



## Equine Advisory Committee

Meeting September 25, 2012

**Advisory Committee Members Present:** Ruthe Riehle, Leah Leising, James Leising, Jim Little, Len Brainard, Annie Wedger, Linda Murphy, Holly Perry

**Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Judy Dalton, Veronica Weber, Thomas Livak, Luke Brainard Amy DeTine Terry Crisafulli, Steve Lord, Melinda Nichols, Randy Mallaber

**General Attendance:** James Isaacson, Crystal Abers, Director of the Department of Economic Development, Planning, Becky Smith, Robert Riehle, Ginger Malak, Southern Tier West and Lynn LeFeber NYS office of Parks, Rec and Historic Preservation.

1. Call to Order at 7:05 PM
2. James Leising made the motion to approve the May 8, 2012 Minutes, Len Brainard 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried.
3. Membership – Randy Mallaber was appointed to the Equine Committee to full the board
4. Standing Committee Reports
  - **Trails** – reported by Len Brainard – There is a new Trail from Rt 242 going towards Whig Street in the town of Salamanca.
    - **Ginger Malak & Lynn LeFeber** discussed with the Committee the possibilities of available Grants for Equine activities throughout the County. Both women are available for assistance with the grant applications. Our first step will be to complete a **Plan** and then **define a Project and cost**. The Horseman's Association will be the non-for profit to apply for these grants. Most of these grants are "Reimbursement grants" We need upfront money to complete the project then request drawn downs from the grant to be reimbursed. There always a Match needed. Some Grants are 50/50 others are 80/20. We can also use in-kind as part of our match. **Lynn** suggested thinking out of the box regarding funding and what is out there, Foundations, Social Services. Educational grants.

The Counties legislators need to reaffirm the "**Plan**" due to it is over 5 years old.

(Ginger Malak and Lynn LeFeber left the meeting 8:10pm)

- The Horseman's Association have meant with Rick LeFeber regarding the Pat McGee trail being sold to Seneca Trail Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

A motion was made by Jimmy Little 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Leising for the Horseman's Association will Contact the Seneca Trail Resource regarding the Pat McGee Trail and the possible sale. Motion carried. They will report back regarding their findings through a email to Becky that will be sent out to the Committee.

- **Marketing/Tourism**

- The Equine brochures are all gone. James Isaacson will send the Committee the Equine Brochure as a PDF.
- The Equine Committee will attend the Equestrianfest in Hamburg again this year.
- The Equine Affair was discussed on whether to attend this year and what size booth. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

**Advocacy/ Horse Resource/Education** James Leising, New Chairman, Had nothing to report at this time.

- The Horse Resource - Ruthe Riehle 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.

Tips cans will be distributed around to area stores to generate more funds. So far approximately \$100 has been collected from area donators.

Horse Resource has a brochure and a web site Horse-Resource.org, They have a face book page.

- Horse Owners Essentials Education program, Gowanda School as asked if we would participant in the next session?

5. Old Business

- The grant of \$4,000 for Catt/Chaut is no longer available. Currently the Committee's Budget line is only \$5,100. The Crystal Abers did not receive a written application in the time that was allotted.

6. New Business

- The Equine Committee's Budget line is currently \$5,100.
- A plan and project needs to developed before we can start applying for grants
- Leah reported on a new Camp site in Franklinville who have contacted her for anyone interested in doing trail rides for his guests.

7. Catt County Horsemen's Assoc

- Looking into the purchase of the Pat McGee trail by the Seneca Trail Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Next meeting October 23, 2012, 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers (third floor) of the Cattaraugus County Center, 303 Court Street, Little Valley, NY.

Adjournment 9:35 pm Motion made by Ruthe Riehle, Seconded, James Leising, all in favor, Carried

Respectfully Submitted by Ruthe Riehle, Secretary