

Big Bend Horseman's Association

General Membership Meeting - Minutes August 10, 2009

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm by President Wade. The minutes were accepted as printed on the website. Peggy gave the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$2,505.26. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Rhonda gave a report on the publicity work she has been doing for the club. We have had several articles in the various papers and she has WTXL tentatively scheduled to come to our October show. The October show will be a breast cancer research fund raiser.

Dixie Plantation has not confirmed our trail ride as yet. The Greenville 4H club is also having a ride that day at Pickney Plantation to raise money for a member's mother who has cancer. We will try to join them for their ride on September 26th. The Midnight Sun horseshow will most probably be moved to the spring this year. We will try to participate then if possible.

Wade received a sponsorship from Southern Safety and Supply in Orlando in the form of 12 bright orange traffic cones to use in our shows. We will give them web space in return for this donation. Sherri will ensure the cones all get BBHA decals on them to identify them. Leonia has not received any more sponsorships.

The Board discussed what we would do if we have bad weather previous to, or the day of, the horse show. It takes a decision by the Show Secretary/President and at least two other Board members to cancel or postpone the show. If it rains during a show, we will try to wait and see if it clears up and the arena remains safe to use. Sherri will post weather information on the website and note cancellations if necessary.

Katrina Cochran is our next judge, followed by Marsha Hartford in September, Dorothy Day in October, Ray Johnson in November, and Jerry Carter for December. The shows will be on the 2nd Saturday at Evil Twin Farms for the remainder of the year. **PLEASE NOTE: the October show will fall on the 3rd Saturday due to a scheduling conflict.** The October show will also be a benefit to raise money for the Sharon Ewing Walker Breast Cancer Center. We will be using the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" logo from Wrangler and the Cancer Foundation and have items available to order. These items will be available on our website.

Rhonda is heading the committee for donations for this show. Everyone should wear pink or order a breast cancer shirt from our website if possible. The club voted to give 50% of our net proceeds from the October show to the Sharon Ewing Walker Breast Cancer Center at TMH. All money raised from fund raisers (such as the sale of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink items) will be donated as well.

Our Banquet will be on January 9, 2010 at the Monticello Opera House. We have put a reservation in with Carrie & Company to cater the banquet. We'll decide on the menu at a later date. Sally and Sherri will be in charge of the awards for the banquet. There will not be a horse show in January.

Evil Twin Farms will sponsor three daily high points for the next show – one for English, Western, and Speed. Hopefully we will be able to find sponsors to continue this. We also want to remind everyone to not clean your trailer manure into the pastures at Evil Twin Farms and put garbage in the cans provided.

Our concessionaire did not come on time nor prepared for the last show. Many people were very disappointed with their service and food as well. Sherri and Wade will talk to some other people about providing our concessions.

Wade went to the last Jefferson County Commission Meeting. The county arena is still not useable in its present condition and the Commission does not appear to be receptive to improving the ground or getting a parking area fixed due to money issues.

Our resident photographer, Gary Canada, will continue to take pictures at the show. If you have a specific pose you would like to have, Gary will work with you. He will be trying to document our entire season in pictures and put together a type of "yearbook" for us to purchase. In this vein, we asked for volunteers to act as club historians. Morgan and Pam C. volunteered to put a scrapbook together for this year.

We all wanted to thank Sherri for being such a great webmaster. She keeps our website updated on a daily basis whenever necessary and does a FANTASTIC job. She has also got PayPal set up so that club members may prepay for show classes when they pre-enter. You are not required to pre-pay and may simply pay at the show. She also has the BBHA hats for sale in our web store and the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Items.

Jed reminded everyone that the quarterly pasture workshop would be at Green Industries Bldg. on the 27th at 7:00pm. It will feature horse trainer Sonny Little as well as lots of good information on keeping your pastures green and growing.

Our next meeting will be September 14, 2009 at 7:00pm. Board Meeting September 7, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Bek, Secretary

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