

BIG BEND HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Wade Smith called the second meeting of the Big Bend Horseman's Association to order at 6:45 p.m. (February 9, 2009). He asked if everyone had an "Agenda Sheet".

Mr. Smith then turned the meeting over to Jed Dillard, of the Extension Office. Jed had a video presentation of the arena and site around it.

Tim and Peggy Barfield and Paul and Kathy Shepard had driven back to the area and looked at the progress prior to the meeting. All agreed that much progress had taken place in the last week.

Jed pointed out what the areas on the map represented. The arena will be 120 feet wide and 240 feet long. The panels are 6 ft. x 10 ft. and are of 16 gauge and six rail construction. There will be a return lane on the east side of the arena so it may be used for roping classes, if needed.

Jed pointed out that the arena project is not an Extension Office project now, but a county project. (Apparently, this has happened since the county has decided to make a county park out of the northeast part of the land parcel).

Guenter Maresch ask 'what is the biggest concern about the deadline', referring to the first of April, when the grant money for the arena must be spent or returned. Jed indicated only a lot of rain for an extended period of time, which would hamper moving of the dirt in the site.

Mr. Dillard also told of other projects continuing, such as hooking up the septic tank, electric work, etc. He turned meeting back over to Mr. Smith.

Wade Smith said someone had brought up an issue with him about the name of the club. Basically, the use of the word "Horseman's". He said the person who had mentioned this to him did not have a problem with it, but was only pointing it out. The subject was discussed and after input from several in attendance, it was agreed that the name shall stand as is.

The next point of business was the election of officers. It was decided that the officers elected tonight will only serve an interim term of six months, or until the August, 2009, meeting.

Those elected included: President - Wade Smith

V. Pres. - Guenter Maresch

Sec./Tres. - Kathy Shepard

Directors - Tim Barfield

Leonia Maresch

Doyle Connor, Jr.

Tammy Rabon

Committees: Peggy Barfield offered to chair the education committee.

Charter Committee - The executive board.

Membership fees were discussed at length, with much input from all. It was agreed that a fee of \$30 will be charged for a family membership and \$15 for an individual membership. A family membership will allow two votes and an individual membership will come with one vote.

Wade Smith ask Jed Dillard to meet with him and Mr. Henry Gohlke (-----
for the county) and get prices to rent the arena.

It was decided that the meetings should be held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Green Industries building, if possible. The board of directors will meet the first Monday of each month. The next board of directors meeting will be held at Wade Smith's home.

Wade passed out a paper with his idea of what our "Purpose/Mission Statement" should be. It stated, "To provide a source through which interested people can learn to ride, learn to ride better, get information about equine care through demonstrations, clinics, shows, personal participation, and interacting with others sharing a like interest". Everyone present received a copy of this and was asked to review it and bring back ideas to the next meeting.

Our next meeting, in March, will be an open meeting for the public to attend. An article will be placed in the Monticello News prior to the meeting, inviting interested persons.

Discussion was held about incorporation of the club, collecting dues, by-laws, etc. Kathy Shepard declined to collect dues tonight, since we do not have any applications and no bank account to deposit funds into. Sherri Dean stated that she thinks the bank will require us to have a charter to open an account. She said that she will start the legal paperwork for our 'charter' and it will only cost us the fees to file it with the state.

All present were asked to think of ideas for fund raisers for the next meeting. Some ideas were an "Equine Showcase" or an "Equine Extravaganza".

At 7:55 p.m., Kathy Shepard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Jordan seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting, homemade cookies brought by Peggy Jordan were enjoyed by all.

Those present included: Wade Smith, Guenter and Leonia Maresch, Mandy and Morgen Straus, Tim and Peggy Barfield, Tammy Rabon, Caryn Eades, Jed Dillard, Doyle Connor, Jr., Peggy Jorday, Paul and Kathy Shepard, Gordon and Sherri Dean.

Submitted by Kathy Shepard on February 10, 2009.