

**Delaware Equine Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 17, 2023 7pm**  
**American Legion, Harrington**

**Call to Order- Ken Horeis**

**Pledge of Allegiance-Stan Vonasek**

**Treasurer's Report- Kaitie Spencer**

<b>Beginning Balance-</b>	<b><u>\$34,641.25</u></b>
<b>Deposits-</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,370.41</u></b>
<b>Expenses-</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,855.24</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance-</b>	<b><u>\$39,156.42</u></b>

**I. Nicole Scherrer, DVM, DACVO-Professor of Ophthalmology, NBC**

- A. Dr. Scherrer was introduced by Joanie Greenberg
- B. Dr. Scherrer presented a very detailed power point presentation bringing all the most seen eye injuries and infections to the membership. Common Eye Emergencies: Bacteria and fungus lives on the eye all the time. That is why when the eye is scratched leaving the corneal surface disturbed, it needs to be seen by the vet immediately in order to flush, stain and treat with proper medication. Non healing corneal ulcers may need *diamond burr* debridement with meds and may take months to heal. Trauma with a foreign body can be mild with something like a leaf of hay or severe that ends with enucleation. A pseudomonas infection can appear as a film or residue on the cornea. Never attempt to wipe it off because you could literally wipe the cornea off the surface. This will more than likely be referred to New Bolton for Dr. Scherrer to treat with a topical antimicrobial specific to the bacteria. Corneal lacerations can be surgically repaired if seen soon after the injury. Horses can get abscesses to the eye which are very painful causing weeping, squinting, and swelling. Horses can also have uveitis or a sensitivity to sunlight. It's good to use a fly mask specifically with a uv protectant. Kensington has reasonably priced options for uv protection. It's always better to call the vet, send a photo and pay for a farm call just to be sure your horse has the best chance of healing. Dr. Scherrer covered many other eye conditions not mentioned here. New Bolton has patients from as far away as 10 hours, because equine ophthalmologist are a rarity, which only adds to how fortunate DEC was to have such an accomplished doctor come speak to our council.

**II. Old Business**

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

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

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

- 1. Donations are coming in, but still need more.
  - a. Bank of America made a donation of \$500.00
- 2. Ken reached out to Secretary Scuse. He thought the state may help with purchasing a trailer.
- 3. It was suggested that once the trailer and equipment is secured, it be centrally located in Sussex County such as in the Sussex Technical Rescue building in Georgetown near the airport.
- 4. The quote for basic equipment was \$13,522 with 50% deposit at the time of the order and the balance paid prior to shipping.

5. With DEC matching funds, there's enough money raised for the basic equipment package

a. Julie Warrington motioned that DEC should move forward in getting the equipment ordered, Dave Hobday 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote: unanimous.

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

1. **SHOW LOCATION-Paradice Equestrian LLC., 26632 Equistar Dr., Milton DE 19968**

2. **Post meeting update**

a. July horse show was postponed, due to extreme heat, to the raindate of October 15<sup>th</sup>

3. We have new directional and parking signs to use at the horse shows and any other DEC events

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

The Youth group will be selling T-shirts at the remaining 2023 horse shows

**III. New Business**

A. Future Meeting Place

1. **Houston Fire Hall, 143 Broad St., Houston, DE 19954**

B. Stan asked if anyone had heard from the 4-H club regarding a DEC donation for awards at the fair. No one had.

1. Ken will reach out to Susan Garey to find out the status.

2. Stan motioned that a \$250 donation be approved for 4H awards at the fair if Susan needs it. Donna Hurst 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote-yes, passed.

C. Ken announced that our large mobile screen for presentations was donated by Barbara Dixon. A big thank you to Barbara for her generosity!

**Move to Adjourn-next meeting is Monday, August 21st at 7pm at The Houston Fire Hall**