

Big Bend Horseman's Association

Minutes September 14, 2009

President Wade Smith was out of town and VP Guenter Maresch opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed on the website. Peggy reported that we currently have \$3,656.58 in our account, not counting the proceeds from the last show. Ribbons and judges have been able to be paid for from sponsor's money each show, so we are doing well. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

There was not an Education nor Publicity report as those two members were absent. The Awards Committee for Year-End will be chaired by Sherri and Sally.

Since we cannot plan a Dixie Plantation trail ride until the spring, we decided to help sponsor the Greenville 4-H trail ride at Pinkney Hill Plantation on September 26th instead. Sherri is posting the flyer on our website and reminds everyone that they need to call and pre-register for this event.

BBHA received a new sponsorship from Ware Oil in Perry, owned by Sue and Don Everett. They sponsored the club with \$1,000 and the club is very appreciative of this.

The September show went well despite a couple of starting problems. The club all jumped in and covered for Sally when she had to run an injured horse to the vet. The "Two Pams" did great with the registration and announcing. The club further held the youth WP classes for Kimberly to return and Sherri lent Kimberly a horse to compete on. The club also switched classes around to accommodate a sponsor who decided to go home and get her horse to compete with. Sally wanted to thank everyone for being so kind and willing to help each other since this is what horse community is all about.

Sherri received most of the TETWP items to distribute to the club members. She is still accepting orders as well. We already have one \$100 sponsor and are asking club members to see if they know anyone willing to help sponsor the Breast Cancer show – there is no minimum to sponsor and all money will go to the Breast Cancer Center. The Board presented their recommendation of raising our show contribution to 75% of our proceeds. The club passed the motion.

Rhonda Radtke was voted in unanimously to fill the empty board position.

Show schedule for the rest of the year will be Oct 17, Nov 14, and Dec 12. The Awards Banquet will be January 9, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Monticello Opera House. We would like to make this a night to remember and ask everyone to dress up a bit for the banquet. Gary will be presenting a slide show of our year at the banquet as well.

Gary presented the club with his first check for the proceeds of picture sales. Although small, he hopes to be able to contribute more. Gary donates all proceeds from his picture sales to the club, so be sure to check his link from our web page to see the great photos.

Patricia Garner from North Florida Community College apologized that the A/C in the building wasn't working well. She is also working on landscape architecture for the arena and grounds area. The area may be put under the auspices of the extension office. Patricia solicited feedback on the club concerning the arena. Members were very candid with her and let her know that the arena still needs a lot of work if it is to be useable as an equine facility.

The next membership meeting is Oct. 12th at 7:00pm. It was suggested to move the meetings back to 7:30pm and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Bek, Secretary
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