

**Big Bend Horseman's Association
General Meeting
August 16, 2010**

Officers/Board Members Present:

Wade Smith, President; Sherri Dean, Vice President; Jane Essig, Treasurer, Scribe; Pam Clark, Doyle Conner, Jr., Sue Everett, Dana Morgan

Wade Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous general meeting as submitted on the website. The motion was seconded. The Club voted; motion carried, none opposed.

Jane Essig presented the Treasurer's report. Wade asked Sherri to contact Wrangler about an uncleared check. Doyle has contacted Sidney about the uncleared check to the FSU Equestrian Team. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded; the Club voted; the motion carried, none opposed.

Sherri Dean reported that the arena is muddy. We will need a work day prior to the September show.

Sue Everett reported that we need ribbon sponsors for the September show.

Doyle Conner stated there is nothing to report for Youth Participation.

Dana Morgan reported that the plantations want to wait until closer to the date to schedule any trail rides for spring. Susan Sparks provided information about the trail ride at Natural Bridge. This ride will be on October 30, 2010, and open to BBHA members and their guests only.

Pam Clark reminded everyone about the Leather Clinic with Doyle Conner at Sue and Don Everett's home this Saturday, August 21. Carpooling is available from Evil Twin Farms. The Halter/Showmanship clinic scheduled for September 19 has been postponed to December 11, 2010. Doyle will contact Jennifer Johnston about presenting the clinic.

Old Business:

- Wade reported that the Board confirmed the previous vote by the General Membership to spend up to \$1200 on road repairs at Evil Twin Farms. He noted that this is to repair damages already caused largely by traffic at BBHA shows.
- Wade reminded the Club that the Club voted last year to hold another "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" fundraiser show this year. This requires the Club to commit to purchase at least \$250 of "Pink" merchandise.

New Business:

- Wade read an excerpt of a letter from Marilyn Watson and requested that Club members leave Marilyn alone.
- It has been suggested that the Club have a more defined Dress code/guidelines for shows. The Board will discuss this at the next Board meeting.

- Show location: the Board has decided to hold shows at Evil Twin Farms at least for the remainder of 2010, as long as it is available.
- September 11 Show: We will have a presentation of colors on horseback. We will now open all shows with the National Anthem; please let Sherri know if you have a recording of the Star Spangled Banner. Please wear red-white-and-blue for the September show. Margaret Smith will be Show Secretary for the September show.
- Board Member Replacement: Margaret Smith and John Sparks will be joining the Board. Board minutes will now be posted.
- Fall Ag Day: Green Industries will be holding a Fall Ag Day on Saturday, October 23, in conjunction with New Leaf's Farm Tour. BBHA has been asked to set up a mini-arena in the area by Highway 90. Pam Clark is chairman of the BBHA activity committee for this event. She wants to show the economic impact that horse owners have on the community (farrier, vet, feed, etc.). She is planning demonstrations of different disciplines, breeds, show attire, etc. A flat-bed trailer is needed along with people to help set up the arena (with panels at Green Industries). Pam's committee will be contacting vendors/providers asking them to set up booths with signage indicating how much horse people spend.
- Wade announced new memberships: Margaret Chrisawn and Virginia and Steve Pfost.
- Show Points: Wade announced that since we haven't received the paperwork from the previous club secretary, we don't know all the membership effective dates. Therefore, we are setting January 1, 2010, as the effective date for all existing members. Jane has written a computer program to calculate points, and will have the results from the June show in about a week.
- Doyle suggested that we should find a way to share information, such as helpful articles from magazines, etc.

A motion was made to adjourn; the motion was seconded; the Club voted and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Essig,
Treasurer, acting scribe