

Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

April 5, 2016

Advisory Committee Members Present: Leonard Brainard, Luke Brainard, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, James Little, Holly Parry, Becky Smith

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Emily Bailey, Amanda Dackowsky, Thomas Livak, Linda Murphy, Melinda Nichols, Vicky Raecher, Holly Zendarski

General Attendance: Crystal Abers, Kate O'Stricker

Lenny called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes were reviewed. Holly P. motioned to accept minutes. Luke seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Tourism/Website/Brochure/Events: The new Horse Trails brochure was passed around. Leah said Ainsley had pointed out some discrepancies with the Pine Hill Trails. Becky will contact Ainsley. Becky reported that the new brochure had been distributed at the recent EquiFest in Hamburg.

Advocacy: No updates, but Jim Leising announced that he would be moving out of the area and the Committee would need to find a new spokesperson.

Trails: No new information. Leah questioned if a decision had been made on Ainsley's request to cross County Property in the South Valley area. Crystal reported that building trails on county property could not be approved. She went on to say that it doesn't sound like Ainsley is building anything, just crossing the property on dry ground covering less than 800'. Ainsley will require a letter from the County for the DEC. Crystal is going to contact the County Attorney with a request to supply this letter.

Horse Resource: Becky reported that at a recent meeting, Horse Resource discussed the idea of disbanding. They are meeting again in May, so more will be known at the next Committee meeting.

New Business:

Leah and Jim Leising are resigning their positions on the Committee because they are moving out of state.

Crystal reminded the group that the Farmer/Neighbor dinner will be held April 13. There are 309 reservations to date.

Members Remarks:

Leah gave the dates for the Catt/Chaut rides for 2016, as well as the Lou Eibl ride in Allegany State Park.

Gail Pearles name was mentioned as a potential committee member. Becky will contact her.

Next meeting: Crystal is going to ask Bill Sprague about hosting the next meeting at his place in July. Becky will contact members to let them know location/date.

Adjournment 7:45pm: Jim motioned to adjourn. Luke seconded. Carried

Respectfully submitted by Becky Smith

