

Minutes for Wisconsin Horse Council District 4 meeting on January 19, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President, Laura Rose at 6:15pm. There 12 members in attendance. Last meeting's minutes were read and a motion to approve was made by Sharon Clark and seconded by Mike Kroll.

**Officer report:**

A survey was conducted to establish our second meeting date and time, the result of which was today's meeting. A second, informal Facebook survey was created to determine the direction District 4 would take. The 1<sup>st</sup> choice was to pursue an educational meet and greet and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice was to help an equine group. 267 members have now joined the District 4 Facebook page created by Tracy Porter.

Two late nominations were received for Horse of The Year, but as the district was inactive for most of 2015 none were considered. The award will be resumed going forward, provided the district remains active.

Laura Rose, President, and V Pres. Gail Seator attended the multi-district meeting in Plover WI on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Only representatives from districts 4 and 5 were in attendance, with 6 total members present. Discussions were had about splitting District 4. District 4 has largest membership. Guidance was offered on how to allocate any funds raised as well fund raising ideas.

**Old Business:**

Election of Secretary. Cricket Jewett nominated Sharon Clark by and was seconded by Gail. Unanimous aye votes, Sharon Clark elected.

A question was raised by Lila Lemanski regarding the term length and election of directors. Sharon Clark made a motion to retain current directors; motion was seconded by Heather Lekan. Voice vote. All ayes.

**New Business:**

Potential D4 projects were presented for consideration by members.

Heather Lekan of Wisconsin Cowboy Dressage talked about a Youth Clinic being held at her barn on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This clinic is offered free to young people, with support from a WHC grant. Laken offered D4 the opportunity to run the food booth at the clinic as a fundraising opportunity. Kitchenette or tent available for food prep on site, estimated attendees to be about 40 (precise count would be given 2 weeks in advance).

Sandy Rogers presented opportunities for supporting two local groups:

Gov Dodge Equestrians are new campground, improvements and repairs are needed for the equine campsites and trails. There is also a need for a porta potty for the horse trail/day lot parking area. Friends of Silverwood Park are also looking for assistance creating horse trails, a parking lot, and agriculture programs for urban youth.

No other presentations or requests were volunteered.

Laura made a motion to vote on holding an event food booth at the Cowboy Dressage Clinic with the intention of helping to fund maintenance, repairs, and improvements at Governor Dodge Park. Sandy seconded. Floyd amended the motion to change the wording to say “help in the funding of a porta potty at the day use parking lot” instead of “funding the maintenance and repairs”, Sandy seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. Sandy agreed to head the committee to organize the event.

Sandy Rogers will invite the president of the Friends of Silverwood to our next meeting to ask for details on what D4 might be able to do for them.

Sharon Clark offered to create a specific District 4 newsletter, to be sent to all members. Articles will also be sent to the state Council Letter about D4 activities. Laura Rose will create a trifold display for meetings and events, promoting WHC and D4.

**Announcements:** The next meeting will be held at Culvers in Milton/Edgerton on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Upcoming events can be found on the Council website. Grant application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Scholarship deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Columbus Sleigh Rally is Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Lila Lemanski gave details on the Sleigh Rally and model horse show.

Laura moved to adjourn, Mike Kroll seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:40pm.