

**Big Bend Horseman's Association
General Membership Meeting
May 9, 2011**

Officers and Board Members Attending:

Sherry Dean, Jane Essig, Susan Sparks

President Sherry Dean called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Susan Sparks made a motion to accept the minutes from the April, 2011, General Membership Meeting. Donna Winsloe seconded the motion. The Club voted. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Jane Essig presented the Treasurer's Report. Sherry explained that the recurring \$9.95 monthly charge for the Forms Website is for the site for online registrations and any other forms we need, with unlimited submissions. Jessie Freeland motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Donna seconded the motion. The Club voted. The motion carried.

Facilities: Susan reported that the arena needs sand badly. The board where the patterns are posted needs a leg replaced. The building for the announcer's booth has been moved from the Everetts' to Evil Twin Farms.

Clinics: Susan is working with Sarah MacKusuck to schedule an English clinic. A question was asked from the floor about having a Western/Trail clinic.

Old Business

Sand: Sherry reported that a motion was made at the Board meeting to supplement the amount of funds specifically targeted to sand with \$500.00 from the club's general funds. Jane stated that the current amount targeted for sand is \$542.00. Cathy Shepard stated that she might know someone who would donate a large item for a fund raiser.

Cowboy Trade Day II: Discussion was held. The membership was against holding a CTD in conjunction with a show, since people who show also want to shop. It was agreed that a Sunday afternoon would be a good day. Jane made a motion to hold a Cowboy Trade Day on November 6, 2011, from 1-5 PM at Green Industries (if available). Jessie seconded the motion. The Club voted. The motion carried.

October Pink Show: Alexa Boutwell made a motion that the Club commit to purchase \$250.00 of merchandise in order to use the "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" campaign. The Club voted. The motion carried. Sherry asked members to start soliciting Silent Auction donations.

New Business

Announcers Booth: Sherry reported that John Sparks moved the building to Evil Twin Farms. It will need some type of window on the side facing the arena.

Summer Break: Sherry reminded the membership that there will be no shows, Board meetings, or General Membership meetings during July or August.

Other Business

Watermelon Festival: The Watermelon Festival is June 18. The Club is eligible for a booth, but at this time there is no one willing or able to man it or coordinate it.

Jane made a motion to adjourn; Jessie seconded the motion; Club voted and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Essig,
Treasurer, acting Scribe