

Equine Advisory Committee

Meeting: September 14, 2010, Large Committee Room Cattaraugus County Center, Little Valley, NY.

Advisory Committee Members Present: James Toner, Ruthe Riehle , Robert Pfohl , Leah Leising, Lenny Brainard, Terry Crisafulli, Steven Lord, Judy Dalton, Annie Widger, Lisa Williams.

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Jo Anne Young, Ted LaCroix, Jim Leising, James Little, Veronica Weber, Bonnie Hall, Richard Bernstein, William Sprague.

General Attendance: Becky Smith, James Isaacson, Crystal Abers, Janet Pfohl.

Chairman Toner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Lenny Brainard made the motion with a second from Annie Widger to approve the July 6, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted. Carried.

Chairman's Moment

Chairman James Toner would like to thank everyone who participated in the Ed Barn to make it such a success this year at the Fair. Lenny Brainard felt that the chuck wagon crew was not treated very well. Annie Widger stated that the issue was space and the lack of it near the Ed Barn. Everyone felt that it was a great success and the feedback from people was positive.

Discussion regarding whether the Fair Board really wants the Ed Barn's presence there next year or not. The Committee would like the Fair Board to give their exact expectations ahead of time for next year so that there will be no misunderstandings.

James Toner announced that he has retired from Allegany State Park as of September 22, 2010.

Any recommendations that the committee may have to replace James Toner on the Equine Committee should be sent to Michael O'Brien, Chairman of the Legislature with a copy to Chrystal Abers, Director of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Trails**
 - Catt/Chaut is still looking for volunteers to assist with the Rocky Top parking lot clearing. Contact Barnee Weber if you're interested in helping.
 - Robert Pfohl reported that the Lou Ebil Club will be sponsoring a seminar at the Cherry Creek Inn on Oct 16, 2010. The topic is "How to Construct Trails" with Bud & Gwen Wils.

- **Marketing/Tourism/Website/Brochure**
 - Ruthe reported that the Equine web page continues to be updated. Anyone with pictures that they would like to see on the web site ---- please feel free to get them to her.
 - A brochures table (tent) was setup at the Ride and Learn in July with Cattaraugus County information and trail maps.
 - The new County Equine brochure turned out very nice. Good job!!!

- **Advocacy**
 - Leah Leising reported that the NYSDEC will be holding a Public Hearing at the Ellicottville Library on September 16, 2010 to discuss State Land and its uses. Please attend to show your support for our Equine Community to continue to be able to utilize the State forests such as Pine Hill.
 - Annual NYS Horse Council meeting was held this year in Orange County. Leah talked about changes to NYC legislation regarding horses in the City. We all need to stay involved and show our support.
 - Regarding the County equine videos -- Crystal will be checking with the County's attorney to see if the video's can be sold?
 - Ellicottville Special Effects is still looking for articles to publish.

- **Ed Barn**
 - A special thank you to Terry Crisafulli for being chairman of the Ed Barn Committee and organizing it so well this year. We all Thank You for a excellent job well done.
 - Thank you to all the volunteers who also made the Ed Barn a success.

- **Competition/Events/Education**
 - Christmas in Ellicottville 2010 is set for Friday Nov 26, Saturday Nov 27, and Sunday Nov 28th. There will be a Holiday Stick Horse Parade Sat Nov 27, 2010 at noon.

Motion by James Toner and seconded by Steven Lord that the Equine Committee will sponsor the Holiday Stock Horse Parade Sat Nov 27, 2010 at noon in Ellicottville with the donation of 75 yard sticks. Carried.

New Business

- Steven Lord would like to see the current trail marking system be upgraded to a more user friendly system like Otter Creek's Mapping and Trail marking system. A more user friendly trail system would encourage more people to come to our area. Use such marking as GPS's.
- For up and coming events in the area please go to www.cattco.org .
- The Next Catt/Chaut meeting will be held September 26, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the Cherry Creek Inn.
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Next Meeting - Nov 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the County Building in Little Valley.

Adjournment

Motion by Lisa Williams and seconded by Lenny Brainard to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Ruthe Riehle, Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 9, 2010.