

# Big Bend Horseman's Association

## Minutes March 8, 2010

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President Wade was absent and Vice President Sherri Dean opened the meeting at 7:00pm. The secretary's report was accepted as printed on the website.

Jed Dillard, our local extension agent, was introduced. He gave a good presentation on how to take soil samples into to be analyzed and how to manage small acreage with horses in our area. Jed gave some very informative hand-outs and told everyone to look at the IFAS website that the University of Florida has. Jed's email is [DillardJed@ufl.edu](mailto:DillardJed@ufl.edu) if anyone would like to contact him.

Jane Essig passed out copies of the treasure's report to all. The club approved the report as printed. We have \$1,321.20 in our checking account.

Sue Everett updated the club on our sponsorships. We have one new annual sponsor and 5 annual ribbon sponsors. Anyone in the club may ask for sponsors of any variety and Sue will give you the paperwork. Also, if any business or person would like to do one time donations of items for raffle or highpoint, we can still give those people acknowledgement at the show and on the web for that show.

Sherri reported that the arena and grounds are ready for the show. The website is updated. Don't forget to check the website often for news and events.

Sally reminded everyone that she, nor Wade, nor Pam H will be at the March show, so we'll need members to help with registration and announcing. This month's judge is Pam Wing and the mystery class will be Obedience. Sally also asked members to take advantage of the pre-registration available on the website. This saves a lot of time on show day for everyone!

Pam Clark passed out a member survey to see what type of clinics/activities the club would be interested in during the year. She will also have surveys available at the show. Our first clinic will be an English Clinic with Donna Winsloe. It will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at Evil Twin Farms. Starts at 9:00am. First session will be flat work. After lunch, they will do jumping. Cost for members is \$15 and for non-members it is \$25. This includes lunch, please bring your own drinks and chairs. Space is limited so contact Pam if you are interested in this clinic.

The second clinic will be Western Pleasure and Trail with Doyle Conner. This will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and cost for members is \$15 and for non-members it is \$25. This includes lunch, please bring your own drinks and chairs

Pam C and Fern attended a presentation given by Ginger Kathrens on wild horse management by the Bureau of Land Management. Ginger is the author of the "White Cloud" books and documentaries. They showed a brief video about the BLM abuses of the wild horses and they advocate assisting Ginger in helping the wild horses by our club sponsoring some type of event to raise money for the cause. They also passed out a petition/letter that members could sign and send to President Obama and their legislators. Members wanting more info should see Pam C or Fern and the club will talk about possible benefits at a later date.

Pam H. has been busy getting the word out about our club. She has the BBHA link on several other horse club sites and is working with other clubs about announcing our shows in their newsletters. Pam H also put her phone number out as a contact for the club.

Sherri reminded everyone to pay membership dues if you haven't already done so. She announced that Wade got the club a PO Box. Our official address is now: P.O. Box 42, Monticello, FL 32345.

Cowboy Trade Day is March 27<sup>th</sup> at Evil Twin Farms. This is a wonderful buy, barter, and trade of anything horsey. The only horses allowed will be those for sale/trade. If you are planning on selling, there is a nominal \$5 charge to set up. Please do not bring dogs to this event. We are working on getting lunch put together as RRR Horse Rescue will not be available. The day will conclude with Doyle hosting the "trade blanket" and auctioning donated items to raise money for the club.

Sheri announced that the Southern Music Rising Festival in Monticello is April 16-17. The BBHA has tickets available for members to sell. We will make \$5 off of each ticket we sell. Please see Sherri if you would like to purchase/sell tickets.

The next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at Green Industries in the back classroom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Bek, Secretary  
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