



Equine Advisory Committee

Meeting January 29, 2013

Advisory Committee Members Present: Leah Leising, James Leising, Jim Little, Thomas Livak, Steve Lord, Len Brainard, Luke Brainard, Holly Perry, Veronica Weber, Linda Murphy

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Terry Crisafulli, Amy DeTine, Randy Mallaber, Melinda Nichols, Ruthe Riehle, Annie Widger, Judy Dalton, William Sprague

General Attendance: James Isaacson, Becky Smith,

Approval of Minutes

Lenny Brainard motioned to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting as submitted. Luke Brainard seconded. Carried.

Membership

Lenny said Stacy Riley and Heather Oaks are still interested in serving on the Advisory Committee. They have to submit a letter stating their interest and involvement with horses and the horse community to James Isaacson.

Election of Officers

We need a new Chairman and Secretary.

Lenny Brainard volunteered as Chairman. Leah Leising motioned to accept and Jim Leising seconded. Lenny was approved as Chairman.

Luke Brainard volunteered as Vice Chairman. Jim Leising motioned to accept and Jim Little seconded. Luke was approved as Vice Chairman.

Luke Brainard nominated Mindy Nichols as Secretary. Lenny seconded and Mindy was approved as Secretary.

Reports

Education Program Status – Holly Parry updated the information on the Equine Education class. The schedule is set, four Thursdays starting March 28 at JCC in Olean. The class will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. JCC is charging \$8.00 per student with a minimum of 5. Flyers will be going out shortly.

Equifest 2013 Status – Equifest Booth is March 17th. There will be a meeting on Feb. 26th at 6:30 p.m. for the people working the Equifest Booth. This meeting is just before the next Advisory Committee meeting at 7 p.m.

Allegany Maps – Barnee Weber reported that the Allegany Trail Maps are being re mapped by GPS. She will be meeting with Mr. Whitcomb next week. The trails on the north side of 242 have been closed off.

New Glamping Business Information – Steve Lord has made phone calls concerning the new "Glamping" Facility and has had no response.

Workshop to review Guide Books and Future Plans

We reviewed the first 39 pages of Volume 8 Growing the Equestrian Economy in Cattaraugus County, New York. The notes are separate.

Next Meeting – February 26, 2013, County Center, Little Valley.

Adjournment – Steve Lord motioned to adjourn, Barney seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Murphy.

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Connect to Pine Hill/South Valley

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Need to update numbers of horses in the county a good "guesstimate" is about as accurate as we can do. Numbers we came up with based on talking to people (Amish community especially) is approx. 9000 Amish horses (based on 5 horses per family and the approx. number of Amish families). 5000 recreational horses and 1000 show horses. There are more than the stated number of stalls located at the fairgrounds. Should have that info by the next meeting.

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Little Valley will not have a 1st class venue built.

There is potential growth for the "bed and barn" ideas. Would need to be near trailheads.

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Still sounds like a good plan.

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Need funding to do a trail study.

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There is a trailhead across from the 200 acre county owned property near Onoville Marina.

Was brought up that horse signs might let visitors to the county know where they are welcome to ride their horses.

Like the bicycle and snowmobile signs.

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"Bed and barns" camping and trails are all important to Cattaraugus County.

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Horse Resource has been created.

The Equine Education course is in its second year.

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Everything is about the same.

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Nothing is in the infield and there is no horse track at the Fairgrounds.

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The trails north of 242 have been closed off by landowners.