

Wyoming Horse Council Annual Membership Meeting
August 13, 2011
State Fair Directors Office
Minutes

Directors present: Bill Gentle, Barb Burns, Rod Rivers, Clara Wilson, and Barb Daniels.
Members and guests present: Sam & Patty Hales, Amy McLean, Megan Hampton, Pam Rivers, Bob Daniels, Leanne Stevenson, Dr. Chris Strang.

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Gentle.

Approval of Minutes - Rod Rivers moved the Jan 18, 2011 minutes be approved as printed, seconded by Barb Burns. Passed.

Treasurers Report - Not available.

Horse Expo Update: The WHC made \$1240 on the two Ken McNabb presentations and \$160 on memberships. Expenses of \$637 included shipping for AQHA display supplies and 4 stalls for display areas,. An additional bill was presented for \$50 for Big Wyoming Appaloosa Horse Club membership. The BWApHC announced they plan to change the 2012 date back to their regular weekend which would be the 3rd weekend in April. (20th to 22nd 2012). They are looking for someone who would like to put on a contest - Bill will check with some people. Bill wrote thank-you's to all clinicians.

Morris Animal Foundation: Megan Hampton provided information about the Morris Animal Foundation and their projects. Morris invented the Hills Science Diet. The Foundation supports the Wild Horse Fertility project in North Dakota. They are funding over 40 studies this year. Their funding sources include co-sponsorships for projects.

Update on Horse Racing in Wyoming: Four days of horse racing is planned this year in Rock Springs - August 20 & 21 and Labor Day weekend. The sponsors have permits for 4 off track betting sites, one of which has recently opened in Rock Springs. Their goal is to have 14 to 16 days of racing in future years. Bill wrote a letter of support to the Racing Commission.

Livestock Board Report: Leann Stevenson, new Director of the Wyoming Livestock Board and Dr Chris Strang provided the update. There has been one new case of EVA. Pyroplasmiasis is showing up sporadically. There have been 125,000 horses tested to date. As of June 23rd there have been no new cases of Equine Herpes Virus. There were a total of 26 horses dead out of 90 confirmed cases. The Tracability rule came out this week - horses will be included in this. There was a cruelty case in Star Valley the end of May - 99 horses were seized, 91 transported to the stockyards in Cheyenne with a body condition of 1 to 3. HSUS paid for hay, vet work and going through the evaluation process. All have been adopted. It was noted that many people don't know how to contact a brand inspector and that they even need one. The phone number for the Livestock Board Office is 307-777-7515

Proposal for Funding equine research and education in Wyoming: Amy McLean discussed ideas on how to generate sustainable money for equine research by supporting an Equine Education Check Off Program similar to the Beef Check Off Program. One idea was to add a small amount to the price of rodeo tickets. Amy will send information to Pam Rivers to take to the Fremont County Fair Rodeo Committee for their thoughts. Amy has had 4 horses offered for donation to her program, but has no place to put them and no funding for their care and feeding. Clara Wilson moved, Barb Daniels seconded, the Horse Council pursue a sustainable funding source for equine research and education. Passed.

Election of Board Members whose terms expire in 2011:

Teton, Sublette, Lincoln and Uinta - Colleen Gillings nominated by Bob Daniels, seconded by Patty Hale, Passed.

Park, Big Horn, Washakie and Hot Springs - Bill Smith - need to contact him to determine if he is interested.

Crook, Weston and Niobrara - Clara Wilson nominated by Bob Daniels, seconded by Barb Daniels. Passed.

Laramie, Platte and Goshen - Bill Gentle nominated Amy Stockton from Cheyenne, seconded by Rod Rivers. Passed.

Bill Gentle said he would be willing to work on the legislative committee.

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Next meeting - The same day as the Legislative Reception at the Wyoming Livestock Board Building in Cheyenne - date to be announced later.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Daniels, Secretary