

Wyoming Horse Council Meeting

Minutes

August 9, 2008

State Fair Directors Meeting Room

Attending: Cindy Sewell, Rod Rivers, Barb Burns, Susie Henry, Bob Daniels, Jim Logan, Rod McQueary, Sue Wallis, Bill Gentle, Barb Daniels

President Gentle called the meeting to order at 1:14pm. Minutes were corrected to read May 12th rather than May 21st. Cindy Sewell moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Rod Rivers. Passed.

Cindy Sewell reported the current balance in the checking account is \$1365.82. Rod Rivers moved the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Barb Burns. Passed. Cindy will email the balance sheet to the board.

Board Member Elections: Three board members drew one year terms when the organization was initiated. These members are eligible to be elected for a 3 year term: District 1 - Bill Gentle, District 5 - Rob Orchard, District 6, Dr Steve Cummings. Rob Orchard and Dr Steve Cummings resigned from the board due to time commitments. Bill Gentle consented to being nominated to District 1. Dr Cummings said Clara Wilson was interested. Bob Daniels moved a unanimous ballot be cast for Bill Gentle - District 1 and Clara Wilson - District 6, seconded by Barb Burns. Passed. Bill will notify Clara.

Ron Thomas has moved out of state so one position is open in District 3.

Legislative Reception Report - President Gentle reported that the reception was a success. Thanks to the Wyoming All Breeds Racing Association for the funding.

UW Equine Teaching Position Report - This position has been funded. Many thanks to all who made phone calls & wrote letters of support.

Election of Officers - Bob Daniels moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the current President, Secretary & Treasurer, Cindy Sewell seconded. Passed. Bob Daniels nominated Rod Rivers as Vice President and moved to cast unanimous ballot. Cindy Sewell seconded. Passed.

National Animal ID - Representative Sue Wallis, Gillette, spoke against premise and animal ID in Wyoming.

Proposed Premise Registration Contract with the Wyoming Livestock Board - After considerable questioning, it appears that the contract will require various presentations around the state. Cindy Sewell moved, Barb Burns seconded, to not agree to the contract as there is no one who can do the presentations right now. Passed.

Equine Expo - Scott Keith - Wyoming Business Council, reported on the Equine Expo

that will be held in conjunction with the Wyoming AgXpo on November 20 - 23. The equine activities will include an Equine Production Seminar & stallion review on Saturday, Nov 22nd and 3 horse clinics and a stallion review on Sunday featuring: Peter Campbell - Loading A Horse In a Trailer; Bruce Laird - Getting a Rope On Something; Bill Smith - Starting Colts. Discussed a reduced gate fee for WHC members.

Committees:

Equine Expo - Jack Settlemyre, Judy Horton

Animal Welfare - Bill Gentle

Newsletter/Communication - Barb Daniels, Cindy Sewell, Barb Burns

Membership - Rod Rivers (Rod will talk to Paula McCormick to get her involved in this committee.

Dues: Cindy Sewell moved that annual dues will be due Jan 1st. Bob Daniels seconded. Passed.

Brand Inspection L Form: Lee Romsa provided information on the draft of the new lifetime brand inspection form which will include photos of the horse. Bill will write a letter to the Livestock Board expressing concern about this plan at this time.

Other: Rod Rivers will contact Carol Smith about the board member opening in District 5.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 22, 7 pm at the Casper Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Daniels, Secretary