

**WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL
DISTRICT 5
FEBRUARY 8, 2011
TOMAH, WISCONSIN**

The February meeting of District 5 of the Wisconsin State Horse Council was held at the Kwik Trip Hearty Platter in Tomah on Tuesday evening, February 8, 2011.

Members Present: Mike McGowan, Don & Corky Smith, Dan & Linda Catherman, Larry Gage, Betsy Ross and Pat Jenkins

Visitor: Lenore Schroeder – Wild Cat Mountain State Park

President Mike McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

The Treasurers Report is approximately \$1624.41.

A motion was made by Larry Gage and seconded by Dan Catherman to approve the January Secretary's Report, after making one spelling correction. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Larry Gage and seconded by Dan Catherman to hold the Wisconsin Competitive Trail Challenge at Wild Cat Mountain State Park with the staging area to be at Moon Ridge.

Don and Corky Smith and Dan and Linda Catherman reported on the Wisconsin Competitive Trail Challenge. The WCTC committee has done a tremendous amount of work in a short time to get this put together and to have events already scheduled. The committee has been attending events in their localities and there is a lot of interest. The first competition will take place on May 21st at Wild Cat Mountain State Park with the staging location being at Moon Ridge campground. Don Smith reported that he had talked to Ron Campbell at Wild Cat Mountain and that they believe that the permit fee will be waived. The committee has also been in contact with the Wisconsin State Horse Council and it may be that the insurance will also be of no charge.

A discussion took place that we possibly hold the event on both Saturday and Sunday because we have had so much interest. Lenore Schroeder from Wild Cat stated that for the first year, she would like to limit the event to one day only with a limit of 60 riders.

A second competition has been scheduled for September 17th at the Underdowns at Merrill. There is a lot of interest in this competition and there is a possibility that it may be held in all five of the districts.

There will be three divisions: Open Division with a \$25 entry fee and 50% jackpotted cash awards, Amateur/Pleasure Division with a \$20 entry fee and 50% jackpotted cash awards, and a Youth Division with a \$15 entry fee and non-cash awards.

All participants must hold an individual WSHC membership or be part of a WSHC family membership. All entrants must pre-register through the WSHC office.

Dan Catherman made a motion that we budget \$500 for the WCTC, Corky Smith seconded the motion.

Lenore stated that she wanted to meet with Don and Corky in April. They will correspond and set a date.

Don Smith asked Lenore if the park personnel were going to be able to service the porta john this year and she reported that her staff had 25+ toilets to service daily and this one is entirely off the beaten path so we should continue to let the sanitary pumping company handle the service of the john.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lenore Schroeder stated that she would like to see a "Friends of Wild Cat" group established. We have individuals in D-5 that are interested in being a part of this group.

Future Meetings: March 8th at the Kwik Trip Hearty Platter in Mauston, April 12th at Tomah. Mike will check out a new Tomah location.

Budget Items for the coming year:

Ribbons, etc – WCTC - \$500.00
Porta John - \$475.00 (2010 cost)
Horses 101 - \$300.00 (3 Bears – Warrens)

Horses 101: Mike has done some work on this. He has found a good location with 3 Bears Lodge in Warrens. We can rent 3 rooms for \$300/day. He feels that it should be limited to 3 one-hour segments. We discussed it and it was decided that this should be tabled until 2012.

Mike reported that the "Horse Slaughter Issue" has become a hot item. After a discussion it was decided that yes, District 5 is in support of this and we wanted it to go on record. Dan Catherman made a motion that District 5 of the Wisconsin State Horse Council supports the re-establishment of humane horse slaughter within the United States borders. Corky Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elections will be held at the March meeting. Nominations will be opened once more prior to the actual elections.

President: Mike McGowan – completing 1st year of a 2-year term.

Vice President: Dan Catherman nominated Larry Gage. Corky Smith seconded the nomination.

Secretary: Pat Jenkins – completing 1st year of a 2-year term.

2-Year Director: Larry Gage nominated Don Smith. Dan Catherman seconded the nomination.

1-Year Executive Director: Larry Gage nominated Don Smith. Dan Catherman seconded the nomination.

Mike discussed some information that he had received regarding the Department of Tourism and more specifically "Good Impressions"

Larry Gage made a motion at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting and Linda Catherman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Jenkins
Secretary
WSHC District 5

