

Wisconsin State Horse Council District 2 Meeting on 11/9/2014

Meeting held at The Hideout/Hodag Lanes in Rhinelander Wisconsin.

Meeting called to order by President Dr. Becky Myszka

Members present: Philip McCoy, Richelle Beene, Diana Coffen, Holly McMullen, Lori Seliger Sue and Larry Nettleton, Tonya Dreifer, Dr. Becky Myszka, and Marilyn Krueger. Excused: Donna and Randy Ryan due to illness

Secretary Report: Minutes of the 8/17/14 meeting held in Wausau at the Wausau Mine Restaurant were reviewed. Motion made by Holly McMullen and seconded by Sue Nettleton to approve the minutes.

Executive Board Report: Holly McMullen reported that the monthly WHC Council Letter will no longer sent to all members as of 1/1/15. Starting in January 2015 members will receive the Council Letter as an email from the WHC. If members would still like to get a paper copy of the Council Letter they would have to pay an additional \$10.00 with their 2015 yearly membership. Also there was clarification of why the Championship Challenge was canceled. The event was canceled by the owners of the host site because of the Equine Herpes Virus which was confirmed to be at a stable in Dane Co. Entry fees and all other fees of those that were to participate will be held by WHC to be used at the 2015 Championship Challenge. Members at this meeting felt that it was good thing that the event was canceled rather than have further spread of the disease. Dr. Myszka gave members an update as to what the disease is. Also she reported that as of the time of this meeting there were no further cases of this disease in Wisconsin.

Old Business: Lori Seliger and Holly McMullen reported that the Poker Run held on 9/20/14 had positive feedback. Participants remarked that the food, entertainment, camping and weather was wonderful. Donna and Randy Ryan were not able to make this meeting due to illness so the financial report is tabled until our next meeting. Members commended Donna and Randy Ryan for all their hard work in planning and hosting the event at their home.

Discussion about if we wanted to do a "Food, Fun and Education Event" in February 2015 again. Members agreed that the VFW in Antigo was a good place to have the event since the last 2 years it was held there and location/food was wonderful. Marilyn Krueger will contact the VFW to see if 2/8/15 or 2/15/15 was available. Members agreed the a count of 60 people for this event would be wanted. Lori Seliger agreed to bring the soda and water. Marilyn Krueger agreed to bring the cakes again. Suggestions for speakers was discussed. Also members thought that having a spokesperson of all the horse clubs in our district speak shortly to give an idea of what each club does. The meal would be again be buffet and would be at noon with speakers to follow. Members were encouraged to get donations for door prizes.

New Business: Marilyn Krueger reported that for a May meeting we would have a camping/backpacking speaker. Sam Scafidi, who has done seminars at Midwest Horse Fair, has volunteered to be our speaker at his home. Mr. Scafidi lives halfway between Merrill and Wausau off of Hwy. K on Rainbow Dr. He also has a large indoor arena if weather doesn't permit having it outside. Possible date for this meeting would be 5/16/15.

Also discussion about having a youth clinic. Members discussed that many youth in our district have no resources for clinics. Discussion about having WHC certified judges in our district as clinicians.

Possible site for a clinic would be Western Connection Ranch in Rhinelander which is run by a WHC member and certified judge. Dates were discussed about having it the first or second saturday in May 2015. Committee formed: Richelle Beene, Sue McCoy, Diana Coffen, Dr. Becky Myszka and Marilyn Krueger. It was suggested by members to charge \$10 for WHC members and \$20 for non-WHC members. It was suggested to have youth ages 9-18 to participate. Committee members will check their show and judging schedules then discuss the event more at our next meeting in January.

Tonya Dreifer, president of Horsing Around Club, talked about what their club does. Horsing Around Club holds their meetings at The Hideout/Hodag Lanes where our meeting is today.

Next Meeting: Will be held at Loz Mezcales Mexican Restaurant in Merrill on 1/11/15 at 4pm. Marilyn will contact Mary Kay Vandergeest of Merrill Riders Club to see if a member of that club could attend to give info to highlight that club.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holly McMullen and seconded by Diana Coffen.