

**Delaware Equine Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023 7pm**

**Call to Order- Ken Horeis**

**Pledge of Allegiance-Stan Vonasek**

**Treasurer's Report- Kaitie Spencer**

**Beginning Balance-**\$36,162.00

**Deposits-** \$ 5,910.00

**Expenses-** \$ 4,579.55

**Ending Balance-** \$37,492.45

**Speaker-Vicki Trainor of Delmarva Search & Rescue (SAR)**

Vicki shared the groups mission and told some actual stories of rescues on the peninsula. SAR is a volunteer organization and relies on donations to keep it up to date with equipment and training. She also shared that the horses are also trained to search for missing persons.

- A. A Scavenger Hunt at Blackbird State Park is a fundraiser usually scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October
- B. Stan motioned for DEC to make a \$1,000 donation to the Delmarva Search & Rescue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Nebel, vote: all yes, approved

Old Business

**A. SDTR Donation Request for Derby Day-Stan Vonasek**

1. Representing SDTR, Stan would like to ask DEC to donate to this event since it is equine related. He noted that DEC had also donated to the fall Beef and Beer fundraiser . He suggested from 2023 forward, DEC only donate to the Derby Day event. He assured the membership that he would not ask for another donation in the fall.
  - a. Julie Warrington motioned that DEC donate \$250 to the Derby Day event, Jason Tucker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote: all yes, approved

**B. Personal Liability Insurance-Stan Vonasek**

1. Excess insurance of 1 Million for an individual for \$25 or family for \$50 for calendar year

**C. Directory-Ken Horeis**

1. Ken will no longer be in charge of the Directory publication. He is asking for someone to step up and head a committee to organize it or does DEC wish to discontinue the publication?
  - a. Amy Dietz agreed to help make phone calls
  - b. Julie suggested making a plea to the membership to form a committee to keep the directory going
  - c. The members present agreed that the directory is a valuable tool and a committee would be the right direction to go

**D. Firetower Road /C &R Center crossing-Ken Horeis**

1. Ken had some email communication from Dylan Nicholson from Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife
  - a. "DelDOT concluded the traffic survey this past week. They've proposed to install a total of 6 advanced warning signs that will be seen by inbound traffic coming towards the intersection of Five Foot Prong and Firetower Road. The proposed locations are circled in red on the attached map. DelDOT is working to add this installation into their schedule and I'll update you when I'm notified. Also, I'm still working with them to determine the ROW for the pipe installation."

- b. Not sure of a timeline for installation, but at least there's some planning being done

**E. Rescue Equipment Fundraiser update**

1. Flyers/posters have been designed and printed
2. Donations to date:
  - a. \$560 Delmarva Driving Club donated in Memory of George Parris
  - b. \$1,500 an anonymous donor
  - c. \$75 from individuals at the DAHA Tack Swap

**F. Horse Show Series update-Joan Greenberg**

1. Judges are secured, EMT is secured, PA system has been purchased
2. They have gotten sponsorships from Triple Crown, Blue Seal and others
3. The prizes are put together
4. Pre-registration is open

**G. Brendon Wise Clinic update-Julie Warrington**

1. Saturday and Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
2. \$200/hr session or \$350 for two-same day or one each day
3. Flyer/advertising initiated

**H. DEC Youth Update-Amy Dietz**

1. Mary Kay Party Fundraiser is still open for online purchases

**Scholarship Dinner update-Wayne and Pam Nebel**

- A. 110 tickets have been sold and the Moose has been notified
- B. Donations are quickly coming in

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