

WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 5  
CULVERS – MAUSTON  
FEBRUARY 22, 2024

PRESENT: Roxanne Rygiewicz, Pat Jenkins, Candy Glick, Dana & Logan Sechler, Cheryl Norman, Pat Stevenson, Anne Murphy, Carolyn Roberts, Nina Trotto, Belle Gillette, Alice Williams (Zoom) and Louise (Zoom).

Pat Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

SECRETARIES REPORT: The minutes from our last meeting were passed around and read by all. Logan Sechler made a motion to approve them as submitted, Cheryl Norman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Jenkins reported that the 2024 Horse of the Year is Gallio and he comes from District 5. As a result, District 5 is responsible for the cost of his stall and shavings at MWHF. The bill was submitted in the amount of \$81 and has been paid out of our coffers.

OLD BUSINESS: Billy Yoder Clinic will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The adult portion filled immediately with 11 on the waiting list. To date we have six youth out of 10 signed up. Cheri & Troy Zimmerman are coming in on Friday night and are requesting two stalls.

NEW BUSINESS: Anne Murphy, President of Wisconsin Horse Council, spoke on the possibility of horse trails at Devil's Lake State Park. To see more regarding this, go to the following website.  
<https://DNR.Wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/friends>.

One requirement was that there has to be a Friends Group. Devil's Lake State Park has a very active Friends Group in place. Pat Jenkins reported that she had been a part of The Friends of Wildcat from the first day of incubation. The group was made up of all horsemen. The DNR was adamant that a Friends Group had to be all users of the park, not just one specific user group. Pat contacted Sandy Rogers, who is very involved in the Equestrians of Governor Dodge. Sandy stated that their group is a committee of The Friends of Governor Dodge and that she is on the Board of Directors of The Friends of Governor Dodge as the representative of that committee.

Supposedly DNR voting on the possibility of horse trails at Devil's Lake was to take place in the coming weeks. If this is passed, Anne has already contacted Cricket, Co-Chair of the WHC Trails Committee regarding holding a future Trail Building School at Devil's Lake and regarding one of the Capital Grants for large projects.

Sandy Rogers, District 4, did state that their group would be happy to assist Devil's Lake in any way they could in this process after having just been through it.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 28, 2024 at Culver's in Mauston at 6:30.

Agenda for March includes Election of Officers, Submitting the 2024-2025 Budget Request, and Billy Yoder Clinic and Food For Thought below.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO BE DISCUSSED IN MARCH:**

District 5 had an "All About the Horse" Program at Theisen's in Sparta, in 2018. It was very well received and attended. Lance, Store Manager would like this to happen again. Dates thrown out were August 3 or 4 or August 10 or 11. Prior to kids going back to school.

The WHC is currently putting on a HUGE youth campaign and trying to get kids involved and active. Pat Jenkins had seen a request for a donation of a circuit award for a Tiny Tot. Before she could contact the group it had been snatched up. She then mentioned sponsoring a class at each of the 16 County Fairs in District 5. In order to do this, we will need Names, Phone Numbers and email addresses for the Horse Project Leaders in each of those counties. The counties include: Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, LaCrosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon and Wood. It was reported that Monroe does not have a 4-H Horse program.

Another suggestion was The State 4-H Horse Show or Little Britches Rodeo.

Motion to adjourn by Dana Sechler, motion seconded by Pat Stevenson. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by: Candy Glick

Minutes typed by: Pat Jenkins