

**Delaware Equine Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 15, 2023 7pm**

**Call to Order- Ken Horeis**

**Pledge of Allegiance-Stan Vonasek**

**Treasurer's Report- Kaitie Spencer**

<b>Beginning Balance-</b>	<b><u>\$37,046.00</u></b>
<b>Deposits-</b>	<b><u>\$ 350.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses-</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,754.95</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance-</b>	<b><u>\$34,641.25</u></b>

**I. Speaker-Rosemary Baughman, Courageous Hearts**

- A. Rosemary and her co-worker, Linda Muncy, gave an informative talk on the wonderful help she is providing to those in need at Courageous Hearts. The healing for domestic violence victims and PTSD through the horses is profound. Equine assisted learning is also available at Courageous Hearts. The group interacted with a group of horses and donkeys. It was fun and enlightening. They have two locations, Ellendale and Townsend.

**II. Old Business**

**A. SDTR Derby Day Event update-Stan Vonasek**

1. SDTR raised \$56,000 for their Kentucky Derby Day event and had 160 attendees

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

1. Ditch crossings and signs are completed for horses to more safely cross Firetower Rd.

**D. Rescue Equipment Fundraiser update-Ken Horeis**

1. Donations are coming in, but still need more.
2. The grant request to the USEF was declined
3. Stan suggested reaching out to Secretary Scuse
4. Approach area veterinarians
5. Dave Hobday indicated that the Laurel Saddle Friends are asking their State Reps for \$500 donation toward equipment
6. Stan suggested and after some discussion on the amount, Stan made a motion that DEC match funds up to \$10,000 for the rescue equipment, Dave Hobday 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: Vote-unanimous yes, passed

**E. 2023 Horse Show Series update-Joan Greenberg**

**1. NEW SHOW LOCATION**

**1.) Pairadice Equestrian LLC.**

**a. 26632 Equistar Dr., Milton DE 19968**

2. Set up on Saturday at 4pm, all volunteers arrive 7am Sunday
3. Add \$15 administration fee to all entries
  - a. This will cover schooling, grounds fee, etc.

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

1. The Youth group has asked to make T-shirts for the 2023 horseshow series

- a. Julie made the motion to allow and Stan 2<sup>nd</sup> vote: All yes, passed

### **III. New Business**

#### **A. Website**

1. Dave and Gwen Hobday have spent hours getting the new website up

#### **B. New Meeting Location**

1. Many locations were suggested
  - a. Post Meeting Update
    - 1.) The July meeting will be at the American Legion Post in Harrington-Thank you Holly Vigilante for arranging this
    - 2.) Future meetings will be at the Houston Fire Hall with a \$250 yearly donation for the room-Thank you Joan Greenberg for arranging this

- C. Ken made an announcement that, unfortunately, Meredith Smith and Jason Tucker have had to resign from their positions as Directors on the Board. They will be missed.

**Move to Adjourn-next meeting is Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at The American Legion Post, Harrington**