

WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL – DISTRICT 1 MEETING

April 5, 2014(12:00 noon)

Meeting held at Barron Area Community Center, Barron, Wisconsin

Members present: Amy Sturino, Alice Verby, Christine Wetzel, Sheila Kisling, Sandy Wood, John Gurtner, Rick Dvorak, Suzette Byhre, Mike Byhre, Teresa Myre, Desirae Slayton.

Meeting was called to order by Amy Sturino at 12:00 noon. Secretary's report of last year's annual meeting was read by Secretary, Christine Wetzel. It was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Christine gave a report on the 2013 District 1 horse show.

Sheila gave a report on 2013 Championship Challenge and Taking the Reins.

The packing clinic was discussed. It was not held due to budget limitations.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers was held. The following positions were up for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, two-year delegate. The new officers are:

Amy Sturino – President

Alice Verby – Vice President

Christine Wetzel – Secretary

Francy Braun – two-year delegate

The May 31, 2014 horse show was discussed. Committee gave a report.

Having a District 1 fall trail ride was discussed. A tentative date is set for Oct 4th and it will be held at the Narrow Gauge Trails, which are managed by Barron County Horse Trail Association. Amy will check on hunting dates.

Sheila explained the Trailbooks will no longer be used. Trailmeisters will be used in the future, which is online. Sheila will be working at the trailmeister booth at the Midwest Horse Fair. We gave her a trail book to familiarize herself with the trails.

Suzette Byhre and Rick Dvorak reported on a new organization being created in District 1. It is called THE BLUE HILLS SEARCH AND RESCUE. It is strictly a volunteer group which now has about 10 members, all of whom have prior experience in search and rescue. They will write up an article to be submitted to the CouncilLetter in the near future. We discussed trying to help them get a 501C-3.

Sheila reported that JOHN GURTNER will be receiving the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. John is from District 1 and is very active in 4-H and is a WSCA Judge.

Amy Sturino reported on the EHV-1 problems that are happening in District 1 as well as other areas. She will submit an article to the CouncilLetter on how this is affecting District 1.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:50 p.m., Chris Wetzel, Secretary