

DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 16, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Stan Vonasek

Board Members

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

Welcome to new commercial members Jerry Daub and Rose Lawson with **Happy Horses Happy People** and to Anna Piccolo with **Haygain**/Mid Atlantic Sales. Anna did a presentation with the Haygain equipment after the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Tami Stevens)

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

Deposits: \$920.00 (Dues, License Plates)

Deductions: \$1,460.72 (Point-to-Point, DQHA bronze sponsorship, TLAER training donation, AHC donation, PayPal fees)

Ending balance as of 6/18/18: \$32,487.94

Starting balance as of 6/18/18: \$32,487.94

Deposits: \$762.29 (Dues, License Plates, Newsletter Ad, Apparel sales)

Deductions: \$2,632.31 (Banner reimbursement, DCI apparel and mugs, newsletter postage, PayPal fees)

Ending balance as of 7/16/18: \$30,617.92

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Kay first, Pam second Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Redners Save a Tape Program (Tami) – We have met the \$5k mark for receipts and will receive \$61.50 from the program. Tami will prepare paperwork to get the ball rolling. Great program!

Newsletter (Julie) – Newsletter is coming along well. Some highlights are Annett Farms obstacle challenge, hay steamer product, AMBA mustangs, Dr. Baldt chiropractic, Ranch Riding, EIA report, etc. Waiting for barrel racing article and a few more photos.

License Plates (Stan) – So far we have received \$4k+ in license plate income for the months of December 2017 thru May 2018. Plates sold during this time totals 135. Great program! Stan reported that trailer tag legislation has been approved and hope to have it signed by the Governor by the end of the month. Several people have indicated interest in purchasing DEC license plates for their trailers. One time cost of \$50 for these special plates, whereby DEC receives \$35 and DMV receives \$15. Vanity plates can also be ordered for an additional charge. Super program and well received by DE residents.

First Time Horse Owner Clinic (Ken) – Looking for a site to hold this clinic. Possibilities are Kent County Library in Camden, Extension Office near the DMV, Board room at the State Fairgrounds, Quality Inn near Chick's Saddlery. Rose Lawson mentioned the Crossroads Church in Georgetown as a possibility. Still in the works.

OLD BUSINESS

Sunday Hunting (Stan) – Sunday hunting was approved 41-2 and 21-2. Nothing that DEC could have done would have changed the opinions of the legislature. The present five (5) Sunday hunting days will increase to whatever DNREC chooses to allow. This will include private and public lands. The issue of agricultural crop damage is what sold the program. Two tracts in Redden Forest are being rented for hunting as a pilot program. DEC has new safety orange sweatshirts! Be sure to get yours early before they're all gone!

Autumn on the Brandywine Ride (Julie) – Date is Sept 15. Mark your calendars for a great time. There will be a hunter pace and a leisure pace (mostly walking) trail. Cost is \$30 per person and this includes one year DEC membership and lunch along with the opportunity to ride the National and State Parks and the Conservation area. Beautiful scenery to behold. Stewart Ramsey's farm will be the home site for the event where lunch will be served, music to entertain you, ice cream and raffles. This ride is an effort to increase membership in New Castle County. Originally, a drive was going to be included until it was deemed that the terrain was too rough for driving. Mary Everhart and Julie took a ride last week and Julie shared what a wonderful experience she had during that ride. Mary will be a trail guide for one of the trails and also head up guides for the other trail. There are water crossings and hills. Julie suggested horses have shoes or boots for this event. There are five (5) volunteers from New Castle. Barbara Brown at Chick's is working on the flyer. Julie is looking for volunteers for the registration desk. She hopes to have everything up and running electronically whereby people can sign up for membership and pay via PayPal. Julie can be reached at warrington_girls@yahoo.com or 302-423-7392 (text or call). Great job on coordinating this effort Julie! It's surely to be a success!

DEC Apparel (Julie) – All apparel is here for your perusal...tee shirts, sweatshirts, denim shirts, cups and koozies. Please see Julie at the end of the meeting.

Member Appreciation Day (Stan) – Date is Sunday, September 30 at Redden Forest Headquarters. Members are free but can renew their membership for \$15. \$15 for all non-members which gives them a one year membership. Catering by Shorty. This will be our sixth (6) event, all of which have been super successful. Great way to catch up with friends and make new ones. There are two loops, one is approx. 2 hours (at a walk) and the other is approx. 1-1/2 hours (at a walk). Forest rules require that you remain on the designated wide trails and not venture off into other areas of the forest. It's a beautiful ride regardless of which of the two trails you take. Registration starts at 9:00. Ride out at 10:00 (or following registration) and lunch at noon. You can ride out again after lunch if you wish. This is not a guided trail. Ride at your own pace and enjoy the scenery.

NEW BUSINESS

Essential Oils (Kate) – Question was as to whether this topic could be a separate issue (since a 2-hour clinic) or combine with the First Time Horse Owners clinic. Consensus was to keep it a separate event due to time constraints. Tentative date is November 3. Kate will follow up with more information at a later date.

Website Revamp (Kate/Mark/Tami) - Looking at converting the website and rebuilding with Dream Weaver software. Mark can set up the program. Website will be mastered in-house rather than through an outside service. Need to confirm who will be our in-house webmaster(s). Present webmaster will be notified when this will take place. Tami mentioned that we received a bill from our present website host which had increased from last year. Ken made motion to go with the three month host option and Kay seconded. Motion passed.

Donation Request from Horse Lovers United – Request was mailed in by Lorraine Truitt requesting a \$100 donation for their annual Standardbred training program. Horses will be judged in September and offered up for adoption. Ken suggested we donate \$125 and request that our banner be displayed at the event in Milton in September. Motion was made by Kay to donate the \$125 and seconded by Kate. Motion passed. Tami will send out letter requesting our banner be displayed. Kate and/or Ken to handle getting banner to the Milton event after it is returned from the Wicomico event where Kate is providing it for display. Contact is Lorraine Truitt 410-749-3599.

Booth Workers for REACT Benefit (Kate/Tami) – Lots of new signage/posters and information put together by Kate and Tami for our booth at the upcoming event at 16 Mile Brewery in Georgetown to benefit the above mentioned 501 (c) (3) horse rescue and the Quantico horses under their care. Great job! Motion made by Julie to donate \$300 to the rescue and Laurie seconded. Motion passed. Tami will present check at the event. Great job by Tami and Kate! Many thanks!

Directory Coordinator (Stan) – Stan will talk to Amy Biddle (head of Equine Program at UDel) about grant funding for equine projects. If they receive this grant it would give students the opportunity to network in the equine industry through working on specific projects for different groups. Our Directory could be one of the projects. More to come.....

MISCELLANEOUS

Maryland resident, Mary Ann Fardelmann on Cherry Walk Road (area where Wicomico horses were rescued), mailed in several Southern States and Triple Crown proof of purchase coupons for DEC to turn in for the POP program. DEC receives 25 cents per coupon. Many thanks for this kind effort. Pam will send thank you note. Remember to continue to save your POP coupons and turn into DEC.

Rose Lawson has agreed to handle the Directory Cover Photo Contest this year. She will get in touch with Pam to coordinate.

Kate suggested that all new members be recognized on DEC's Facebook page. **Julie** suggested we start with Anna Piccolo (Haygain) and Jerry Daub (Happy Horses Happy People). Wayne and Kate will be sure to make this happen.

NOTE: The Jester Tract is now open for riding.

Motion to adjourn made by Julie. Seconded by Tami.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting August 20, 2018

Minutes submitted by Secretary Pam Nebel.