

District 3

Wisconsin State Horse Council

May 12, 2010

District 3 meeting was held at Free Spirit Riders, Inc, Special People in Riding Therapy. We had a tour of their Horse Facility, and learned about their services for enriching the lives of children and adults with disabilities from Fond du Lac and the surrounding area through safe, therapeutic interaction with horses. Thank you Mary and Jennie for your time and information.

Our 2nd speaker of the evening was Dr. Donna Mertz, veterinarian from Mayville Animal Clinic. Dr. Donna shared with us her training, and advancement into 'equine spinal manipulation'. She demonstrated her talents on 'Pumkin', one of Free Spirit Riders horses. A very information and interesting presentation.

President Smokie Brannaman called the District 3 meeting to order around 8:00 p.m. Cal Larson motioned and Rae Geb seconded to accept the minutes from February. We cancelled the District 3 meeting in March due to weather conditions. We did not plan on an April meeting due to Horse a Rama and Midwest Horse Fair commitments.

Members manning the booths at Horse a Rama and Midwest Horse Fair felt the booths and information we shared was well received. Numerous people stopped by the booth. District 3 will continue the tradition of having a booth at both equine events. Another interesting fact shared this evening was the question that individuals were asked at the Midwest Horse Fair. "Who owns Midwest Horse Fair." Answers were Fleet Farm, John Deere. District 3 would like more advertising that the Midwest Horse Fair is owned by Wisconsin State Horse Council. Banners posted throughout Midwest Horse Fair would be good.

Smokie turned in a budget, May 1 for this next year. Fees were included for booths for Ag Days/FDL, Midwest Horse Fair, Horse a Rama, and trail rides for District 3.

At the executive board meeting a committee was formed to explore district support. Smokie is a member. They are also developing district guidelines.

Next meeting is June 13, at

Hartman's Creek State Park. N2480 Hartman Creek Road, Waupaca, WI 54981

Phone 715 258 2372. They have 7 miles of prairie, forest, scenic trails. Club will gather at 10:00 a.m., and go for a ride. Potluck (bring your own picnic lunch). We will eat at 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Smokie, Kate or myself if you plan to attend by June 8. My phone # is 920-960-0662. Don't forget you will need a state park pass, and rider's pass to get in.

Cal Larson shared information on horse slaughter, and animal identification.

Halloween Parade in Beaver Dam, will be an ALL HORSE Parade. They are looking for volunteers, riders, helpers to make their 2nd year a success. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Ernsberger