

Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

January 9, 2014

Advisory Committee Members Present: Len Brainard, Luke Brainard, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, Ruthe Riehle

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Veronica Weber, William Sprague, Jim Little, Holly Parry, Stacy Riley, Melinda Nichols, Amy DeTine, Linda Murhy, Steven Lord, Randy Mallaber, Thomas Livak

General Attendance: Crystal Abers, James Isaacson, Vicki Raecher, Kori Eaker, Becky Smith

There were not enough committee members present to make a quorum.

Vicki Raecher submitted a letter of interest in becoming a member of the Committee.

Committee Reports:

Horse Resource - Ruthe brought donation containers and asked members to place them in local stores. She explained what Horse Resource is doing and invited anyone to join. She reported that Chautauqua County SPCA will be assisting our local Sheriff's department with large animal complaints.

Advocacy/Education - Leah brought up the push in New York City to eliminate carriage horses. For more information, go to www.SaveNYCHorseCarriages.com

Trails - Luke had no updates

Old Business: Len reported that the Frewsburg parade had good attendance.

Leah suggested that we add Committee accomplishments to the "History of the Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee". She suggested adding :

- booths at Equine Affaire
- booth at EquiFest
- Tom Seays visit
- Equine Video
- Inherent Risk Resolution
- brochures
- Cattaraugus County Horseman's Association

New Business: Ruthe asked if the County had budgeted money for the Equine Committee. Crystal will find out and report next meeting.

Len asked if equine classes were being done again this year. Ruthe reported that the Delevan Library would welcome these classes, and said there were many 4-H groups in that area who may attend.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 6, 2014. County Center, Little Valley.