

May 13, 2010 District 1 meeting
Ladysmith McDonalds at Ladysmith, Wisconsin
6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Haas, President. Don Buerkley, Vice President. Christine Wetzel, Secretary. Sheila Kisling, Three-year Director.

Meeting was called to order by Mike Haas at 6:35 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting (April 22, 2010) were reviewed. No changes or omissions were needed. Don B./Sheila K. – motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried – U.

District 1 treasurer issues were discussed. Mike H. and Sheila K. attended the District Presidents and Directors meeting in Plover, WI. Each received a check for mileage. Discussion was held whether that mileage comes out of our budget or the state's budget. Don B. will check into this. Chris and Mike will submit mileage sheet for tonight's meeting. (Chris, Don and Sheila rode together) Budget prepared by Don B. was discussed. Chris W./Sheila K. –motion to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried – U.

OLD BUSINESS

The Barron County Horse Trail Association was discussed. Their public meeting will be Monday, June 7th at 7 p.m. in the old courthouse in Barron, WI. It is the understanding of the Association that each side will be given ten minutes, with one speaker for each side (for and against having the ability to create trail riding in the public forest lands), after which the Property Committee will give their decision.

District 1 officers offered advice to the Association. (Chris Wetzel, Sheila Kisling, and Don Buerkley are also members of the Barron County Horse Trail Association). It was suggested that any exhibits be copied and sent to each member of the Property Committee one week before the meeting. The Association plans to use the Wisconsin State Horse Council's economic survey as an exhibit as well as a compilation of letters of area residents.

Chris W. shared with the group the list of WSHC members from last year that are not members this year. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held on finding and/or contacting clubs or groups who are not currently members of WSHC as well as present members. We plan to attend a meeting of theirs, if they allow, and inform them the benefits of the WSHC. We will use WSHC fliers to distribute, attaching a letter about District 1. Also, we will distribute fliers on the Championship Challenge Show at horse shows.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris reported that District 1 officers and directors will be announced in the next newsletter. We were asked to submit our goals to Pam. Discussion was held on this issue. It was agreed we would use the three statements already listed on our budget

proposal to WSHC. In addition, we would use the following language: We strongly encourage District 1 members to contact us with any concerns.

Discussion was held on the possibility of giving a Trail Book to each county. Don suggested contacting the Economic Development Committee in each county. Other possibilities are the Parks and Rec Departments or the Extension Offices. Eleven counties in District 1 currently have trail systems. We will start with those eleven counties. Mike will cover Taylor, Price and Iron Counties. Don will cover Washburn, Sawyer, Barron and Pierce Counties. Chris and Sheila and Emily will cover the remaining counties. Chris will be in Douglas and Polk Counties this week. A list will be kept as we contact each of the counties. Follow-up of each county should happen one month after the book is given. Chris W./Sheila K. – motion for Chris W. to order trail books from WSHC (a case if possible) Motion carried – U.

Discussion was held if we are able to sell the trail books. Checks to be written to WSHC, but given to Don for record keeping to replace books sold. Don will check with Dave Miller on the correct procedure.

Discussion was held on having business cards for District 1. Don B./Sheila K – motion made to have Chris contact WSHC to see if they have a standard card with their logo, and have it list District 1 and Mike for a contact number. State web site will be on it. Possibly the counties listed on the back. Motion carried – U.

Discussion was held on the e-mails received from Bill Porter concerning his TV show. Chris reported she had called Mr. Porter after which he e-mailed a summary of costs associated with this. Chris also ordered a DVD from him (his last project in North Dakota). Sheila will review the DVD before the Executive Board meeting next week to become familiar with it.

Discussion was held on whether to send someone to the Eau Galle Trails School being held June 24-27. It was suggested this could be paid for out of District 1 budget. A person to be selected must be willing to come back and help create trails in District 1, possibly someone from the Barron County Horse Trails Association. Several names were brought up. Each will be contacted to find out their level of interest. Don B./Sheila K. – motion to have District 1 pay to have one person attend the trails school in Eau Galle. Motion carried – U.

Discussion was held concerning having set meeting dates. Second Thursday of every other month was discussed. The summer being very busy, next meeting was set for Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for officers and directors at the Ladysmith McDonalds. General meeting will be at 7 p.m. The meeting following that will be October 14th – 6:30 for officers and directors and 7 p.m. for general meeting, also at the McDonalds in Ladysmith.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.