

WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL – Meeting of April 10, 2010
Barron, WI 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mike McGowan, Sheila Kisling, Chris Wetzel, Rose Brunclik, John and Jean Gurtner, Don Buerkley, Emily Saffert, Cindy Fairchild, Dan Hafstad, Jeff Nelson, Francy Braun, Elaine Madison, Mike Haas, Alice Verby.

PRESENTATION by Mike McGowan

The council needs representation in District 1. Copy of the bylaws were passed around, and it was indicated they could be found on the web site.

Committees were identified:

Awards Committee

Budget and Finance Committee

Bylaws Committee

Championship Challenge

Education Committee

Judges' Program Committee

Legislative Committee

(Jolene-Legislative lobbyist in Madison)

Membership Committee

Policy and Procedures Committee

Scholarship Committee

(Ten \$1,000 scholarships given this year)

Sponsorship Committee

(done on matching basis)

Trails Committee

Technology Committee

Unwanted Horses Committee

(Rescue Farms are full – 3 states now have slaughter houses)

A question was asked of Mike McGowan about horse groups needing liability insurance when riding on public land. Discussion on state statute concerning horses.

POSITIONS NEEDED TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 1

President (two-year term)

Vice President (two-year term)

Secretary (two-year term)

Two Directors (one for 3 years and one for 2 years OR one for 2 years and one for 1 year)

(Best to have elections in alternate years)

One Director will be Executive Board Director(to be voted on every year)

Executive Board meets once a month. They make a lot of decisions and bring those to the board (they are like a committee).

Directors can be officers. It is hoped that all district representatives should at least come to the annual meeting. It is planned to have a one-day meeting in the middle of the state to see what the districts need.

LEVEL MEMBERSHIPS WERE DISCUSSED

Level 1 – Has voting rights

Level 2 – Membership clubs

Level 3 – Association member (\$100/yr.) have a director on the board

In District 1 there are two association memberships (as of Jan.)

1. Bear Lake Riders
2. Governor Knowles
3. (Barron County Horse Trail Assoc. was not on list yet)

In District 1 there are 39 Level 1 memberships (as of Jan.)

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Secretary forwards meeting minutes to Columbus and also the next meeting with an agenda.

Officers and Directors must sign a Code of Conduct.

Mike Haas moved to elect directors and officers for District 1.

Nominations were sought for President. Mike Haas was nominated. Mike McGowan asked three times for anymore nominations. There were none. Francy Braun made a motion the nominations be closed, and that we had a unanimous ballot. It was seconded by Elaine Madison. The motion carried.

Nominations were sought for Vice President. Francy Braun nominated Don Buerkley. Mike McGowan asked three times for anymore nominations. There were none. Elaine Madison made a motion the nominations be closed, and that we had a unanimous ballot. It was seconded by Rose Brunclik. The motion carried.

Nominations were sought for Secretary. Mike Haas nominated Emily Saffert. Rose Brunclik nominated Chris Wetzel. There were no other nominations. A written vote was conducted, and Chris Wetzel is the secretary.

No treasurer was elected since Ron Miller is the state treasurer. It was explained that all request for funds will be forwarded to Ron Miller.

Discussion was held as to length of service for directors. It was agreed to have a three-year and a two-year term. Nominations were sought for a three-year director. Mike Haas nominated Sheila Kisling. Chris Wetzel nominated John Gurtner. (John Gurtner is not yet a member, and he declined). Mike made a motion to close the nominations, and that we had a unanimous ballot. It was seconded by Don Buerkley. The motion carried.

Nominations were sought for a two-year director. Mike Haas nominated Emily Saffert. There were no other nominations. Sheila Kisling made a motion to close the nominations, and that we had a unanimous ballot. It was seconded by Elaine Madison. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on who would be our Executive Board Director. It was decided that Sheila Kisling will be. She will attend a monthly meeting, usually the second week of the month.)

Officers and directors are allowed to request membership lists for District 1 from the Wisconsin State Horse Council.

Elaine Madison made a motion to adjourn.