

Wyoming Horse Council Meeting
January 20, 2009
Wyoming Livestock Board Meeting Room - Cheyenne

Members & Guests Attending: Mike Moser, Charles Moore, Bob Daniels, Ron Cook, Frank Lamb, Judy Horton, Lee Romsa, Lindsay Johnson, Robert Smoot, Fred Emerich, Barb Burns, Jack Settlemire, Clara Wilson, Glenn E Murray, Bill Smith, Barb Daniels, Bill Gentle.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Gentle.

President Gentle reported that Jake Clark has asked to be replaced on the board as he is having a hard time attending the meetings.

Due to some confusion in the past as to which meetings are open to the membership and which are board meetings, Barb Daniels moved that all meetings are open to membership unless specifically noted for board members only. Seconded by Jack Settlemire. Passed.

Barb Burns moved the minutes of the November 22, 2008 meeting be approved as written. Seconded by Jack Settlemire. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Cindy Sewell sent her report via Barb Daniels. There is a balance of \$1376.13 as of Jan 15, 2009. We still have to pay American Horse Council dues of \$350. Cindy will be sending renewal notices this month.

US Forest Service Access - Sharon Kyhl, US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, was planning to attend but was ill. President Gentle did speak with her on the phone. Several forests are working on travel management plans so there is still time to participate. He will contact her when she gets well.

Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) - Dr Fred Emerich. This is a highly contagious bacterial venereal disease of horses that has not been reported in the US for many years. However, 40 states, including Wyoming, are currently being investigated with 334 horses quarantined. The Wyoming Horse Council has requested recommendations for Wyoming mare and stallion owners for the upcoming breeding season from the state veterinarian. He will contact President Gentle with the info.

Proposed Legislation

HB170 - Mike Moser, Wyoming Entertainment Lobbyist, reported on the Lottery for Education Bill. They are waiting for assignment to committee. Mike shared information on how to approach legislators. Can go to <http://legisweb.state.wy.us> to look at a bill, find out where it is in the system, etc. It is also very informative on protocol. Frank Lamb moved the WHC support this bill. Seconded by Barb Daniels. Carried.

SF 32 - Livestock Health & Emergency Disease Program. Barb Burns moved and Clara

Wilson seconded we support this bill. Passed. President Gentle will write a letter.

HB12 - Brand Inspection Fees - not to exceed expected expenses. We will let it go to the Senate. If there is a possibility of increasing fees for horses, then President Gentle will make some inquiries.

Humane Equine Euthanasia- An idea to provide tax credits to private citizens & professionals who humanely euthanize horses. If the federal legislative proposal that would ban the transport of horses for slaughter becomes law, this would an alternative. President Gentle will work with the American Horse Council to determine if this might be a possibility.

Equine Expo - Jack Settlemire reported on the Equine Expo held in November. Approximately 200 people took part that day. The dates for 2009 will be Nov 20 - 22. All the clinicians were invited back. Other ideas included a saddle show with a grant from the Arts Council. President Gentle will follow up if the committee is interested.

Legislative Reception - tonight at 6pm at the Hitching Post. Will work on developing a Legislative Horse Caucus.

State Fair Awards- Bob Daniels moved we continue to give the Champion Jr English Hunter Hack and the Champion Sr Western Equitation at the Wyoming State Fair Jr Horse Show. Each will cost \$25 with a total of \$50 for the awards. Seconded by Clara Wilson. Passed.

UW Equine Specialist - Jack Settlemire and Barb Burns participated in some of the interviews for this position. They should have someone hired within the month.

Bylaws Amendment - Article V: Board of Directors; new Section 11. Attendance: Attendance of directors at membership meetings and board meetings is very important. Any director that misses three (3) meetings in a row will be asked to resign their place on the board. Bill Smith moved, Barb Daniels seconded. Passed.

Next meeting - April 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Daniels, Secretary

The recommendations from the State Veterinarian relating to CEM are as follows:

Prevention and Control:

–Quarantine and test all imported fillies, mares, and stallions of foreign origin, and

mares and stallions not previously bred in the United States that are older than 731 days (2 years).

- Quarantine and test the first three mares bred to a stallion of foreign origin.

- Quarantine all suspects until all test results are negative.

- Avoid breeding any CEM-positive horses until they have been successfully treated and certified CEM negative.

- maintain strict hygiene when handling mares and stallions (e.g., use disposable gloves, change gloves between horses, and thoroughly clean and disinfect instruments).

Report Suspicious Cases:

- Veterinarians and equine owners who suspect that an animal may have CEM or any other foreign animal disease should immediately contact State or Federal animal health authorities.

If you have questions or want more information go to <http://wslb.state.wy.us/> or call 307-777-6443.