

**Delaware Equine Council Minutes**  
**Monday, October 16, 2023 7pm**  
**Houston Fire Hall**  
**143 Broad St., Houston, DE 19954**

**Call to Order- Ken Horeis**

**Pledge of Allegiance-Neal Greenberg**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting-Available on the website**

<b>Treasurer's Report- Kaitie Spencer</b>	<b>Beginning Balance-</b> <u><b>\$42,258.78</b></u>
	<b>Deposits-</b> <u><b>\$ 2,427.00</b></u>
	<b>Expenses-</b> <u><b>\$ 15,645.04</b></u>
	<b>Ending Balance-</b> <u><b>\$29,040.74</b></u>

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Neal Greenberg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Hobday, all agreed to the motion.

**I. Introductions -Ken Horeis**

**II. Old Business**

**A. Personal Liability Insurance-Stan Vonasek (see Stan after meeting)**

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

1. The equipment has been ordered and should arrive in December 2023 due to backorder of some items
2. Still working on the trailer

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

1. The Gross profit was \$8,530.27 for the 4 show series
2. The Expenses were \$4,644.17
3. The Net Income was \$3,886.10
4. Joanie is proposing a changing to two spring shows, April and May and two fall shows, September and October
5. Meredith Smith would like to spearhead donations for the show series
6. Dana Probert indicated that she has 4-H riders who would like to attend the series next year
7. Joanie requested some youth sized apparel offered during the shows.
  - a. Julie agreed to get some youth large items ordered with a small color selection

**D. DEC Youth Update-Amy Dietz-n/a**

**III. New Business**

**A. Member Appreciation Day Ride, Drive and Luncheon update-Stan Vonasek**

1. There were 65 attendees with a few riders due to the weather
2. Membership new and renewals totaled \$1,085.00
3. Apparel sales totaled \$420.00
4. Gross Income - \$1,505.00
5. Expenses-\$1,530
6. Net loss of \$440.00

7. Not bad considering the weather and we were very fortunate for those who showed for the comradery and lunch provided by Shorty

**B. Quarter Auction update- Kate Bowski-tabled for next meeting as Kate was absent**

**C. Nominations Committee- Joan Greenberg and Pam Nebel**

1. Jill Borowski
2. Brooke Baker
3. Kate Bowski- but only if we need an additional seat filled

**a. Positions up for Election**

- 1.) Vice President- currently Neal Greenberg, 2 year term
- 2.) Secretary- currently Julie Warrington, 2 year term
- 3.) Director-currently Stan Vonasek, 3 year term
- 4.) Director-currently Joan Greenberg, 3 year term
- 5.) Director-open, 2 years remain
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**D. Future Speaker ideas**

1. Stan shared that the MD Horse Council has had a CPA provide information on tax issues of owning equines and operating an equines facility-He will look into this
2. Wayne suggested a "TED" type video presentation
3. Neal suggested making meetings ZOOM for those who can't attend in person
4. Donna Hurst suggested a possible viewing of New Bolton's "First Tuesday" Conference. They provide a different topic every month

**E. Other**

1. Stan wondered if the DEC could invest some money in a CD
  - a. He said M & T are offering 5% interest on as little as \$5,000-could produce an additional \$225/year for money that is just sitting
  - b. Kaitie to look into after she's back to work
2. Ken wondered what the interest would be to initiate a member outing
  - a. Bus trip to farms or breeding facilities
  - b. Wayne suggested "Meet the Races" a behind the scenes tour of any of our 3 racetracks
    - 1.) Rich Borowski offered to be our leasion for the Standardbred tracks
    - 2.) Sal DiMario is no longer the contact person. Ken will check into new contact
3. Julie has offered to spearhead the 2024 Directory
  - a. Julie offered new letters and pricing sheets
  - b. Donna Hurst will ask Dan Miller "the Harness Man" if he'd like an ad
  - c. Darlene offered to ask Dovington Farm about an ad

**Move to Adjourn-next meeting is Monday, January 15th at 7pm at The Houston Fire Hall (no December meeting)**