

Delaware Equine Council Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2024 @ 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

- A. Motion by Stan Vonasek and 2nd by Wayne Nebel to accept the minutes from the January meeting-vote: all voted yes, passed

Treasurer's Report- Kaitie Spencer

Beginning Balance-	<u>\$33,005.18</u>
Deposits-	<u>\$ 1,960.25</u>
Expenses-	<u>\$ 651.65</u>
Ending Balance-	<u>\$34,313.48</u> as of 1/31/24

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Pam Nebel and 2nd by Dave Hobday, all agreed to the motion, passed.

I. Introductions -Ken Horeis

- A. New attendee-Cindy Thoroughgood was welcomed

II. Old Business

A. New Bylaws additions

1. Kaitie briefly reviewed the changes
2. Vote to approve the changes- passed

B. 2024 Directory Update-Julie Warrington

1. Final report of Financials
 - a. Gross Income- \$11,290.00
 - b. Expenses-\$5,132.03
 - c. Net Income-**\$6,157.97**
 - d. Outstanding ad payment-(\$75.00)
2. A few corrections were noted as needing changed in the online version
 - a. Randy Ridgley Auction Services- 302-359-7114
 - b. Roy Smith Farrier Services-302-386-7279
 - c. Kelly Sault as Secretary for DECF until 2026

C. Sunshine Friends- Pam Nebel/Joan Greenberg

1. Please text either Pam or Joan with those needing cards

D. 2024 Horseshow Series-Joan and Neal Greenberg

1. Dates- April 28th, May 12th, Sept. 8th**, Oct. 6th (** dbl points)
2. Location: Origami Stables- rain or shine
3. Donations so far: \$100 from Middletown Vet Clinic, \$300 from Spiritland Farm, \$300 from Triple Crown, \$300 from Choptank Equine, \$100 from Southern States, Gift cards from Chicks, Fairhill saddlery deciding between coolers and saddepads, Blue Seal providing goodies
4. The End of Year Awards Banquet will be held at the Harrington Moose Lodge on October 19, 2024

E. Volunteer Vest update-Jill Borowski

1. Jill provided two vests to consider
 - a. Blue with gray reflection @ \$19.00/ea + \$4.00 shipping= \$23.00 ea.
 - b. Blue with gray and yellow reflection @ \$16.99 + \$2.99 shipping = \$20.00 ea
 - 1.) Before knowing the cost, everyone liked the second one best and then when hearing the cost, it was confirmed.
2. Jill was given permission to order the second vest in these sizes:
 - a. 10-large
 - b. 8-XL
 - c. 2-XXL
 - d. Combined with the two medium already purchased, that should give enough.
 - e. The chest emblem and the writing on the back was approved

F. Volunteer Luncheon-Joan Greenberg

1. After discussion, Kaitie motioned and Dave Hobday 2nd that the volunteers throughout the year will be invited to a luncheon in the fall arranged by Joan Greenberg

G. "A Judges Point of View" Clinic -Joan Greenberg

1. Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024
2. Location: Origami Stables
3. Judge: Meredith Smith-20+ years experience
4. Cost: \$45 per horse/rider
 - a. \$15 to Origami. \$15 to judge, \$15 to DEC
5. Auditing fee: \$20

H. Investment of Excess Monies-Stan Vonasek

1. M & T Bank has "Market Advantage" program
 - a. At the last meeting, it was decided to invest \$20,000
 - b. Kaitie has just returned to work after maternity leave. She will complete this task at the bank as soon as she's able.

I. Speakers & Other Activities-Ken Horeis

1. Stan is in contact with Jennifer Allen, a CPA from Maryland, who can speak to Federal tax concerns
 - a. Kate and Kaitie were on Zoom during our meeting to test the success. The bandwidth was enough to have all meetings available via Zoom.
 - b. Stan will set up a meeting to host the CPA via Zoom
 - 1.) This should be advertised through Facebook and the website
2. Hosting a meeting at Southern Delaware Therapeutic Riding will be held at our July meeting on the 15th.
 - a. This should be advertised as well

J. Personal Liability Insurance-Stan Vonasek

1. \$1 Million in access liability insurance for \$25/individual or \$50/family
2. Jill and Rich Borowski and Julie Warrington have signed up and paid

K. Rescue Equipment update-Ken Horeis

1. Scheduled for early March delivery
2. Will be housed in a trailer provided by the State of Delaware
3. Trailer with equipment will be at the Ellendale Fire Company

- a. A celebration/ribbon cutting should be arranged with invitations to all who made this possible: donors, politicians, and fire departments
- b. Advertise via Facebook/website/local media

L. Scholarship Dinner-Kate Bowski

1. Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the Harrington Moose Lodge
 - a. Push ticket sales and donation acquisition
 - b. Use Google docs to register donations
2. There were 11 applicants
3. Looking for auctioneer
4. Sponsors/Donations to date
 - a. DEC-\$1,500
 - b. M & T- \$1,000
 - c. Chicks- \$500
 - d. County Bank-\$500
 - e. George Parris' daughter, Joanne-\$500
 - f. Kalmbach/Tribute Feed-\$180
 - g. 2 gates-4 ft. and 6 ft.
5. Set up at 10:00am on Saturday at the Moose Lodge

III. New Business

- A. Wayne Nebel reminded everyone that DEC has a projector that can be used for speakers or events
 - B. Stan noted that the American Horse Council has indicated that insurance rates are dramatically increasing for equine events
 1. Kaitie noted that our insurance covers 8 events
 2. The new policy invoice has not yet arrived
 - a. Gwen asked if our policy would cover if a casual trail ride was announced on Facebook
 - 1.) Discussion
 - a.) Kaitie indicated that it wouldn't be sanctioned by DEC and therefore not covered-insurance company requires someone be named and responsible for all riders like we do at MAD in September.
- C. **POST MEETING MOTION AND ZOOM**
 1. Julie emailed the Board to indicate she forgot to request funding for an ad in the 3rd annual Wicomico Hunt/Mount Harmon Plantation Point to Point for \$250.00
 - a. Lively discussion via email
 - b. Zoom Meeting was held for vote on Sunday, March 3rd at 7pm to comply with new bylaws
 - 1.) In attendance: Kaitie Spencer, Ken Horeis, Joan and Neal Greenberg, Holly Vigilante, Kelly Sault, Brooke Baker, Gwen and Dave Hobday, Stan Vonasek, Jill Borowski, Julie Warrington
 - 2.) Ken reviewed the motion made by Julie, 2nd by Stan. Vote called: unanimous approval of funding \$250.00 for ad in the Point to Point program
 - 3.) Ken suggested this event be added to the budget as a line item- Kaitie will do that in 2025.

Move to Adjourn-next meeting is Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7pm at The Houston Fire Hall