

Equine Advisory Committee

Al Gerstung, Chairman

Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee Meeting
Cattaraugus County Center, Little Valley
September 12, 2007

Advisory Committee Members Present: Allan Gerstung, Len Brainard, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, James Little, Sharon Nolan, Lori Northrup, James Toner, Mary Beth Trenchard, Veronica Weber, Annie Widger, JoAnne Young, Thomas Livak

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Charlene Aronson, Tony Orsini, Teri Parker, Robert Pfohl, Annet Taapken

General Attendance: James Isaacson, County Senior Planner; William Sprague, County Legislator and Chairman, County Planning Board; Tonia McAllister, Randolph Area Community Development Corporation; Dolly Little, Crosspatch; Bonnie L. Hall, Little Valley Rider's Club; Ainsley Smith; Terry Martin; Don Nolan; Judy Dalton; April Zendarski; Lois Zendarski; Holly Zendarski

Al Gerstung called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 13 members present.

Approval of Minutes

Correction of August 8, 2007 minutes to show that Annie Widger motion of ½ of \$10,000 to reflect it is Casino money to be earmarked for Equine Advisory use. Motion to accept minutes as corrected made by Lori Northrup with second by Annie Widger. Carried.

Old Business

CCEAC Bicentennial – Dolly Little has been in contact with many municipalities – all are excited about the wagon train and have offered to assist with food, grounds, and traffic control.

Discussion on planning other events around train stops, such as dinners to assist in getting money to said communities.

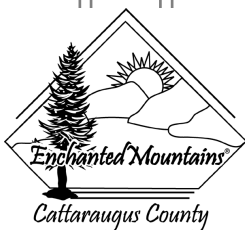
Discussion on “not for profit” agency to assist with handling money designated for the wagon train – Randolph Community Development Corporation (RCDC) will assist, as they have the necessary requirements. Tonia McAllister, Director of the RCDC was at the meeting to express a desire to help. A sub-committee was set up to assist in obtaining assistance in dealing with funding for the Wagon Train. A contact person needs to be named to be part of handling money for events.

Annie Widger passed out invites to the first fund raising Stage Coach event. She asked for committee members to be present to help with parking, set up, clean up, etc. Contact Annie for assignments.

Discussion on proposed budget presented by Terry Martin. He also requested the interest sign up sheets from the fair and from the World Horse Expo to show the interest level for a project of this magnitude.

Discussion on money which may have been promised from Allegany State Park.

Bicentennial Committee will be doing a mass mailing to businesses asking for sponsor activity, etc.



Committee Reports

Trails – Barney Weber reported that work on Pine Hill Trails is still progressing. Short trail development is in the works to connect to main trail. There is about 18 miles of trails with primitive camping available. Little Valley Trails – working on new and used trails – hitching post and picnic tables. Rider's Club – ring is being redone – has tie stalls with camp sites available. Franklinville Trails – not public yet in all areas – finishing up Easements – State land available there for riding.

Events – no report

Marketing – Annie Widger stated that we need someone to be a reporter for the local papers – any one can do it. Lois Zendarski volunteered. Annie asked that if anyone had articles, they should get them to Lois. Lois will also be our press person on the Wagon Train. It was also suggested that WPIG be asked to cover some events and possibly the TV stations.

Advocate – Leah Leising stated that not much is happening on inherent risk, seems all agree it is important – Horse Council will support any activity – suggests National Trail Ride Day to promote inherent risk. National Public Lands Day is September 29 and will be the first venue for inherent risk.

Education – Suggested that rules for trail riding – “leave no trace” be incorporated into the Wagon Train along with history of Concord Coach and stage coach runs – local historians will help. They are publishing a book on same. We, as a Committee, need to work on support of Equine development, trails, open space, promoting other horse related activities – which comes back to inherent risk issue. Lori Northrup suggested getting all businesses together and propose insurance coverage to an Agency. Possibly get help from Mrs. Abers.

Discussion on cleaning up trails after usage – certain people brought to villages manure problems on trails. We, as a Committee, need to support the villages – possibly write letters of support – let them know we are cleaning the trails.

Letter of resignation was received from Teri Parker. The Committee Secretary to write a letter to County Legislature Chairman and submit Bonnie Hall as replacement.

New Business

Lori Northrup asked about money for map of Equine Business Directory. Possibility of one like Snowmobile map. Thomas Livak will check into it and let us know next month. Jim Toner suggested that the map be printed on waterproof paper and list towns, businesses and trails.

Leah Leising reported that at the Bicentennial meeting it was noted that a book is being developed – the committee is seeking money to help with cost – place ads – Committee members donated \$50 of personal money for an ad in the book.

Discussion on St. Bonaventure basketball game on 1-5-08. If anyone associated with the Equine Committee sells tickets, a portion of the money will come back to the Committee.

Terry Martin stated that he has been invited to speak at a Trail Conference in Rochester on September 28 and 29. He asked for ideas to incorporate into his speech.

Next Meeting – October 17, 2007

Adjournment – Jim Leising made a motion seconded by Len Brainard to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Trenchard, Secretary