

Wyoming Horse Council Membership Meeting Minutes

Feb 16, 2010

Wyoming Livestock Board Conference Room, Cheyenne, WY

Directors present: Cindy Gruwell, Deb Simpson, Bill Gentle, Jack Settlemire, Clara Wilson, Bill Smith, Barb Burns, Judy Horton, Barb Daniels

Members and guests present: Philip Ellis, Bob Daniels, Budd Betts, Amy McLean, Walt Cook, Krissa Thom, Charles Moore, Robert Smoot, John Sedgwick, Jim Schwartz.

Minutes - Cindy Gruwell moved to approve the August 8, 2009 minutes as written, seconded by Clara Wilson. Passed.

Treasurers Report - Cindy Gruwell reported a balance of \$1704.76 in the checking account as of this morning. Currently there are 12 paid members with more coming in each day.

Appointment of New Board members - Bill Gentle nominated Colleen Gillings from Grover, Wyoming to fill the District 3 position which will expire in 2011, seconded by Cindy Gruwell. Passed.

Judy Horton nominated Jim Purdy from Buffalo, WY to fill one of the District 4 positions which will expire in 2012, seconded by Jack Settlemire. Passed.

Bylaws Change - The suggested bylaws change was published in the minutes of the August 8th meeting. Judy Horton moved the bylaws change as previously published be approved, seconded by Cindy Gruwell. Passed. The new bylaw is:

Article V: Board of Directors, Section 7. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of the Board of Directors in attendance at a duly called meeting.

Equine Disease Issues - Dr Walt Cook, Assistant State Veterinarian, discussed three equine diseases - Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), and Pyroplasmiasis - including symptoms, cases in Wyoming and suggested treatment.

University of Wyoming Equine Program - Amy McLean, UW Equine Lecturer and Extension Equine Specialist, shared her mule background, education and experience as well as the current equine classes and programs and future plans and needs.

Estray/abandoned Horse Roundup Near Green River - Jim Schwartz, Wyoming Livestock Board Director, described the request for a horse roundup by

a private landowner and the disposal of the 230 head caught. More private landowners have inquired about the process.

United Organization of the Horse - Krissa Thom, brought us up to date on the legislature's study of the horse slaughter dilemma and the efforts of the UOH.

Health Passports - Dr Jim Logan, State Veterinarian, discussed the possibility of a Health Passport/Equine Passport in the future. Currently every state has different requirements to be able to enter with a horse. Veterinarians from Montana, Idaho, the Navajo Tribes and Wyoming are working together to find common ground. This issue will be discussed at the February Livestock Board Meeting. Dr Logan asked for a recommendation from the WHC. At this point, the recommendation is that 1) it cost no more than it does to currently transport a horse out of state and 2) it must be a regional approach.

Barkhurst vs Skinner - Bill Gentle discussed a recent Federal Court case which addressed the inherent risk of horses.

Horse Expo - Barb Daniels shared information on the Big Wyoming Horse Expo that is scheduled for April 24 & 25 at the State Fairgrounds in Douglas. Judy Horton moved that the WHC sponsor a booth, seconded by Cindy Gruwell. Passed.

Membership Brochure - It was noted that the membership brochure needs to be updated. Judy Horton moved that WHC purchase the software needed to convert a file to PDF format, Cindy Gruwell seconded. Passed.

Legislative Issues - Charlie Moore, WY Pari-Mutuel Commission Director explained the current bill - SF 47 and it's implications for horses and horsemen in the state.

Election of Officers by the Directors (2 year terms)

President - Deb Simpson moved, Judy Horton seconded Bill Gentle remain as President. Passed.

Vice President - Barb Daniels nominated Jack Settlemyre as Vice President, Judy Horton seconded. Passed.

Treasurer - Judy Horton moved Cindy Gruwell remain as Treasurer. Deb Simpson seconded. Passed.

Secretary - Judy Horton moved Barb Daniels remain as Secretary, Cindy Gruwell seconded. Passed.

Next Meeting - April 24 in conjunction with the Big Wyoming Horse Expo in Douglas

President Gentle turned the meeting over to Vice President Settlemyre in order to assist with the horse drawn wagon that will transport people from the Capital to the Legislative Reception.

Vice President Settlemyre asked Charlie Moore if he had additional comments on the proposed legislation. After much discussion, Deb Simpson moved the WHC support SF 47, seconded by Cindy Gruwell. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned so everyone could attend the Legislative Reception.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Daniels, Secretary