

WHC District 4 Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018 at Culver's in Newville, WI

In attendance: Karen Kroll, Mike Kroll, Diane Papcke, Floyd Finney, Cricket Jewett, Tara LeRoy, Sandy Rogers

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Koll at 6:40 pm

1. **Finances:** Karen reported that the districts received \$1500 from Horse Council for 2018-2019.
2. **Committee Reports:**
 - Mike Kroll reported that the Horse Fair did very well (financially) this year.
 - **Trails: Cricket** shared information about TrailGenius.com. The company maps trails and is interactive and can help to promote trails by providing an online presence.
#OutWiGo is an effort by Parks Dept to promote recreation at parks. Use their hashtag!
Cricket shared news that Peninsula and Newport Beach State Parks approved horse trails in master plans. DNR is switching back to wardens/ranger roles the way it used to be.
3. **Other Reports:**
 - **Gov Dodge** Sandy gave update on Gov Dodge future campground project. Successful fundraisers were held in June and July. "Share the Trails" Open House is Saturday August 25. Group is working hard to raise funds for new campground.
 - **Silverwood.** Sandy updated group with what she knew. Parking lot extension installed. Mounting blocks and hitching rails coming soon. (See note below for more***)
 - **Southern Kettle:** Corral project for horse campsites has been well received. More pens installed than originally planned. Currently, there are 8 installed with 4 more to be installed starting 8-18. Endurance riders have been especially supportive. We learned that Southern Kettle Moraine SF hosts more endurance competitions than any other place in the Midwest! The Fall Fundraiser is September 15.
4. Karen shared information about WHC Awards. Consider making nominations in different categories.
5. Karen shared information from the American Trails organization and their webinars. The free webinars are available at AmericanTrails.org. The topic for August 23 is "How They Did It: Advocacy, Planning, and Creating Equestrian Trails Through Organization."
6. Karen shared information about Copper Horse Crusade in Ohio. It is a rescue dealing with repurposing horses that were going to be slaughtered.
7. We discussed potential program for winter. Details to be worked out at next meeting.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 12 at 6:30 at Culvers.

*****Note about Silverwood: Fall Fest is October 13. There will be a Farmers Market from 8 am to noon. Pie booth, silent auction, vendors with fresh vegetables, plants, mums, honey, etc. Dan Reilly will play from 3pm-5pm. Food and beverages served. More details to follow but definitely a great day at the park! Proceeds benefit equestrian projects.**