

District 3, Wisconsin State Horse Council

May 4, 2011

Thank you for all attending!

Group voted to have monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next Meeting June 1!!

Woody Knudsen, Annabelle Leigh, Nancy Kissel, Diane Sackett, Debbie Stack, Patty Potvin, Bonnie Shepherd, Vickie Schwabe, Kathleen Rammer, Cal and Judy Larson, Smokie Brannaman, Linda Ernsberger, Don Schwantz, Jan Pieper

President Smokie Brannaman called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved.

Midwest Horse Fair reported 51,000 people attended. Weather wasn't the most cooperative with rain and wind Friday and Saturday, with a little snow!! Booth was well received, and this year in a more protected spot.

Smokie received a letter from Mike McGowan. He is the District Committee Chair and District 5 President, looking into the status of the district. He will be visiting all the districts, looking for feedback on what the Wisconsin Horse Council can do to help the districts promote membership.

Some of the questions he would like to present are

- ✓ How can we better benefit the equestrians in your district?
- ✓ Should your district be smaller?
- ✓ Do you use any different forms of communication other than meetings?

We officially announced Horse of the Year is Mister, owned by Diane Sackett. Mister will be in attendance at the Horse a Rama.

Cal Larson serves on the National Institute for Animal Agriculture on the Equine Committee. He recently attended their meeting in San Antonio, Texas. He also set up speakers for the equine group. 1<sup>st</sup> Report was the Senator from Nebraska that a slaughter house is on a fast 50. About 6 groups are prepared to handle about 50,000 animals per unit per year. Licensing meat inspectors is on Nebraska's May docket. Horse rescue projects are on the slow trac. 2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker was David Knupp, from Intervet. He shared the progress on identification of a horse by the their eye's iris. A mini computer and digital camera is used. Three poses of the horse is taken, then a 5 second shot of it's iris. Very interesting information, but still is in the prototype stage.

Things to do: Seippel I Center of the Arts, Beaver Dam, WI "The Horse in Art" April 17 – June 5

Competitive Trail Ride is scheduled for Wildcat, hosted by District 5. Contact Corky or Don Smith to ride, or help out.

"BUCK" movie by Buck Brannaman will be playing July 1, at the Downer Theater in Milwaukee.

Woody Knudsen extended a 'hearty' Thank You for President Smokie Brannaman for serving as District 3 President. THANK YOU SMOKIE!!!!

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is June 1, 2011, Rolling Meadows.