

WHC District 4
Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2018
Culver's Newville, WI

Meeting Called to order at 6:40 pm.

Members Present: Karen and Mike Kroll, Floyd Finney, Diane Papcke Finney, Cricket Jewett, Katie Whitten, Cheri Trick, Tara LeRoy, Sandy Rogers

The group sends best wishes to Gail Seasor for a speedy recovery! We missed you, Gail!

1. Financial Report: as of October, 2018, District 4 has \$1,639.25
2. Reports:
 - October WHC Board of Directors meeting** -- Mike shared that the results of the recent financial audit of WHC indicate that the WHC is in good shape. According to the WHC lobbyist, there is nothing horse related going on in the WI legislature right now. Floyd announced that Ag Day 2019 is scheduled for March 20. Floyd will attend.
 - Gov Dodge Equestrians** -- Sandy shared information about the matching \$25,000 grant campaign for a new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge. There was discussion about other fundraising plans the group has (t shirts, raffle). There was discussion about the vault toilet project slated for 2019 at Gov Dodge and the WHC trail grant process. We also discussed how the WHC lobbyist might be able to help with laws about state park campground electrification. Sandy will contact WHC lobbyist Jolene Plautz after Thanksgiving.
 - National Equestrian Trails Conference, Arizona** – Diane, Floyd and Krickett shared experiences and pictures from the Arizona conference. They all agreed that it was a very worthwhile experience. They will be sharing reports and PowerPoint presentations as available.
 - Silverwood Park, Dane County** -- Katie shared an update from the Silverwood Fall Harvest fundraiser, which went well. They will be considering an earlier date for the event in 2019 based on weather trends.
 - Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association** -- Tara shared plans for an Eagle Scout project at Horse Riders Campground. The project involves construction of a shelter for the camp host's horse as well a storage area for hay and the firewood that is sold there. The Eagle Scout needs help with funding for materials.
3. Cricket made a motion that District 4 donate \$250 to the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian Campground Fund and \$250 to the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association earmarked for the Camp Host Shelter project. Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried. Karen will send a request to Ron Miller, WHC Treasurer to send checks for these donations.
4. **WHC Awards Nominations** are due soon. Equine of the Year is due Dec. 1. Nominations should be sent to Karen. Other award nominations are due Jan. 10, 2019. These should be sent to the WHC office in Columbus.

5. **D4 Facebook** -- We discussed the purpose of the District 4 Facebook page and whether or not it should it be open or closed to the public? The support was strong for open membership. Items that are more confidential will be handled via email. Facebook will be geared more to informing and growing membership. Karen will look into setting up an email contact list for the district.
6. **January 14, 2019 meeting** -- Krickett contacted JAMC about doing a presentation on issues related to horse end-of-life decisions. She will let us know when it is confirmed. It was suggested that we have the meeting at the Milton House and that the meeting include a potluck. Voting on new officers won't be an issue at this time since no one is up for re-election. All agreed to proceed as planned.
7. Karen shared the poster for the 2019 Midwest Horse Fair which everyone agreed is especially well done. Anyone who wants copies to display at barns, vet offices, etc. should contact Darla at the office to request them..
8. Motion was made by Floyd to adjourn the meeting. Diane seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.