

Wisconsin Horse Council District 2 Meeting
March 30th, 2014 at 4pm. At Freddie's Mexican Restaurant Hatley, Wis.

Members present: Liz Rice-Beula, Lori Seliger, Nicole Lord, Randy & Donna Ryan, Lisa Skains, Becky Myszka, Holly McMullen, and Marilyn Krueger. Patty Wisneski was there via teleconference.

Meeting called to order by President Becky Myszka.

Copies of minutes of the November 17th, 2013 at the Wausau Mine Co. were passed around to the members present. Minutes were approved by Nicole Lord and seconded by Liz Rice-Beula.

Executive Director State Meeting Report: Patty Wisneski reported that elections were held. Also she stated that all other business was private matters that she couldn't report.

New Business: Randy and Donna Ryan reported that there is a Porker Run being organized for September 20, 2014 at the Underdown Trails. This event would be a benefit for a girl killed by a drunk driver. Underdown Trail Club and Rocky Run Tack Store would be the hosts of the event. Lori Seliger thought the WHC office should be reached for details if this could be considered for a WHC sanctioned event. Committee was formed: Chair-Lori Seliger, Donna and Randy Ryan, Holly, Nicole Lord and Marilyn Krueger. Marilyn said that she has an enclosed Kubota that she would volunteer bringing. Donna stated that the County Forest Dept. would require proof of insurance. Donna thought too that riders would have to sign a waiver before riding. Patty stated that insurance must be attained before it could be an approved WHC event. If and when this event is approved by the WHC then it could be advertised in the Horseman's News.

Becky and Liz reported that they attended the WHC Judges Seminar at Custer, Wis. They would like to hold a similar educational event at Liz's barn to showcase saddlebreds, other gaited horses, driving, showmanship, equitation and horsemanship. Liz stated that she does carry insurance for events like this at her barn. This event would be open to 4-H'er's, WIAA youth, judges and the public. The date of June 8th, 2014 was decided. Liz will contact Glen Valley Farm and Hickory Hill Farm to see if they would like to bring animals to be used also as example. There would be little or no cost for people to come to this educational event. Committee was formed for this event: Nicole Lord, Liz Rice-Beula, Becky Myszka and Marilyn Krueger. Marilyn will contact Nancy Edwards (president of WHC) to see if this could be a WHC approved event. If approved by WHC then maybe expenses, insurance and porta-potty could be taken from the \$1500 that our district is allotted per fiscal year. No other horses will be allowed other than Liz's or the two other barns that may also come to promote the breed. Becky will get the word out to judges of the WHC to see if they would be interested in attending. Marilyn will get the word out to the local and state 4-H associations. Marilyn will

contact the Trailmates Snowmobile Club to see if event participants could park on their land across the road from Liz's barn. Members at this meeting discussed that this was a way to draw youth and adults to a WHC event and to educate the area where there aren't that many Saddlebred horses.

Old Business: Patty Wisneski talked about elections for the District 2 for July. Patty, Lori and Marilyn have held their offices for 2 years by July 2014. She stated that elections could be done already at our next meeting.

Dr. Becky Myszka, DVM talked about the Equine Herpes that is a concern in the Midwest. 7 cases of this disease have been reported positive in the beginning stage in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota have had cases. UW-Minnesota has had information available. Tack, horses, vets, farriers and horse owners can be carriers. Members present expressed concern with Wisconsin and Minnesota having their Horse Fairs soon and questioned how it was going to be watched for these events. Health certificates in Minnesota from a vet are good for 7 days. At the time of this meeting the Wisconsin Horse Fair had not adapted this policy. Normally health certificates have to be done within 30 days of a horse being transported over the state line. Exposure to this disease will present signs in 14 days. Incubation time of this disease is 2 weeks.

Upcoming event of a coggins clinic will be held at Rocky Run Tack Store on 4/15/14 for anyone looking to save money on their farm call. Wisconsin Valley Vet Clinic/Dr. Myszka will be the vet at this event.

Next Meeting will be held May 18, 2014 at the Rocky Run Tack Store which will also be a potluck event with this meeting. Everyone urged to bring a dish to pass. There has been feedback expressed by members that the meetings are more convenient to attend on Sundays and they also like that the meetings are being held at different locations in our District 2.

Meeting was adjourned by Donna Ryan and 2nd by Nicole Lord

Correction of Secretary Minutes: At the 5/18/14 meeting Lori Seliger and Donna Ryan stated that monies raised at the Poker Run event would not be given to a girl killed by a drunk driver. Monies raised would go to a rescue horse operation or a therapy riding operation possibly.

With this correction the secretary's report was approved 1st by Pam Nylund and 2nd by Donna Ryan.