, Southern States \$25 and Tractor Supply \$25. Tami will pick up certificates and give to Julie at next meeting. Members are free. Just a reminder that this year non-members will pay a discounted membership rate to join in the ride. \$15 individual, \$20 organizational or \$30 commercial. In past years, members were allowed to bring a friend free. This year DEC voted on only providing free attendance to members. A flyer was included in the August/September newsletter and flyers will be posted at various locations.

Member Appreciation Day Set Up List:

Ken and Julie – Registration table activity

Pam – Plates, utensils, 2 DEC tablecloths, trash bags, paper towels, hand sanitizer, list of active members, one table, pens, raffle tickets/bucket, gift cards

Charlotte Grant – Water and sodas

Julie – Cooler, ice, money box

Ken – Cooler, directories

Julie and Cyndi – Tables

Wendy – Membership applications

Tami to Julie – Money and money bag for registration table

Joanie Siler – Bring DEC shirts (Pam will provide to you prior to event)

Conservation Pass (Wayne) – A pass is required effective July 1, 2017, to park vehicles at State Wildlife areas. Cost is \$32.50 per year for DE residents. A three-day pass for three consecutive days is \$10. For out-of-state vehicles the annual pass is \$65 and the three-day pass is \$20. The passes may be purchased on-line at Delaware Licenses

www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/services/pages/lic-perm-reg.aspx

Pam mentioned that passes can also be purchased at Walmart in their hunting section. Wayne and Pam drove into the parking lot at C&R to see if there were any signs indicating a pass was necessary to park, but they saw nothing. Questions arose as to how the program was being monitored. Nobody knows. Suggest getting the pass because at some point, someone will be watching and it's not worth a citation/ticket. Stan suggested (via phone during meeting) that a blast email goes out to members regarding the conservation pass. Information can also be obtained from our August/September newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

USEF Horse Welfare & Safety Penalty Guidelines (Ken) – The US Equestrian Federation has released the official horse USEF Welfare and Safety Penalty Guidelines which will become effective September 1, 2017. *See attachment #2 at end of minutes for further details.*

Large Animal Emergency Rescue-NCC (Ken/Susan) - The University of Delaware Equine Science Program is hosting this event on October 7 and October 8. Cost is \$10 per day to attend. Bring your own lunch. Both sessions are the same, so you just choose which day you wish to attend. You do not have to attend two days. Pre-registration must be received by September 30, 2017. This event is a one-day clinic to educate first responders, horse owners or anyone interested in learning basic large animal rescue techniques. *See attachment #3 at the end of minutes for further details.*

Healthy Kids Day (Ken) – Event will be held at Killens Pond State Park on Wednesday, October 18 (rain date 10/19). Looking for people or organizations to provide between seven and nine 15-20 minute presentations or discussions on the benefits of your activity or business to local 3rd grader students, teachers and chaperons. The programs will last from 10:00am until

approximately 3:00pm. You are welcome to bring signs or brochures advertising your business or organization. Anyone interested in helping them out or have questions, please contact Lindsey Robinson at Lindsey.Robinson@state.de.us or by calling 302-284-4299. DEC does not plan to attend this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

DEC Directory Photo Contest – Photos may be submitted to info@delawareequinecouncil.org. They must be received by October 30. Winner will be notified after committee selection.

Changing Fates Equine Rescue of Delaware – CFERD is organizing an obstacle course fundraiser to be held at 595 Cedar Grove Church Road in Harrington. Mary Bashtarz (DEC member) has graciously offered her farm to hold the event. Her 4H Club, Happy Horses 4H, will also be sponsors along with Joanie Siler's Pony Pals 4H providing lunchtime refreshments. This is located right off Route 12. Easy access to property and plenty of parking. Flyer will be out soon and posted on DEC website. Contact Robin Weinkam at 410-858-7058 (text or call) if you are interested in participating or helping to set up obstacles.

Fall Pasture Walk – September 7 (Susan Garey)

Thursday, September 7, 2017 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Woodside Creamery
378 North Star Rd, Newark, DE 19711

Come and see how Woodside Creamery uses pasture to effectively feed the dairy herd. Learn how to identify weeds and how to control them in a pasture setting. In addition, the topic of integrated pest management on forage fields will be discussed. Hear how to take a proper soil sample and how to pick out the right fence charger for your operation. NRCS will give an update on the programs available for pasture planting. Experts will be on hand to answer specific questions. The meeting is free and everyone interested in attending is welcome. If you have special needs in accessing this program, please call the office two weeks in advance. *See attachment #4 with agenda at the end of the minutes.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting – September 18, 2017, at the Harrington Fire Hall conference room.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Pam Nebel.

Please see informational attachments that follow on next seven pages..

Attachment #1

Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue (TLAER™) DELAWARE 8-10 SEPTEMBER, 2017

Operational Level /
Awareness Level (will audit the hands-on portion)

Course Outline (times are approximate and SUBJECT TO REVISION)

First Day

Morning Session 0800-1200 - LOCATION

Introduction – Emergency And Disaster Preparedness For Large Animals
Basic Concepts In Large Animal Emergency Rescue
Review Of Large Animal Behavior And Senses – Normal And Under Stress
Containment And Restraint Of Large Animals (Physical And Chemical)
Agro-Terrorism And Foreign Animal Disease, HAZMAT Issues In TLAER
Critical Medical Concerns During Large Animal Incidents
Basic Life Support Measures During Large Animal Incidents
Introduction To Emergency Decontamination Of Animals (Gross Methods)
The Incident Command System In TLAER Incidents
The Role Of The Veterinarian, The Owner, Emergency Responders And Animal Control

Lunch 1200-1300

Afternoon Session 1300-1700 – TLAER training facility

HANDS ON AND LIVE ANIMAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Introduction To Basic And Advanced TLAER Rescue Supplies And Equipment
Forward Assist, Backwards Drag, Hampshire Slip and Sideways Drag Manipulations
Manipulation Of Recumbent Live Large Animals And Operational Exercise
Containment of Live Animals
Approach, Handling, Restraint of Live Animals
Loading And Leading Live Animals

Second Day

Morning Session 0800-1200 - LOCATION

Trailer Incident Response Considerations And Livestock Trailer Overturns
Evacuation Planning (Emergencies And Disasters)
Emergency Field Humane Euthanasia
Large Animal Ambulances
Simple Vertical Lifting Considerations
The Rescue Glide

Lunch 1200-1300

Afternoon Session 1300-1600 – LOCATION

HANDS ON AND LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

Trailer Overturn and Stabilization Operational Exercise
Trailer Incident Response
Introduction To Mechanical And Rope Systems For TLAER
Access Into Horse Trailers
Large Animal A-Frame Operational Exercise
The Becker Web Sling Vertical Lift System

GROUP Dinner – ONSITE 1600-1800 TLAER training facility

Starting at Dusk (approximately 1800-2100) TLAER training facility

Night Search & Rescue (SAR) Operational Exercise

Attachment #1 (con't)

Employment Of The Rescue Glide

Third Day

Morning Session 0800-1200 LOCATION

Overview Of Large Animal Slings And Helicopter Operations

The Anderson Sling

Water Rescue Scenarios (Water, Ice, Unstable Ground, Mud)

Response And Prevention Of Fire (Barn Fires, Wild Fires)

Real-Life Scenarios - Tabletop Exercises

FINAL EXAMINATION

Lunch 1200-1300

Afternoon Session 1300-1600 – HANDS ON AND LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

LOCATION

Barn Fire Prevention and Evacuation Planning

Barn Fire Evacuation Operational Exercise

LOCATION

Simulation Of Helicopter Sling-Loading Operations And Anderson Sling

Mud Rescue Equipment And Operational Exercise

Certificates and Conclude Course

DIRECTIONS:

TO ALL LOCATIONS and EXACT ADDRESS

USEF Horse Welfare & Safety Penalty Guidelines Effective September 1, 2017

by US Equestrian Communications Department | Aug 18, 2017, 12:30 PM EST

Today, the US Equestrian Federation released the following official horse welfare and safety penalty guidelines. This is in follow up to the announcement at the USEF Mid-Year Board Meeting last month.

Introduction

A common thread that binds all of the Federation's breeds and disciplines is a dedication and commitment to the health, welfare, and safety of the horse. US Equestrian is committed to ensuring the welfare of our horses and providing a safe and fair competition environment to all of our members and their equine partners. To do this, US Equestrian has created rules to govern the actions of our members and protect both horses and humans, allowing them to experience the joy of horse sports.

In the event that a member violates any of the Rules covering welfare and safety of a horse, and this violation ends in a hearing before the Federation's Hearing Committee, any subsequent penalty issued should be appropriately severe, as a case of a welfare or safety violation against a horse is one of the most egregious violations under the Federation's Rules. Previously imposed penalties in cases of welfare and safety violations are no longer sufficient in today's cases. It is important that the Federation's penalties reflect the severity of the violation.

Penalty Guidelines for horse welfare and safety cases ("Guidelines") have been prepared to assist the Hearing Committee with the types and ranges of penalties to impose in such cases. These Guidelines also assist the Hearing Committee Panels in the imposition of consistent and efficient penalties. A review and evaluation of penalties imposed in these types of cases was performed. While the suspensions and fines imposed may have been appropriate at the time that they were imposed, the suspensions and fines are too light to be useful as guidelines for matters brought to the Hearing Committee today.

Penalty Range is a Guideline Only

The penalty types and ranges below are simple guidelines and are not mandatory. These Guidelines are intended to provide a basis upon which discretion can be exercised consistently in like circumstances but are not binding on the Hearing Committee Panels. Depending on the facts and circumstances of each case, a Hearing Committee Panel may determine that no purpose is served by imposing a penalty within the range provided in these Guidelines. In some cases, a penalty below the stated range, or no penalty at all, may be warranted. Conversely, a Hearing Committee Panel may determine that the facts and circumstances of a specific case may call for the imposition of penalties above or otherwise outside of a stated range. Examples include, but not are limited to, prior rule violations, egregious misconduct, the need for increase deterrence, or certain policy considerations.

Hearing Panel Discretion

Federation Hearing Panels must always exercise judgment and discretion and consider appropriate aggravating and mitigating factors in determining appropriate penalties in every case. In addition, whether the penalties are within or outside of the range stated in the Guidelines,

Hearing Panels must identify the basis for the penalties imposed.

Categories of Rule Violations

I. Excessive Use of Whip or Spurs and Improper Use of Bits

- Excessive or intentional use of whip or spurs or improper use of a bit to cause harm or pain to a horse/pony.
 - First Offense - Suspension of 6 months and \$6,000.00 fine
 - Second Offense - Suspension of 12 months and \$12,000.00 fine
 - Third Offense - Suspension of 24 months and \$24,000.00 fine
- If there are multiple horses involved, the penalty should apply to each horse and run consecutively

II. Illegal Equipment

- Use of illegal equipment with no intent to cause harm or pain to a horse/pony or which doesn't cause harm or pain to a horse/pony.
 - Discretion of the Hearing Panel
- Intentional use of illegal equipment to cause harm or pain to a horse/pony
 - First Offense - Suspension of 12 months and \$12,000.00 fine
 - Second Offense - Suspension of 18 months and \$18,000.00 fine
 - Third Offense – Suspension of 36 months and fine of \$36,000 and must appear before the Hearing Panel and provide proof of rehabilitation before being eligible to regain membership
- If there are multiple horses involved, the penalty should apply to each horse and run consecutively

III. Cruelty/Abuse/Neglect – Includes excessive riding, lunging, training and showing, deprivation of water and feed, striking with an object, unintentional death, and violations of the 12 hour injection rule involving forbidden substances for purpose of competition.

- First Offense - Suspension of 12 months and \$12,000.00 fine
- Second Offense - Suspension of 24 months and \$24,000.00 fine and must appear before the Hearing Panel and provide proof of rehabilitation before being eligible to regain membership
- Third Offense – Suspension of 60 months and fine of \$60,000 and must appear before the Hearing Panel and provide proof of rehabilitation before being eligible to regain membership
- If there are multiple horses involved, the penalty should apply to each horse and run consecutively

IV. Death and Maiming – Includes acts in which the death of a horse occurred, but was not intended

- First Offense - Suspension of 36 months and \$36,000.00 fine and must appear before the Hearing Panel and provide proof of rehabilitation before being eligible to regain membership

- Second Offense - Suspension of 60 months and \$60,000.00 fine and must appear before the Hearing Panel and provide proof of rehabilitation before being eligible to regain membership
- Third Offense – Lifetime ban
- If there are multiple horses involved, the penalty should apply to each horse and run consecutively

V. Intentional Death for Financial or Other Means

- Lifetime ban

* Reciprocity of Criminal Charges – In cases of reciprocity of criminal charges, the minimum USEF penalty should at least mirror the criminal penalty with latitude given to impose more severe penalties.

Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training



hosted by
**University of
Delaware Equine
Science Program**
Oct 7th or 8th 2017
8 am - 4 pm
UD Webb Farm
Farm Road, Newark

Elkton MD



Do you know what to do in a large animal emergency? Are you prepared with equipment, know who to call, what to do? Whether you are a public safety official, a first responder, a veterinary professional, or an equestrian, this course is essential to prepare you for an emergency. You will learn how to move large animals safely and quickly in cases of disaster or injury, while preventing potential injuries to the humans involved. The course offers classroom instruction and hands-on scenarios using our specialized equipment and equipment that may be readily available to first responder departments.

A one-day clinic is being offered to educate first responders, horse owners or anyone interested in learning basic large animal rescue techniques instructed by Roger Lauze, the Equine Rescue and Training Coordinator for MSPCA. Fair Hill NRMA's new rescue trailer, donated by the Volunteer Mounted Patrol, will be utilized for the training. The cost for the full day of training is \$10 per person. Please bring your own lunch and drinks.

Registration is limited to 40 participants per day so please register early. Dress appropriately for the weather as you will be hands on after classroom work. Please bring leather gloves and safety helmet. For more information, contact Amy Biddle, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, 531 So College Ave, Newark, DE 19716 or e-mail asbiddle@udel.edu Phone contact # 302-831-2642.

Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

horse owner () first responder () barn owner ()

public safety () veterinary professional () other ()

No entry is deemed complete until this Form is signed and submitted

Please list preference of class day. Classes filled on first come basis

_____ Saturday, Oct. 7 _____ Sunday, Oct. 8

Pre registration must be received by September 30, 2017

Please mail or email registration to: Amy Biddle, Department of Animal and Food Sciences,
531 So College Ave, Newark, DE 19716 asbiddle@udel.edu

Attachment #4

FALL PASTURE WALK SCHEDULE

Credits: Nutrient Management (1) Pesticide credit(1)

6:00-6:05

Welcome and Introductions

Dan Severson, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

6:05-6:20

Tour of Pastures and Pasture Management

Jim Mitchell, Woodside Farm Creamery

6:20-6:35

Soil Sampling Techniques and How to Properly Submit Your Sample

Karen Gartley, University of Delaware Plant and Soil Science Research Manager

6:35-7:00

Weed Identification and Control in Pastures

Quintin Johnson, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

7:00-7:15

Update on Natural Resource Conservation District Programs

Brooke Jones, NRCS District Conservationist

7:15-7:35

Integrated Pest Management in a Pasture Setting

Bill Cissell, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

7:35-7:50

Choosing the Right Fence Charger for your Operation

Dan Severson, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

7:50-8:00

Wrap up and Evaluations

Dan Severson, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

To register or request more information, please call (302) 831-2506. Mark your Calendar and call to register by Friday, September 1!