

Wisconsin Horse Council District 2 Meeting
October 25th, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Mountain, Wisconsin

Members present: Ann Maletzke, Patty Wisneski, Lori Seliger, Gwen Kanies, Carrie Quatso, and Marilyn Krueger.

Meeting called to order by Presedent, Ann Maletzke

Secretary Minutes: Minutes of 8/9/12 and copies were read and approved. Motion for approval by Patty Wisneski and seconded by Lori Seliger. Copy of these minutes will be sent to WHC office and members of District 2.

Old business: Discussion of our district creating a U-tube account and what would be the guidelines/criteria for this account were more specified. Criteria would be that each submission would have to be educational, be submitted by a district member, limited to 2-3 minutes, have a release form signed by the person submitting the information and have a declaration that the info submitted may not be at the discretion of WHC or District 2. Marilyn reported that she has not received any submissions that are horse related topics so far.

President Ann Maletzke reported that she did receive resignation from Liz Beula as a district director. Election of replacement for this position would be addressed at the January or February meeting. Any District 2 member that would be interested in this position should know that 2 monthly WHC must be attended. It is important that we do have representation by the directors for our districts because this gives our district voting ability on different topics brought to WHC.

Discussion of where and when our meetings during the winter months was held. Marilyn had received correspondence from some members of District 2 that felt having the meetings on weekdays during the day was not a workable. After discussion by members at this meeting and also by emails received it was decided to have meetings on weekends or have weeknight meetings so that more members could attend. Members at this meeting thought that Sunday afternoon meetings might be easier for getting more attendance.

Ann Maletzke reported that she had received a Thank-you note from Northern Saddle Club for the sponsorship of \$300.00 for their trail event on 6/23/12.

Ann Maletzke reported that she had contacted Yvette Rollins from the National Forest Service in regards to getting the 12-15 miles of trails in the Chwewomagon National Forest opened for equine usage. Ann will submit a proposal to have the abandoned trails opened. She will also meet on November 14, 2012 with Evan Miller from the USFS to discuss the proposal. Ann reported that possibly members of the Glacial Drummond group along with District 2 members would maintain these trails if they were opened.

New business: Patty Wisneski reported that a booth at Midwest Horse Fair for Trails is looking for volunteers to man the booth. Carrie Quatsoe maintains this

booth along with other Trail Committee members. If you are interested in donating time at this booth you should contact Carrie at 920-609-2516 or cquatsoe@aol.com. Information about the state equine trails, trail grants and the Ride/Drive program are available at this booth. Patty Wisneski is also on the WHC Trail Committee and she also can be reached at Patrice@celtichorse.net.

Ann reported that the District 2 surveys that were sent out to all members have been slowly coming in. Marilyn will contact the WHC office to get 500 more copies of the survey to be used at the February luncheon event or different businesses. Once more surveys are mailed back to our district, we will review them to see what equine interests our members have and how we can serve them better.

Further discussion of ways to get more District 2 members to our meetings was held. Suggestions of having 2 events during the year to showcase what advantages to being a WHC member there are. It was decided to have 2 events, one in February and one in August. Marilyn will chair getting a luncheon with guest speakers in February. Location will be at the VFW in Antigo (1216 Elm St. Antigo, Wisconsin 54409) on February 10th or 24th. She will contact Triple R Horse Club in the Antigo area also since they hold their club meetings at the VFW. Veterinarian, Purina and speaker from the WHC would be included at this event. Food would be catered in and door prizes would be obtained by the District 2 board for this event. Funding for this event would be possibly be obtained from our \$2000.00 budget that the WHC makes available to our district. Marilyn and Ann will contact different equine clubs to advertise this event. Suggestion for August event would be possibly be held in Rhinelander and this would be a trail ride with overnite camping. Marilyn will contact Western Connection Ranch to see if they would be the host site. Also Marilyn asked about our board members having jackets or sweatshirts that they could purchase from Patty Wisneski's embroidery business. Members discussed how these garments could be worn at our February event, Midwest Horse Fair or any other equine event. Patty took orders from the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 with motion from Gwen Kanies and seconded by Patty Wisneski.

Next meeting to be held on December 6, 2012 at 11:00 at Spur of the Moment Ranch

Minutes of this meeting submitted by Marilyn Krueger, District 2 secretary