

WHC District 4 Meeting March 13, 2017

Call To Order by Laura Rose, Pres @6:42 pm

Approval of meeting minutes for WHC Dist 4 meeting of Feb 13, 2017. Motion to approve made by Cricket Jewett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Papke Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Director Floyd Finney reported on Ag Day at the Capitol. He said the agriculture industry got good PR at the event, with representatives hearing statistics about the many jobs and economic impact agriculture provides. He mentioned a proposed program where young farmers could apply for higher education loans up to \$30,000. Floyd also mentioned an initiative to bring broadband internet to rural areas. Finally, he discussed a controversial ruling on high capacity wells. Right now, if any of these wells break down, the owners are not allowed to fix them. They must remain out of service until there is further discussion/ruling on the wells. Tracy Porter was unable to attend Ag. Day.

Laura Rose, Pres. reported on the new WI Horse Alliance group forming in Madison.

No Old Business

New Business:

It was agreed that no spring fundraiser would be done this year. Current funds would be assigned as follows: \$250 to the Governor Dodge Equestrians for a port-a-potty, \$500 to the WI DNR for the multi use trail signs initiative. Motion to approve made by Cricket Jewett and seconded by Floyd Finney. Motioned passed.

Krickett reminded Laura to submit the D4 budget by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Krickett announced Trail School courses. The courses are offered in May and June and last for 4 days. Scholarships are available.

Laura announced that Katie Whitten from Silverwood Park were looking for District 4 help with their October 14<sup>th</sup> Poker Ride. The group asked Laura to ask Sandy for more information. The Friends of Governor Dodge are having a Poker Ride on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June, which all are invited to attend.

Floyd and Diane announced that they will be teaching kids trail etiquette around horses in May at the McKenzie Center in Poynette. Laura volunteered to help.

Next meeting date to be May 15<sup>th</sup> at Silverwood Park, potuck starting at 5 pm meeting at 6:30. Bring a dish to pass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm