

**Wisconsin Horse Council District 2 Meeting  
August 9, 2012 at 12:00 noon**

**Members present:** Ann Maletzke, Patty Wisneski, Lori Seliger  
Marilyn Krueger. Also Skip Maletzke attended.

Meeting called to order by President, Ann Maletzke.

**Secretary report:** Minutes and copies of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were read and approved. Marilyn reported that she didn't have a copy of the current members list of District 2 yet at this time. She will contact the state office to request a list for mailing purposes.

**Old Business:** Skip Maletzke reported information he received at the Southeastern Trail Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. He reported that in Kentucky they are using a plan to have existing or abandoned trails connected to help boost tourism in their state. Skip will be giving a report of this information to the Wisconsin State Trail Council of which Skip is a member of. Also he stated that since Darrell Richards is retiring from the Wisconsin Forestry Service. Due to this, getting more information about upgrading the 12-15 miles of abandoned trails will be put on hold. The Nicolet and Chequamegon Trail Service had a management plan in existence. The trails are now approved for winter cross country usage but not for equine usage.

Marilyn reported that the Scoping Clinic sponsored by Wisconsin Valley Veterinary Clinic (Wausau) at Liz Beula's Stable was canceled due to equipment failure was moved to 8/13/12. Horses will be scoped for Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome as a promotional service from the Merial Pharmaceutical Company. This information of how the scoping is done could be put on U-Tube as an educational topic for District 2 members to view.

**New Business:** New guidelines for requesting/receiving any funding from Wisconsin Horse Council are being reviewed. Ann reported that a written report is needed from districts detailing what educational components the funding will be used for before any monies will be awarded by the WHC. Patty reported that there is to be a conference in Colorado on November 2-4, 2012. The conference is called "Putting the Pieces Together". The National Coalition of Horses is presenting it. Patty is currently a member of the WHC Trail Committee and is interested in attending this conference. Ann will look into getting funding for Patty to possibly attend. No amount for funding was determined at this meeting. Ann and Patty reported that the WHC has ordered a cease to any more funding for future Trail Challenge Events at this time until further review by the WHC.

Ann has started a YouTube account for District 2. She stated that WHC has approved that our district have the account for educational equine information to be shared. When topics are added to the U-tube account a statement must be added each time. The statement must say that "the information is from the presenter and may not be the discretion of the WHC.

Ann is going to contact the Back Country Horsemen of America group. This would be to see if they would like to partner with our district to update the abandoned trails.

Ann reported that she contacted Karen Kroll from the WHC to see if she would like to attend a future District 2 meeting. This would be beneficial to our members and board to get information from Karen since our District now is having meetings now.

Ann and Patty believe that future meeting minutes will only be available to the board members of District 2 since the group is very new in getting established. Marilyn stated that the minutes were also to be sent to the state office of the WHC.

Marilyn presented a rough draft of a survey that could be sent to District 2 members. The survey included questions of what the district members use their horses for and how the board of District 2 could serve its members. Some additional input was given by the board for Marilyn to include. Ann requested that the completed survey be emailed to her so that she could take copies to an event where she will have a booth promoting Spur of the Moment Ranch. This will be held at the Antigo Fair grounds on August 16-17, 2012.

Discussion as to when our next meeting will be in October was tabled until future notice. Teleconferencing is a possibility since Ann said that Skip has the capability to conference up to 26 people using his work account.

**Next Meeting:** TBA

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Krueger, District 2 Secretary.