

**WHC DISTRICT 5 MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012
PERKINS RESTAURANT
TOMAH, WISCONSIN**

The February meeting of District 5 of the Wisconsin Horse Council was held at Perkins Restaurant in Tomah on Monday evening, February 13, 2012. It was a nasty evening but we had 11 persons present.

Members Present: Don & Corky Smith, Don & Donna DeWitt, Alan & Pam Seelow, Larry Gage, Mike McGowan and Pat Jenkins

Visitors: Joy Klum – Ontario and Lenore Schroeder – Wild Cat Mountain State Park

President Mike McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported that we have \$1651.30 in our D-5 Treasury.

Secretary's Report: Don Smith made a motion to approve the January minutes and Larry Gage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Porta Potty – Mike McGowan reported that he had contacted Best Kept Portables and that we are set to go again with the Porta Potty located in Biscuit Hollow at Wild Cat for 2012. He did tell the company that we need it to be serviced more often in the busier months. They are also furnishing the Porta Potty at Moon Ridge for the Competitive Trail Horse Competition.

Competitive Trail Horse Competition – The District 5 Competition will be assembled at Moon Ridge and held in Wild Cat Mtn State Park on May 19, 2012. Lenore Schroeder brought the paperwork for the permit and it was given to Don Smith to complete.

Championship CTH Competition – Corky Smith made a motion that District 5 hosts the Championship CTH Competition and Don Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. This competition will be assembled at Moon Ridge and held in Wild Cat Mtn State Park on October 13, 2012. This ride will also include food, a dance and more added money. Members are to email Corky with advertising information for local shoppers such as the Foxy Shopper, Broadcaster, Arrow Shopper, etc. Volunteers are needed; we need six judges with two assistants per obstacle plus help in the entry booth.

Wild Cat Mountain tuition from the Large Animal Rescue Training at Black River Falls in 2009 - Lenore Schroeder was present at the meeting and said that she would prefer more training for her staff and rescue tools vs. reimbursement for the tuitions from the past training. Members feel that a fiberglass slide would be one of the greatest and most valuable pieces of equipment that they could have on hand for emergency situations. We will look into where to go to find one of these.

WHC Website Calendar availability – Mike announced that the WHC Website Calendar is and will be available to list all horse related events. It is updated frequently.

Kwik Trip Fundraiser – This keeps going off and on our agendas. Don Smith stated that he will check with his local Kwik Trip regarding the paperwork and he will then check with the Foundation regarding getting permission to run it under them so enable us to partake in this fundraising opportunity.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director – This directorship is to pick up the balance of Lorraine Ruck's term (1 year – 5 months). Corky Smith nominated Larry Gage and Don Smith seconded the nomination. Don Smith made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Gage. Corky Smith seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2-Year Director – This directorship will begin on July 1, 2012. Don DeWitt nominated Don Smith and Corky Smith seconded the nomination. Don DeWitt made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Don Smith. Corky Smith seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Executive Director – Larry Gage declined the opportunity to be our Executive Director, therefore Don Smith will be our Executive Director.

Secretary (2-year term) – This position will begin on July 1, 2012. Corky Smith nominated Pat Jenkins and Alan Seelow seconded the nomination. Don DeWitt made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Pat Jenkins. Corky Smith seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Vice-President – Larry Gage made a motion that we nominate Don DeWitt and close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Don DeWitt. Don Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President – Larry Gage made a motion that we nominate Mike McGowan and Don Smith seconded the motion. Don DeWitt made a motion that we close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike McGowan. Corky Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

03/11/2012 - Marathon County is holding a Tack Swap at Wausau. Mike McGowan stated that he is planning on attending

03/11/2012 – Monroe County Tack Swap – **was scheduled, however it is not going to happen – CANCELLED!**

03/24/2012 – Columbia County Tack Swap

NEXT MEETING: The March meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012 and will be held at the Qwik Trip Hearty Platter in Mauston beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Larry Gage made a motion that we adjourn and Corky Smith seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Jenkins
Secretary
WHC – District 5