

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING – DISTRICT 1

Wisconsin State Horse Council

Meeting was held on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Present were: Vice President Don Buerkley, Secretary Chris Wetzel, Three-year Director Sheila Kisling, Two-year Director Emily Saffert. Appearing telephonically: President, Mike Haas.

Meeting held in the Vinopal Title office in Rice Lake, Wisconsin starting at 7 p.m. A general discussion on the rules about members having voting rights was held. Bylaws were consulted.

Emily S. suggested we have information about the new officers and directors for District 1 put in the next possible Wis. Horse Council news letter (possibly June). This article could include our contact information.

We discussed the possibility of having future general meetings via teleconferencing. We will be checking with 4-H Extension offices to find out the cost and availability.

Chris distributed the list of current District 1 members, both individuals and clubs and/or businesses. The list was considered very small. It was decided that one of our first priorities would be to do a membership drive. By the next meeting we will each have a list of all horse related businesses, clubs, individuals who we can contact to join Wisconsin State Horse Council. We also will in the future contact all existing members by phone to introduce ourselves and invite them to a future meeting, and also find out what the needs of their communities are. Having a phone chain for this was discussed.

The meeting for all District Officers/Directors being held in Plover on May 2nd was discussed. Mike Haas, Sheila Kisling, and Emily Saffert are planning to attend. They will write a synopsis of the discussions and/or decisions held at that meeting to bring back to District 1 for future discussion.

Our future meetings were discussed. We plan to meet at least every other month. It was decided that we would have a fall meeting to include all District 1 members that can come. Place of meeting will be determined later, along with teleconferencing capabilities. It was decided that the officers and directors would meet for the first half hour, and then invite the public after that initial 30 minutes.

Procedures to use during our meetings was discussed. It was decided that at our board meetings, a consensus would be the method of making decisions. At the general meetings held for the members, we would use Parliamentary Procedure. Anytime there are more than 12 or 15 members present, we would use Roberts Rules.

Discussion was held about placing ads in local newspapers of the different counties to get new members and let the public know about us. One of those ads could discuss the horse right-of-way on public roads.

We discussed the fact that we want to know about issues in District 1 that concern horse owners. The first problem area already exists in Barron County with the Barron County Horse Trail Association. Area hunters are trying to stop the new trail system that the County Board has approved for trail riding and camping on Barron County Forest Lands. A public meeting will be held in May for all issues to be addressed. District 1 President, Mike Haas, will try to attend this meeting. Also we will contact Ken Carpenter and Mike McGowan to inform them of these issues and see if they feel the need to help with this.

We will be contacting people we know of who hunt with horses to get their input on helping with the issues in Barron County.

More discussion was held on the membership drive. We plan to print fliers to distribute at fun shows and WSCA horse shows in District 1 letting the public know about the Wisconsin State Horse Council. We will contact presidents of the current members who are clubs. We will ask to attend one of their meetings and get on their agenda to discuss the benefits of being a member as a club to the Wisconsin State Horse Council.

We will also contact Spooner Rodeo.

NEXT MEETING was set for Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 in Ladysmith, at the McDonalds. General members welcome at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.