

Delaware Equine Council Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2024 @ 7pm
at
Houston Fire Hall

Call to Order- Ken Horeis

Pledge of Allegiance-Neal Greenberg

Approval of May Minutes-Motion to approve minutes made by Kaitie Spencer and 2nd by Jill Borowski, vote: all approved

Treasurer's Report- Kaitie Spencer	Beginning Balance-	<u>\$ 9,495.14</u>	(7/1/24)
	Deposits-	<u>\$ 1,692.00</u>	
	Expenses-	<u>\$ 1,210.26</u>	
	Ending Balance-	<u>\$ 9,976.88</u>	(8/31/24)
	Investment Account Balance-	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jill Borowski and 2nd by Neal Greenberg, all agreed to the motion, passed.

I. Introductions -Ken Horeis

A. All attendees were Board members

II. Old Business

A. Horseshow Series update-Joan and Neal Greenberg

1. Camille Kierstead, manager, at Pairadice Equestrian Center in Milton has offered their grounds for the 2025 show series
 - a. Ken would like he and Joan to meet with Mr. Sherman to ensure commitment for the year.
 - b. Holly Vigilante suggested a letter spelling out what DEC's responsibilities are and what Camille's are.
 - c. Having the shows at Pairadice saves a minimum of \$500/year just on not having to rent a porta potty.
 - d. Joan reported that there were more riders in attendance at Pairadice in '23
 - e. **Post meeting update**
 - 1.) **Dates for 2025** have been set:
 - a. Saturday, April 26th
 - b. Saturday, May 17th
 - c. Saturday, Sept. 6 **
 - d. Saturday, Oct. 4th
 - e. Raindate of Saturday, Oct. 18th
 - f. End of the year awards for 2025 will be on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025
2. The End of Year Awards Banquet was held at the Harrington Moose Lodge on November 2, 2024
 - a. Dinner
 - b. Awards
 - c. Chinese Auction
 - d. Ticket prices were \$35/pp or \$25/under 12
 - e. Dr. Kevin Greenberg and Dr. Marissa Holfester were the DJ's
 - f. Update report at next meeting

- B. **Sunshine Friends**-acknowledge the passing of dear friend and horsewoman, Elrita Annett on August 11, 2024. Pam and Joan will write an article for the Oct./Nov. newsletter.
- C. **Member Appreciation Day Ride/Drive/Lunch**-Stan via phone
 - 1. Volunteers all set
 - 2. Weather looks good

III. New Business

A. Nominations-Pam/Joan

- 1. Directors
 - a. Phoebe Drury
 - b. Kate Bowski
 - c. It was suggested that nominees need to understand the commitment in being a Director
 - 1.) Most understand, but with a 3 year obligation, people's lives can change and therefore, time allowance and grace must be given to our directors
 - d. **Stepping down**
 - 1.) Dave Hobday
 - 2.) Gwen Hobday
 - 3.) Amy Dietz
- 2. President-Ken Horeis is rerunning
- 3. Treasurer-Kaitie Spencer is rerunning

- 4. **Election Date** is Monday, November 18,2024

B. Recreational Trails Program @ White Clay Creek-Neal /Ken

- 1. Meet and walk the proposed trails with Bob Eherman, state rep.
- 2. Could potentially become a "home field" for DEC
 - a. Some expressed concern for its northern location. Should look for more central location
 - b. Continue helping the Trails program as DEC

C. A Night at the Races-Jill Borowski

- 1. Monday, October 14, 2024
- 2. DEC Race will be the 5th or 6th
- 3. Present an embroidered fleece cooler
- 4. Flyer to be quickly made up for Facebook advertising the event
- 5. Possible \$2 ticket for first bet provided by DEC

D. 2025 Budget and 2024 Audit

- 1. Budget discussion and approval in January 2025
 - a. Kaitie brought up there should be a proposed budget item for Website master as Dave will no longer be a director and should therefore have some compensation
 - 1.) A lot of agreement in the room
 - 2.) Discuss at budget meeting
- 2. Audit should be moved to January 2025 and include review for years '23 and '24 as it was not done last year.

E. SDTR Barn Dance-Stan

- 1. Date: October 19, 2024

2. Agreed last year to sponsor the Derby Day event in May 2025

F. DE Ag Week

1. Dates: January 13th through 16th

G. Future Speakers

1. Revisit when we get a better location for attendance

H. Other

1. DEC's 2025 Equine Industry Directory

a. Julie brought up that she will be starting the 2025 Directory soon

b. She handed out letters and pricing sheets to all interested in helping to secure ads

IV. Move to Adjourn-next meeting is Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7pm at the Houston Firehall