

District 3 WHC  
August 29, 2018

Attending: Bonnie Shepherd, Katie Bachhuber, Elaine Gauthier, Ricch Ernsberger, Linda Ernsberger, Sharon Hookstead, JoAnn Schmidt (Kincrest KSC), Carol Takacs (KK), Minday Ochs, Rae Geb, Diane Sackett, Lee Sackett, Ann Combs

7:15PM call to order.

Carol Takacs, owner of Tinker, shared information on training and desensitizing dogs and horses for use as therapy animals and in volunteer and service work at schools, retirement centers, etc.

Important to expose animals to a great variety of things by walking around the neighborhood, moving safely near traffic, motorcycles, etc. so they get used to it.

Carol trains with treats and love; some discussion of clicker as well.

Necessary to repeat steps until the horse goes on to take the next step, trying to figure it out.

Keep lessons shorter rather than longer, don't do too much at once; practice and then return to it.

Carol's engaging little Papillion dog demonstrated a variety of tricks.

Some discussion of insurance, licensing, liability.

7:49 Business meeting

- Treasury still has \$2759, so we do still have money to contribute to causes/projects of interest.
- Shelly has contacted FFA Horicon
  - Rae has statewide list of emails and addresses of leaders and will send it to Katie
  - Purpose is to reach out to 4H on behalf of WHC and D3, to offer clinics and activities.
  - Katie will re-send our letter
  - Autumn Quinn, WHC representative to 4H Central Unit has banner and will take it.
- D3 trail contest –
  - There are 7-10 participants competing for most public trails ridden in D3. We need trail reviews, and are promoting the competition to promote the data, not necessarily the riders.
  - Data collected on the trails will be used to produce a D3 trail book – our own trail book.
  - WHC contracted with TrailMeister, which uses trail information from the original WHC trail book. They are seeking more trail information in effort to expand.
  - Discussion followed regarding phone apps to map trails, Garmin, topographical data and GPS-coordinated GIS mapping available through the state. Katie could take this information to the WHC Trail Committee.
- Wild Goose Lake Trail
  - Rae shared information about upcoming work days and need for volunteers. Check DCHA fb page and our own D3 page for information about volunteering for this deserving project the week of October 22. Many levels of help are needed.
  - Rae noted there is a poker ride 9/15, fundraiser for Friends of Dodge County Parks
- Publicity
  - Ann will add information on the Wild Good Lake Trail project to the blurb already written, and will send to Country Today, Wisconsin Horseman's News, The Country Today, and Dodge County Pionier.
- Next meeting September 19, 2018 at Sackett's

Meeting adjourned 8:31 (Linda)