

WI Horse Council District 4 Meeting 3/12/18 held at Culvers Newville, WI

Call to order by Karen Kroll, President, at 6:40 pm

Present at meeting: Karen and Mike Kroll, Floyd and Diane Finney, Cricket Jewett, Gail Seazor, Tara Leroy, Sherri Torrison, Sue Press, Sandy Rogers, Katie Whitten, Cheri Trick
Guests: DeeDee Goldberg, Jeannie Welsh, Susan Peterson, Sharyn Sheen (Spirit Horse Rescue)

1. DeeDee Goldberg, founder of Spirit Horse Rescue, shared information about the rescue. The group wants to get the message out that people looking for a horse should consider rescue horses. They would like to do a demo at the Midwest Horse Fair highlighting the usefulness of rescue horses. Currently rules say no demos by horse rescue groups.
2. Awards will be presented at the Horse Fair on Sunday at 11:30. Karen showed the award that D4 will be giving to Tracy Porter and Caz.
3. Karen reported on finances of District 4. The current balance is \$2,025.61
4. Sandy Rogers shared update from Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians. Poker Ride on June 3, 2018. Suggestions for fall fundraiser included a Bike/Hike/Ride relay and a Ride & Tie race. Group is working on small improvements at the park and new equestrian campground. Sneak peek at plans. Mike Kroll made a motion that District 4 help fund the porta potty rental by donating \$250 to the Friends group. Motion seconded by Katie Whitten and Floyd Finney. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Katie Whitten reported on Silverwood Park status. Plans for a fall fundraiser are still being developed. Suggestions included making an educational seminar part of the event. Maybe WAMSTAR or Spirit Horse? Other suggestions: Scavenger Hunt or Trivia. They are looking at October date.
6. Gail Seazor passed around a sign-up sheet for working at the Trails Booth at the Horse Fair.
7. District Officers Report: Mike Kroll reported on how town chairmen see issues related to horse carriage traffic. Floyd Finney reported on attending Ag Day at the Capital. Not much horse related this year. Format for talking to legislators has changed.
8. Karen Kroll shared the draft of the WI Economic Impact Study.
9. Karen Kroll explained WHC membership and liability insurance.
10. Tara LeRoy provided an update from Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association. The group will be putting in two 12X 12 pens per site on a limited number of sites. They are working with the DNR to determine which sites would be best to start with.

Motion to adjourn made by Floyd Finney, 2nd by Tara LeRoy

NOTE: Minutes accepted and approved 3-13-18 via e-mail voting.