

Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

September, 24, 2013

Advisory Committee Members Present: Len Brainard, Luke Brainard, Leah Leising, Jim Leising, James Little, Thomas Livak, Holly Parry, Ruthe Riehle, Stacy Riley

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Melinda Nichols, Amy DeTine, Linda Murphy, Steven Lord, Randy Mallaber, William Sprague, Veronica Weber, Annie Widger

General Attendance: Kori Eaker, Becky Smith

Chairman Len Brainard called meeting to order at 7:04pm

Approval of Minutes

Luke Brainard motioned to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2013 meeting. Ruthe Riehle seconded. Carried.

Vacancy

Holly Parry Will Call Vicki Raecher and Ruthe Riehle will contact Cheri Stady to see if they're interested in becoming members of the Committee.

Reports

Marketing: No updates.

Advocacy/Education: Discussion on recent Inherent Risk e-mail. Encouraged members to contact their representatives in support of change.

Trails: Luke Brainard said Lou Eibl has done an excellent job with trail updates.

Leah Leising said work had been done at Pine Hill Rocky Top. There was discussion on bridge construction and equipment used.

Horse Resource: Ruthe Riehle said there will be a barn dance next spring. There will be no tack sale this fall. Donation jars are still out. Group is looking for fundraising ideas.

Old Business

There was discussion on Extreme Cowboy event held in Leon this coming weekend. Stacy Riley said everything is being prepared for it now. There are also Creekside Roundup events this weekend.

Ruthe Riehle asked if the Equine initiative would again receive money from Casino Funding. Discussion on what the funding has been used for in the past. Ruthe suggested that by the next meeting we should come up with a "wish list" and be ready with ideas for using funds.

Tom Livak suggested researching trail maintenance equipment that could be shared with other trail groups. It would strengthen positive relationships with landowners if mud hole issues could be solved.

Leah Leising motioned that the Equine Committee be part of EquiFest again this year. Luke Brainard seconded. Carried

Ruthe Riehle and Becky Smith will work the booth March 16, 2014 at Showplex on Hamburg Fairgrounds.

Horseman's Association: Discussion on location of 2014 classes to be held March/April. Randolph, Franklinville and Ellicottville BOCES were suggested locations. Participants have requested having a live horse in class.

Discussion on non-profits owning trail maintenance equipment. Cattaraugus County Horseman's Association and Catt/Chaut Chapter of NYS Horse Council are both classified non-profits.

Next meeting - November 5, 2013, 7pm, County Center, Little Valley

Ruthe Riehle motioned to adjourn at 7:58pm. Luke Brainard and Jim Little seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Smith