

WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL
DISTRICT 5
JULY 13, 2010
MAUSTON, WISCONSIN

The first meeting of the 2010 Fiscal Year for District 5 of the Wisconsin State Horse Council was held at the Hearty Platter Restaurant at Kwik Trip in Mauston on Tuesday evening, July 13, 2010.

Members Present: Joe & Clara Parr, Don & Corky Smith, TyLenna & Mark Kindschi & daughter, Larry Gage, Linda Catherman, Lorraine Ruck, Margo Miller and Pat Jenkins.

Vice President, Larry Gage, called the meeting to order 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Jenkins had made arrangements to acquire the District 5 shirts and Larry handed them out. TyLenna's shirt was held back for her name to be embroidered on it and Larry was going to try to obtain a 3X shirt for Mark and get his embroidered also. Larry kept Mike's shirt and was going to return it to the embroidery lady so Mike could pick it up there since it is in Black River Falls. Don Smith took the bill to turn in to Ron Miller at the Executive Board meeting the following week.

Margo Miller gave a very informational presentation regarding a "Large Animal Rescue Training" that is going to be sponsored by and held in District 5. This training is for emergency workers, firemen, veterinarians, police officers and other interested individuals. This will be a two-day "hands-on" training. The facilitator will be Eric Thompson, who is affiliated with EERU – Code 3 out of Missouri. This group was very active with the Hurricane Katrina rescue of large animals. It is for fire/flood/disaster/vehicular accident victims. The course is an accredited course for Technical School and UW Credits for on-going education for fire/police personnel.

The course is tentatively scheduled for September or October of 2010 at the Coulee Region Riders Club in Onalaska/Holmen. The class will be limited to 50 participants. Tentative dates included 9/16-9/18 or 10/8-10/9 or 10/16-10/17. We are trying to avoid CranFest and October Fest celebrations.

Margo will continue to work with Don & Corky Smith and Tim Devine from the Coulee Region Riders and also a member of the LaCrosse County Sheriff's Department to move toward final dates, etc. It was decided that we would need approximately 500 flyers to distribute for this.

Joe had pictures of the Porta Potty at Wild Cat and Shawn Leis has now done a decal and it has been placed on the door indicating "Sponsored by District 5 of the WSHC". The porta potty is being utilized and the picnic areas are much cleaner as a result of it being on the Yellow Loop.

Don gave an update on the American Competitive Trail Horse Association competitive trail ride that we had talked about earlier. He had talked to Lenore Schroeder at Wild Cat State Park regarding holding the event there and she has been very supportive. It was discussed that any overflow could possibly be put at the OK Corral but then we thought perhaps the park personnel would not be receptive of holding an event at the park and putting the participants elsewhere. Something to be worked out. The competitive trail ride is not a timed event and it consists of six natural obstacles with a judge for each obstacle. The horse/rider combination is judged on their ability to work the obstacle. In order to be a judge, an individual needs to watch a video provided by the ACTHA.

Don and Cork will try to firm up a date/location and then we will need to come up with prizes and/or sponsors for this event.

Clara presented the minutes from the June meeting held at Tomah. Don made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mark second the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

IDEAS FOR MORE INTEREST IN D-5:

Some other ideas for future follow-up included a trail ride and a camping 101 seminar, officer bios in the newsletter (we are currently working on this one).

Connie Wood who is a member from Wisconsin Rapids emailed with several ideas including possibly having sub-groups or special interest groups (gymkhana, pleasure riders, trail riders) or perhaps splitting the district into east and west since we have such a huge district, have a group project and invite the 4-H clubs in the area. Join with another district to put on an event.

Mark mentioned what incentive do we have to get more young people involved?

It was mentioned that maybe we could do another Camping 101 type of thing that was done at Ukarydee in Adams County. Perhaps we could do it in conjunction with the LaRiviere Riders annual open house weekend at Prairie du Chien next May/June. This year, their event was very well attended by locals as well as riders from three states. There were over 60 trailers in the campground that weekend. There are shelter houses where we could set up our booth and put our banner. We have many members in the Prairie du Chien area.

It was also mentioned that the WSHC does have scholarships available for students to apply for and that parents with students in our District need to be made aware of these.

We need to look at ideas for Fund Raisers. At this time we are looking at the Large Animal Rescue and the ACTHA Competition, but both of these need to be funded to get them started.

Do we have active members enough for help to hold/support these activities?

Up-coming Meetings:

August 10 – Hearty Platter – Kwik Trip – Tomah – 6:30 p.m.

September 14 – Hearty Platter – Kwik Trip – Mauston – 6:30 p.m.

October 12 – Hearty Platter – Kwik Trip – Tomah – 6:30 p.m.

Larry Gage presented a door prize and Linda Catherman won it.

Joe Parr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Don Smith second the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Jenkins
Secretary
WSHC District 5