

Big Bend Horseman's Association

Meeting Minutes June 8, 2009

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by President Wade Smith.

Henry Gohlke with Jefferson County Parks updated the club on the status of the arena. They are anticipating electric to be installed in the upcoming week and then being able to get the septic system completed. The horse trail is open for use – you need to call Henry at 342-0287 for gate access at this time. Wade also has a gate key. The arena is locked and we are trying to get a key for it. Members will have to sign waivers in order to ride on the grounds or arena.

Due to the resignation of secretary Kathy Shepard, the club voted Sally Bek as the new secretary to complete the year out.

Peggy Jordan gave the Treasurer's report. Current balance in checking account is \$1,364.49. The club took in \$647.60 at the Cowboy Trade Day, but due to expenses we did not realize a profit. However, the Cowboy trade day was a great success and we are planning for another one in either the fall or spring of next year.

No reports from Peggy Pope on Education, nor Rhonda Radtke on Publicity.

BBHA is sponsoring a trail ride at the Conner's Bar C Ranch on June 13th. Everyone must be ready to ride out at 10:00am. Folks are welcome to bring lunch and ride again in the afternoon. Conners also have trail horses for rent for this ride if someone needs a horse. Cost is \$35 for rental and you need to make a reservation by calling Janet at 570-8746.

Leonia Maresch updated the club on sponsorships. All the new sponsors and class sponsors are updated on the web. All classes for the upcoming show have sponsors to pay for the ribbons.

Sally Bek updated everyone on the upcoming BBHA Show on July 11th. Show starts at 8:00am SHARP and will be held at Evil Twin Farms. Everyone is reminded to bring chairs and shade tents if you have them. If you want to download the show class sheet from the website, fill it in and submit before the show, then the day of the show you will just have to come pay and pick up a number. Negative Coggins are required. There will be a concession and water available for humans and horses. We ask everyone to help when you can during the show. We also asked for volunteers to make some goodies for the cake walk. Lorra, June, Christine, and Peggy P. volunteered to do this. Sherri Dean had show bills and flyers for people to put up.

Sherri Dean has been updating our website daily. WWW.BigBendHorse.com All information on the club is there and available for you to view

Guenter Maresch presented the draft By-Laws for the club. The club accepted the By-Laws with two minor changes: specify the number of votes each type of membership has and clarify the difference between suspended and expelled members. We purposefully did not put in a work or meeting requirement for membership.

The Watermelon Festival and Parade is June 20th and the Club submitted an application for a float. Sherri volunteered to coordinate the making of the float. The club did not submit an application for riding our horses in the parade. If you want to ride in the parade, you must submit an application with fee and have a pooper-scooper behind you.

There will be a Trail Clinic by Doyle Conner, Jr at Evil Twin Farms on June 14th at 1:00pm. This is an introductory clinic for show type trail obstacles. There is no cost for members, but donations will be accepted.

Patricia Garner, Director of Green Institute introduced herself. She would like for us to keep open communication between us so that we may all have access to the property.

Tom Ekner introduced himself and asked that members who are concerned with the upcoming County Commission vote on the horse race track to come to the June 25th Commission meeting.

Doyle Conner, Jr will be presenting "The Bard in Boots" on June 18th at 6:30pm at the Florida Museum of History in the RA Gray Building. This is part of the new display on the history of cattle ranching in Florida. The event is free, but dinner is available for a cost of \$10.

Clay Lacey of Whigham, GA introduced himself to the club. Clay is a potential sponsor for our club and has a business that can provide bulk shavings for horse stalls as well as other lumber needs.

The next meeting will be July 13th at 7:00pm The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Bek, Secretary
June 9, 2009