

**DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 17, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm by President Stan Vonasek

Board Members

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

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 8/20/18: \$30,659.18

Deposits: \$810.00 (license plates, dues, Brandywine, apparel sales, liability signs)

Deductions: \$621.53 (web software, webmaster final bill, postage, keychains, refreshments at meeting, State Fair tickets and AHC registration)

Ending balance as of 8/20/18: \$30,847.65

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – George Parris first, Wayne Nebel second. Motion passed.

Stan asked if the DEC trailer got tags renewed. Wayne replied yes. Pam will check with DelDot to see if we can get vanity plates for trailer tags. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Redners Save a Tape Program (Tami) – We have met the \$5k mark for receipts. Tami received a check from Redner's in the amount of \$63.17.

Triple Crown/Legends POP Program – Bring in your POPs to Marie Johnson. DEC receives 25 cents for Legends and 30 cents for Triple Crown POPs.

DEC License Plates (Pam) – We received \$560 in revenue for the month of August. This brings us to a total of \$5,460.00 since December 2017 with a sale of 156 plates. Great program. Thanks for keeping accurate account of the revenue Tami.

Member Appreciation Day (Stan/Pam) – Discussed set up for event. Location booked, caterer booked, flyer in Aug/Sept newsletter, Julie will email flyer to members who have provided email addresses, \$25 gift certificates provided by Chick's and Hudson's Southern States, Pam will pick up one from TSC, Pam will look for photographer, Stan will pick up DEC trailer from Julie and bring to event, Pam has picked up paper goods for lunch, Pam will order Subway cookies, Cyndi bringing two coolers with ice, Wayne will get 3 cases of water, Ken will bring 3 cases of Pepsi, tables and tablecloths are in the trailer, Tami will make 40-50 copies of membership applications, Ken/Wayne/Tami will bring directories, Tami and Julie will provide money box and leather zip bag for registration table and apparel table, Laurie and Cyndi will man the apparel table, Rose/Jerry/Ken will man the registration table.
Stan will talk to Jr Webb about wet ground just in case it rains prior to or during event. Everyone pitch in to help with clean-up. **Update:** We have 67 people signed up.

Autumn on the Brandywine (Julie) – Original date of 9/15 was postponed due to weather. New date is November 3, same place, same time. Julie will be sending out a new flyer to reflect the new date. Julie reported that out of the 32 pre-registered participants only three cannot make this date but they have opted to maintain their new membership with DEC as their membership was included in the registration fee. They also donated the \$10 balance to DEC. Many thanks for their generosity. Julie needs additional volunteers for the event. Stan, Laurie, Tami, Mark and Pam cannot make the November 3 date. Julie will finalize volunteers at the October meeting. Please let her know if you can help.

Website Update – Ken commented that new website created by Mark is fantastic and be sure to check it out with the link that Mark sent to the Board of Directors. Stan and Wayne to provide wording for the Foundation page. Pam to check out resolution on cameras for good pictures to send to Mark.

Directory (Ken) – Ken stated that whoever collects the most new ads for the Directory will receive \$100 cash award. These cannot be ads that were in the book last year, but can be included if from years past. He is looking for people to make phone calls to verify the one-liners. Pam reminded folks that you cannot just take a page and make phone calls due to the fact that several businesses are located in various categories and that you do not want to make duplicate calls. Rose offered to put all businesses on an excel spread sheet so that there will not be duplication of calls. Awesome effort Rose. This will be the first time we have had a database for the Directory. Many thanks for your kind offer to do this! Stan and Elrita offered to help with phone calls.

OLD BUSINESS

New Horse Owner Clinic (Ken) – Date: :November 3, Location: Kent County Extension Office at 69 Transportation Circle, Dover, DE.

Program will include hoof care, horse care and health issues, pasture management and maintenance, nutrient management, basic nutrition and horse trailer maintenance and safety.

Cost: \$10 adults...\$5 youth under 18

Must pre-register with Ken by October 27. Would like to have 25 participants in order to hold clinic. Elrita will prepare flyer.

Newsletter (Julie) – Looking for new idea for articles. She has several in the works for the Oct/Nov edition. Pam will provide article and pictures regarding the upcoming Buck Brannaman clinic at the Quillen arena Sept 21-23.

Sunday Hunting (Stan) – Stan suggested for folks to go to the DNREC website to plot out the hunting seasons by the firearm being used. There is shotgun, muzzleloader and handgun seasons. Shotgun season allows: shotgun, muzzleloader, handgun, plus pistol caliber rifles. Muzzleloader season allows only muzzleloader. Handgun season allows only handgun. Bow and crossbow season lasts from September thru January, including all Sundays. Stan reiterated that you should not be in the woods at rut season in November during shotgun season. Extremely dangerous.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee (Stan) – Pam and Kate volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. All that is required is for people to let Pam or Kate know when a nomination has been accepted and they will provide a report to Stan in October. There are four director positions

available, the secretary position and the vice-president. It is not necessary to fill all four director positions but it would be good to fill at least two of them.

Therapeutic Riding Donation Request (Julie) – Julie made a motion to provide a \$250 sponsorship to the organization and George Parris seconded. Motion passed. Stan remarked that this is SDTR's largest fundraiser of the year. Great organization. Julie will request that our banner be displayed at the event. All alcohol is donated by Atlantic Liquors along with bartender service. \$40 includes dinner/dancing and 2 drink tickets.

AMBA Annual Halloween Costume Ride (Pam) – AMBA, longtime supporters of DEC, will be having their annual ride at Redden on October 28. They voted to donate 50% of the proceeds from this event to the DEC Foundation for a sponsorship in 2019. Thanks and appreciation goes to our long-time supporters. \$25 includes ride/walk, catered lunch and prizes. Bring your horse or just yourself out to join the fun on Sunday, October 28. Lunch will be catered by Park Place Restaurant...and their food is delicious!

AMBA Meet the Mustangs Open House (Pam) – Date was moved from Sept 15 due to weather and is now scheduled for Saturday, September 29 from 10-4. 14706 S. Union Church Road in Ellendale. Eight time Extreme Mustang Makeover competitor and clinician Richard Garner will be there to perform demos. UDel Extension Agent Susan Garey will discuss fall pasture management tips and weed identity. Tack swap space is available for \$10. Bring your own table. Call 302-270-7932 for more information.

Tuckahoe Celebration of the Horse (Pam) – Saturday, October 13 at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. Event is FREE! See multiple discipline demonstrations: hunter/jumper, western pleasure, driving, barrel racing, mounted archery, performance mules, drill teams, dressage, jousting, trick riding, western dressage and therapeutic riding. Also included are lectures on equine dentistry, veterinary and blacksmith/farrier. Food will be available to purchase. Contact Joetta Denny at 410-490-5021 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

Stan shared thank you notes from Susan Garey regarding DEC providing director's chairs for the 4H Awards at the State Fair and also from Compassionate Hearts for our basket donation at their recent fundraiser.

DEC Trailer - It's new home will be determined after the "Autumn on the Brandywine" date of November 3. Until then, it will stay at Julie's.

Update: DEC would like to help out folks in North Carolina in the aftermath of the hurricane. Stan made a contact to get information on how to donate to a reputable organization. They replied that the best way to donate is to go to the North Carolina web page at www.nchorsecouncil.com and click the donate button.

Motion to adjourn made by Tami. Seconded by Connie.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting October 15, 2018

Minutes submitted by Secretary Pam Nebel.