



## Equine Advisory Committee

Meeting      October 23, 2012

**Advisory Committee Members Present:** Leah Leising, Len Brainard, Ruthe Riehle, James Leising, Jim Little, Holly Parry, Terry Crisafulli, Steve Lord, Melinda Nichols, Thomas Livak, Luke Brainard, William Sprague

**Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Annie Widger, Linda Murphy, Judy Dalton, Veronica Weber, Amy DeTine, and Randy Mallaber

**General Attendance:** James Isaacson, Becky Smith

Chairman Leising called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

### Approval of Minutes

*Melinda Nichols made the motion to approve the September 25, 2012 minutes as submitted, Len Brainard 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.*

### Membership

Chairman Leising is going to contact the Board members who have not been attending to see if they are still interested in participating.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Trails** – Reported by Luke Brainard

- There is a new Trail from Rt 242 going towards Whig Street in the Town of Salamanca.
- Holly Perry updated the Committee on the discussions with Seneca RC&D regarding the Pat McGee Trail.

**Marketing/Tourism** – No report

**Advocacy/Education** - James Leising, New Chairman.

- A letter from Terry Martin PHD regarding to link the horse park with Horse related rural assets. (Letter enclosed).
- Basic Large Animal Technical Rescue Training for Emergency Responders was a great success with over 60 in attendance.

*A motion was made by Steven Lord, 2nd by Lenny Brainard to send a letter of appreciation for the effort and support for additional Emergency training to reach out to more Emergency responders in the Allegany to Portville area. Carried.*

- James Leising reported that there is West Nile in the area and states that it is very important that we

advocate that the area horses get vaccinated against it.

**The Horse Resource** - Ruthe Riehle and Terry Crisafulli reported.

- The 2nd annual Tack swap/auction will be held December 1, 2012 at 10 am in Allegany Community Center. \$10 to rent a table for the day. Auction will be held at 2:30 til 4:00.

#### **Old Business**

- The Equine Committee will attend the Equifest in Hamburg again this year - 3/17/2013.
- The Equine Committee will not be attending The Equine Affair this year.
- A financial report was presented to the Board regarding the Equine Committee's balance which is **\$5,196.45.**

#### **New Business**

- Horse Owners Essentials Education program - Holly Perry will contact Jamestown Community College to see if they would be interested in holding it this year in Olean at JCC.
- The first step to developing a project for Cattaraugus County is to update the Cattaraugus County's Plan regarding the Equestrian portion. Vol. 8 was handed out for the Committee's review.
- A handout was given regarding the Creating the Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee and its intent. The Committee was asked to review Vol # 3, 4, & 8 Guidebook.

#### **Cattaraugus County Horsemen's Association**

- Holly Parry has spoken with The Seneca Trail Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. regarding the purchase of the Pat McGee Trail. Communication regarding the matter will continue.

#### **Next Meeting**

December 4, 2012, 7:00 PM in the Large Committee Room (third floor) of the Cattaraugus County Center, 303 Court Street, Little Valley, NY. This meeting will be a work session reviewing the Guidebooks.

#### **Adjournment**

*Motion made by James Leising, seconded by Len Brainard to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, all in favor, carried.*

Respectfully Submitted by Ruthe Riehle, Secretary