

## WHC District 4 Meeting Minutes May 14, 2018 at Culver's in Newville, WI

**In attendance:** Karen Kroll, Mary Anton, Diane Papcke, Floyd Finney, Cricket Jewett, Gail Seasor, Shirley May, Tracy Porter, Sandy Rogers

### Meeting was called to order by President Karen Koll at 6:30 pm

1. **Introductions** followed by discussion on how meeting date reminders go out. Current protocol is Facebook posting. Karen will consider sending email notice to all District 4 members.
2. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Trails:** The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Trail School will take place Wednesday-Saturday at Rock County Magnolia Bluff. The 4 day school includes both classroom and hands on learning. All participant spots are filled.
  - **Board of Directors:** 1. Horse drawn vehicle bill passed. Yellow strobe light will be required at night on horse drawn vehicles. 2. American Horse Council Action Alert about recreation and red tape shared. Discussion followed.
3. **Other**
  - Karen shared information from American Horse Council about adding a fall event to Capitol Hill. Purpose is to elevate equine voice in Washington. Visit [www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org) for information.
  - Karen shared American Horse Council Safe Sport Code of Practice.
  - Karen shared "Health Benefits to Owning a Horse" and "Can I stay Healthy by Riding Horses?"
4. **Finances**
  - Current balance is \$1775.61
  - Fiscal year ends June 30, new budget start July 1
  - Discussion about how much of \$1775.61 stays with District 4 after fiscal year ends. Questions about how these funds can be used.
5. **Other Reports:**
  - Mary Anton shared updates from Silverwood. There will be a barn dance on June 23 starting at 5:30 pm There will be a Horse Event on October 13. This will include a ride, silent auction and growers' market.
  - Sandy and Gail shared information about "The Red Barn Blues" to be held on July 28. It is a free event featuring a well-known Blues group from Madison. The WHC Equine Foundation and Friends of Gov Dodge are sponsoring the concessions. Proceeds go to benefit the new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park.
  - Cricket shared information about ELD requirements.
  - The Midwest Rescue Horse Trainers Challenge will take place on September 22 in Jefferson.
  - Tracy thanked the group for the Equine of the Year award. She announced that she and Caz have fulfilled the requirements for Caz' image to become a Breyer Horse!
6. **What kind of activities do we want to focus on?** Karen shared some show flyers from District 2. It was decided that we would prefer to do something more educational or service related. Discussion included: 1. gelding clinic 2. euthanasia education and support 3) estate planning for horse owners. We will continue to explore options, with a late fall date in mind.
7. **Gail moved to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm**

Approved Minutes via e-mail