

Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee Meeting
Cattaraugus County Center, Little Valley, NY
January 5, 2010

Advisory Committee Members Present: Annie Widger, Richard Bernstein, James Toner, Ruthe Riehle, Lisa Williams, James Little, Lenny Brainard, Bonnie Hall, Leah Leising, Jim Leising, Judy Dalton, Veronica Weber, Robert Pfohl, Ted LaCroix and Terri Crisafulli

Advisory Committee Members Absent: William Sprague and Jo Anne Young

General Attendance: Jim Ellis, Cattaraugus County Legislature; James Isaacson, Senior Planner, Bob Riehle, Claudia Foster, Judy Ahern, Andrea Pincoski, Becky Smith, Janet Pfohl, Amy DeTine

Called to order by Chairman Annie Widger at 7:08 PM

Election of Officers

Nominations for officers as follows:

Chair - Annie Widger nominated by Lisa Williams Seconded by Terri Crisafulli
James Toner nominated by Jim Little Seconded by Lenny Brainard

James Toner was elected as Chairperson Carried

Vice Chair - Annie Widger and James Toner nominated
Leah Leising nominated

Leah Leising was elected as Vice Chair Carried

Secretary - Ruthe Riehle nominated
Judy Dalton nominated

Ruthe Riehle was elected as Secretary Carried

Approval of Minutes

After review of the October 20, 2009 minutes, Lenny Brainard made a motion to accept as written, seconded by Judy Dalton. Carried.

*After review of the November 10, 2009 minutes the committee would like the following changes made. Pine Hill grants have been completed although the project is ongoing. And, Rich Pincowski was **asked** to steward the Elkdale Trails. With the above changes noted, Barnee Weber made a motion, with a second from Annie Widger to approve the November 10, 2009 minutes as amended. Carried.*

Committee Updates

Trails – Barnee Weber reported that the Pine Hill project grants have been completed but that there will continue to be a lot of work in the spring.

Jim Little reported that the Elkdale trail continues to improve. Cattaraugus County Horse Association (CCHA) paid \$400 to bulldoze. Dick wants to redirect the ditches along the roadway away from the wet area.

Marketing – Ruthe Riehle asked if the Committee would be interested in participating in Expos. A number of ideas were given for area expos that are free that we could attend.

The Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss booth ideas.

RFDTV was discussed and the great exposure for the County's in New York.

Leah Leising brought up the fact that the Equine site of the County web page needs to be updated with new pictures etc. Ruthe Riehle agreed to make some changes. The minutes of the Equine meeting also need to be updated on the web site.

Ed Barn – Terry has set up a committee meeting on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM for further discussion.

Mary Beth Trenchard has resigned from the Equine Committee. The Committee was very thankful for all of her continued support and work with the Committee.

Advocacy – Leah Leising reported on the changes to the charges on the toll roads for horse trailers. Events in the area and New York State may extend the age limit on the helmet laws to 18. The horse industry is lobbying the State to adopt a General Obligation law that would control the lawsuits within the horse industry.

Richard Bernstein reported that he would like to see additional members to assist with the Open shows and Breed show.

OLD BUSINESS

Best of America by Horseback – the filming of the RFD TV show, Best of America by Horseback was so successful that Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties will have two shows. The first show, Part 1 - Western New York Trail Rides in the Allegany Mts. of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties, NY - episode #243, will air on Thurs. February 18th @ 1:30 pm and 11:00 pm and again on February 20th at 11:00 AM. The second show, Part 2 – Western New York Trail Rides in the Allegany Mts. of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties, NY - episode #244, will air on Thurs. February 25th @ 1: 30 pm and 11:00 pm and again on February 27th @ 11:00 am. A commercial is going to air during the show advertizing our region. Jack Peacock has been featured on the show before with his store Stage Coach.

*Annie Wider motioned with a second from Barnee Weber to ask the legislators to purchase **one** Best of America by Horseback video to review for the possibility of purchasing more video's to spread throughout the County. Carried.*

The **Wagon Train Video** has been completed. The Committee would like to add more video of the Children's contest. A discussion was also held to edit another area of the video.

A motion was made by Judy Dalton and seconded by Lisa Williams on whether or not to edit the video exception to adding the Children's contest. 8 to leave the video the way it is and 5 opposed and 2 abstained, the motion was defeated.

We had a chance to review a portion of it. The video regarding Cattaraugus County and Equine opportunities is still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

State Park Budget cuts. Everyone is encouraged to write a letter to Albany. Annie Widger signed a letter on behalf of the Equine Committee which was mailed.

Mr. Ellis was requested to ask the County Legislature to pass a resolution in support of not cutting the budget to the Park.

Due to Mary Beth Trenchard's resignation, a replacement was discussed. Ted LaCroix thinks that there is a waiting list of persons who want to serve. James Isaacson was asked to check this out.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the County Building.

Adjournment

Lenny Brainard moved with a second from Judy Dalton to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruthe Riehle, Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 23, 2010.