

Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

April 16, 2013

Advisory Committee Members Present: Leah Leising, Len Brainard, Ruthe Riehle, James Leising, Jim Little, Holly Parry, Melinda Nichols, Stacey Riley, Steve Lord, Annie Widger

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Thomas Livak, Veronica Weber, Lindy Murphy, William Sprague, Randy Mallaber, Luke Brainard, Amy Detine

General Attendance: James Isaacson, Crystal Abers

Chairman Lenny Brainard Called meeting to Order at 7:01 PM

Approval of Minutes

Holly Parry motioned to approve minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting. Jim Little Seconded. Carried

Membership

One Vacancy (Possible person might be Vikki Racher)

Reports

Education Program Status

Class is up and running with 6 participants. Good feedback so far – enjoyed speakers, but would like to see a horse. Lynn Tealak might be able to bring a horse for next year. Look into another place to hold classes for next year – different part of county, maybe a barn.

Farmer Neighbor Dinner

There were more vendors this year. Good turnout. Already planning for next year – April 8, 2014. Looking at the possibility of doing a demonstration (Maybe Luke Brainard). Speaker next year is Patrick Hooker.

Education

State news letter – bill removing horses from farm animals and making them companion animals (Eric Adams – SO2974). We Do not want horses as companion animals. This bill would only benefit city residents.

Trails

Muddy, but some are open in Little Valley. Pine Hill has a Work day @10 and Little Valley Riders has a meeting @ 2 on Sunday April 21.

Horse Resource

Donation jars are around at local business. Committee spoke at the JCC classes and one student volunteered to put out a donation jar. Approximately \$45.00 a month is being taken in at the antique mall in Salamanca. Committee is going to hold an open meeting at a later date due to the interested from the community. Possibly will be held in Ellicottville.

Old Business – Still don't have a response from the Equifest Drawing winner. Volume 8 is complete – James will complete the rest on his end.

New Business-

Draft Horse Club – annual Plow fest May 4.

Cross Patch St. Jude Ride May 4. – minimum donation of 20.00. Registration at 9 ride leaves at 10.

Volume 4 Trails Guide book will be looked at for next meeting. (can be found on line)

Two of the county banners at Salamanca City Hall along with a show case of other stuff.

Wagon Train is in the words – 5 days in July – middle to end, going east and then backtrack to Humphrey, Allegany, and Portville is the tentative plan.

Cattaraugus County Horseman's Association – nothing to update on

Next Meeting – May 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM, County Center, Little Valley

Adjournment 7:48 PM – Jim Leising Motioned to adjourn, Steve Lord seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Melinda Nichols Secretary