

**WHC DISTRICT 5 MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
PERKINS RESTAURANT
TOMAH, WISCONSIN**

The October meeting of District 5 of the Wisconsin Horse Council was held at Perkins Restaurant in Tomah on Tuesday evening, October 11, 2011.

Members Present: Lorraine Ruck, Larry Gage, Mike McGowan and Pat Jenkins

President Mike McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported that we are starting a new year and we now have \$2000 in our D-5 Treasury.

Secretary's Report: Larry Gage made a motion to approve the September minutes and Lorraine Ruck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unwanted Horses – Mike reported that the WHC has taken a stand on this issue and has put together an official statement regarding their stand. Mike has the official verbiage on the policy known as Unwanted Horse Resolution 62011 and if anyone wants to more know, they may contact him directly.

Horses 101 – After a great deal of discussion, it was determined that we needed to downsize our list some more. We have come up with the following topics, some of which may be changed yet again depending on where the program is held. At this time we have: Opening Statements regarding the Unwanted Horse Issue, 1) Camping with Horses – Dan & Linda Catherman, 2) Money Management for Horse Ownership – Liv Sandberg, 3) Veterinarian covering basic vaccinations, preventative practices to be taken when hauling to other areas, etc – Veterinarian to be determined based on location of program, 4) Trucks & Trailers – Clinicians again to be determined based on location of program, 5) Large Animal Rescue – Margo & Howard Ketover, 6) Basic Tack – Sandy Lochner, 7) Nature of the Beast.

Dates for the Horses 101 Program were discussed and it is tentatively scheduled for March 31, 2011. Contact has been made with Three Bears Lodge in Warrens regarding a location for the program. Larry Gage made a motion that we give verbal approval to Three Bears to send us a contract for March 31, 2011. Lorraine Ruck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Other options for a location were going to look into, possibly in the Wisconsin Dells area. Some members feel that this late in March is too close to Horse Fair and that fact could have an affect on attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

D-5 Year-end Party: Those in attendance discussed having a year-end party similar to what we had last year. After a short discussion, Lorraine Ruck made a motion that we hold a D-5 year-end party for members, spouses, and significant others, D-5 will pay up to \$10 of each meal. Larry Gage seconded the motion. The party will be held on Wednesday evening, November 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Perkins in Tomah.

Pat Jenkins asked if it would be possible to move our meeting nights from Tuesday night to a different night of the week. The second Tuesday of the month conflicts with another meeting that she wants to attend and Mike stated that he also has a conflict with that particular night of the month. Lorraine Ruck also stated that she has a conflict with Tuesday nights. Larry Gage made a motion that we move our meeting nights to the second Monday of the month. Lorraine Ruck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike brought up the Coalition of State Horse Councils that will be held in Wisconsin in November. Pat Jenkins made a motion that we send Lorraine Ruck to represent District 5 and that we pay one nights motel and the registration fee for her to attend. Larry Gage seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Gage made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and Lorraine Ruck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Jenkins
Secretary
WHC – District 5