

Wyoming Horse Council Membership Meeting
April 24, 2010
Wyoming State Fair Conference Room, Douglas, WY

Directors Present: Cindy Gruwell, Deb Simpson, Bill Gentle, Clara Wilson, Judy Horton, Nancy Hoffman, Jim Purdy, Colleen Gillings, Rod Rivers, Barb Daniels

Members and Guests Present: Bryce Reece, Sue Gentle, Milt Green, Mantha Phillips, Walt Cook, Charles Moore, Pam Rivers, Budd Betts

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Gentle

Approval of Minutes - Cindy Gruwell moved, Nancy Hoffman seconded, the minutes be approved as printed. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Gruwell reported a balance of \$1724.76 in the checking account. Bills to pay include \$265 for lobby dues and \$1800 for Legislative Reception. Judy Horton moved to purchase a quarter page ad in the Wyoming Livestock Reporter Horse Edition at a cost of \$150. Deb Simpson seconded. Passed.

Equine Health Issues - Dr Walt Cook, Assistant State Veterinarian, provided an update on Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM). Their office received permission to treat the one positive horse in the state - a stallion - as a gelding. Several people have expressed interest in the national testing project, but no one has signed up yet.

Dr Cook reviewed Puroplasmosis, EVA and VS - with no new cases reported. There may be blister beetle problems in hay if the grasshopper problem develops.

Animal Identification - Dr Walt Cook, Assistant State Veterinarian, reported that the federal government has backed off their Federal ID program and now want to be able to identify which state an animal comes from. It's now the state's responsibility to track the animal. The state committee is looking at traceability and would like to have a representative from WHC.

Equine Health Passport - Dr Walt Cook, Assistant State Veterinarian, reported that no decision was made at the last livestock board meeting. The booklet "Healthy Exhibition Animals" can be downloaded from the Wyoming Livestock Board website - <http://wlsb.state.wy.us/Animal%20Health/Fair%20Guideline%20book.pdf>

Animal Welfare Legislation - Bryce Reece reported on several bills that are being developed that define animals as personal property. There is some discussion of forming an additional board responsible for dogs and cats - but the cost of forming another group is prohibitive.

Pari-Mutuel Commission - Charlie Moore, Executive Director, discussed the recent legislation governing the requirements regarding number of race days. The first meeting to discuss this will be May 11th. Bill Gentle, Judy Horton, Nancy Hoffman and/or Jim Purdy may attend for WHC. They are looking at Advance Deposit Wagering and what is needed to get set up. The Parks & Wildlife Legislative committee is conducting an Interim Study on the Commission. It will be May 19th in Thermopolis. Jim Purdy, Nancy Hoffman and/or Colleen Gillings may attend for the WHC.

UW Equine Specialist - Amy McLean, recently hired UW Equine Specialist, has several classes she teaches on campus and is involved in the UW horse judging team and equestrian team, but has not had much involvement in the 4-H horse program. Bill Gentle will call the Ag College and her supervisors to suggest her involvement in the 4-H horse program would be very beneficial.

WHC Representative to the Animal ID Committee - Bill Gentle, President, tentatively appointed Clara Wilson to this committee. Bill will check on dates.

Recreation Safety Act. The judgement against a Wyoming trainer last year has put the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act under scrutiny. Bill Gentle will call Jackson Hole Ski Corp to get their take on the status of the act.

Membership Recruitment - everyone bring in 3-4 new members.

Next meeting - Riverton, Sept 25th. Rod will find a place. (Note - this date has been changed - more info when more information is available.)

Judy Horton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Purdy. Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Daniels, Secretary