

**WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL
DISTRICT 5
JANUARY 11, 2011
MAUSTON, WISCONSIN**

Prior to the actual meeting, Dan and Linda Catherman reported that they had attended the Winter Festival at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve the previous weekend and that they had a tremendous crowd with attendance near 500.

The January meeting of District 5 of the Wisconsin State Horse Council was held at the Kwik Trip Hearty Platter in Mauston on Tuesday evening, January 11, 2011.

Members Present: Don & Corky Smith, Joe Parr, Dan and Linda Catherman, Larry Gage, Don and Donna DeWitt and Pat Jenkins

Vice-President Larry Gage called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

The Treasurer's Report from November was \$1887.76, the only expenditure we had was the cost of the Holiday get together which was \$263.35 which leaves us approximately \$1624.41.

A motion was made by Don Smith and seconded by Dan Catherman to approve the November Secretary's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don and Corky Smith and Dan and Linda Catherman reported on the Wisconsin Competitive Trail Challenge. Much progress has been made on this Competitive Trail Challenge. Rules have been written and tentative dates and locations have been set. The first competition has tentatively been set for May 21, 2011 and the competition will take place at Wild Cat Mountain State Park with the Staging location being at Moon Ridge campground. Don Smith is in the process of completing the Permit that is required to hold a competition within the state park. A fee of \$75.00 is tied to the permit. The second competition has tentatively been scheduled for September 17th at the Underdowns at Merrill.

Don and Corky stated that they have been receiving numerous calls already from interested persons.

There will be three divisions: Open Division with a \$25 entry fee and jackpotted awards, Amateur/Pleasure Division with a \$25 entry fee and jackpotted awards, and a Youth Division with a \$15 entry fee and awards will be obtained for the youth.

Don Smith contacted Ron Miller and questioned availability and cost of event insurance and we have budgeted \$200.

Don and Donna DeWitt will handle the lunch from Moon Ridge.

A discussion took place regarding getting the cash to pay the award recipients in the Open and Amateur/Pleasure Divisions. Most folks will probably enter with checks and the awards are jackpotted thus we need available funds to pay back to award recipients. Don Smith and Larry Gage reported that they would discuss it with Ron Miller and if need be, there were ways to work around the issue.

Don Smith will be meeting with District 1 in February.

Joe Parr stated that he would contact Lenore at Wild Cat regarding the Porta John for the 2011 riding season. Pat Jenkins stated that she had talked to some of the Wild Cat personnel in November and mention had been made of their staff servicing the Porta John in between pumpings.

Mike's Horses 101 has been tabled until the February meeting. Pat Jenkins is going to scan the material and forward it to everyone to look over. Please look over the list and email Mike with your top 5 choices PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING!

"WSHC – District 5 – Horses 101". He listed 8 different subjects that he felt we could focus on for some mini seminars to try to gain interest in District 5. The subjects were Horse Nutrition – Hay, grain, water, Tack – saddles, bridles, halters and pads, Trucks and Trailers – what size and style, Trail riding in Wisconsin, Wisconsin Horse Show Associations, Breeds of horses and uses, Pasture fencing, Riding styles – English or western. He wanted the members to look the list over and add/delete subjects and email Mike with your top 5 choices.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Gage reported that he had come upon an Amish lady and her buggy, which had veered off of the road, and the horse and buggy were stuck in a ditch, which was full of snow. A truck had stopped and they were proceeding to the point of putting a tow strap on the horse to pull the rig out. Larry stopped them and as the woman quieted her horse, they unhooked the buggy and shoveled the horse out. He said this was the second time that he had stopped untrained rescuers from doing something to try to correct a bad situation when in fact they were in the process of making a worse situation.

The February meeting will be held on February 8th at the Kwik Trip Hearty Platter in Tomah at 6:30. The meeting room has been reserved.

Pat Jenkins was given a copy of the "Denim and Diamonds" poster to scan and send to District 5 members and area horsemen.

Linda Catherman made a motion to adjourn and Joe Parr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Jenkins
Secretary
WSHC District 5