

May 2009 – Big Bend Horseman's Association

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

President Wade Smith announced that Pam Clark was the winner of the Southern Music Rising Festival drawing. She won a \$25 gift certificate to Town & County Tack.

Treasurer Peggy Jordan was not present. Kathy Shepard gave her report from the previous Board of Directors meeting. There was a total of \$525.87 in the bank. She had several new membership checks that she was going to deposit later.

Cindy Hughes said she needed more members for the Awards Committee. Club will give awards for the horse show season. Board will work out details.

Sally Bek, Show Committee Chair, passed out programs for the upcoming show, to be held in July at Evil Twin Farms. She also passed out sheets describing the reining and western riding classes that will be held during the show. She stated club will be keeping points for show season, as well as fun classes. Entry fees will be: \$4 per class for members and \$5 per class for non-members, or members could ride all day in as many classes as they wanted for \$25 and non-members for \$30. They will be changing the class age divisions to 12 and under, 13-17, and 18 and over.

The Fund Raising Committee, headed by Leonia Maresch, stated that they needed more people on the committee. She did not have any new sponsors, but had given out some more packets.

Publicity announced she had talked to several local advertising venues about publicity for the club.

Trail Ride at Bar C Ranch will be June 13. The ride will leave at 10 a.m. and be back by noon, so anyone planning on attending should make sure they are prepared to leave at 10 a.m.

Trail rides at Avalon Plantation and Dixie Plantation are in the works.

Peggy Pope, Education Committee Chair, said she would be planning a program every other meeting, which would leave time for the club to hold business meetings and not have to be rushed by a speaker. She inquired how long we would like for the speaker's programs to be. The general consensus was to speak for 15 minutes and answer questions for 15 minutes.

Under Old Business, Wade read from an e-mail he had received from the county. It stated, 'the arena is almost ready. They thought it would be ready by the end of June for public use'. They are still interested in us becoming caretakers of the facility and stated some equipment needed to keep the facility cared for, such as a tractor, a drag, and a mower.

Club is putting a float in the Watermelon Festival Parade on June 20. We will also have a booth.

The Cowboy Trade Day and Bar-B-Q will be held May 30 at Evil Twin Farms for members and invited guests. We need to have an estimate of how many people will be attending.

Wade announced the Doyle "D.J." Conner, Jr. will be speaking at the Florida Museum of History, in Tallahassee on June 18. He will be talking about the "Florida Cattle Ranching for the Past 500 Years" display being held at the R.A. Gray building, behind the Capitol. It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. There is a nominal fee.

Sally Bek motioned to keep the same Officers and Board of Directors through the end on 2009. It was seconded and carried. It will give the current officers and board members a chance to continue with business and activities they have already started. Elections for new officers and board members will be held in Nov. 2009 and the newly elected officers/board members will take office Jan. 2010.

Wade told everyone that if they had something they would like to present to the Board of Directors, they should get in touch with one of the members at least a week before the Board meeting and they would be put on the agenda.

The next board meeting will be June 1, 2009, and the general meeting will be held June 8, 2009.

It was announced that Doyle Conner will conduct a Trail Class clinic at Evil Twin Farms. Watch the web site for the date and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.