

Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

January 5, 2016

Advisory Committee Members Present: Emily Bailey, Luke Brainard, Amanda Dackowsky, James Little, Thomas Livak, Linda Murphy, Melinda Nichols, Holly Parry, Vicky Raecher, Becky Smith, Holly Zendarski

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Leonard Brainard, Jim Leising, Leah Leising

General Attendance: Crystal Abers, Kate O'Stricker

Luke called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes were reviewed. Holly Z. motioned to accept minutes. Mindy seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Introductions were made. Welcome to Amanda Dackowsky who is the newest member of the Committee. Amanda is a 4H leader in Cattaraugus County.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Tourism/Website/Brochure/Events: There was some discussion on the update of the Horse Trails brochure.

Advocacy: No updates

Trails: No changes

Horse Resource: No recent meeting.

Old Business:

Tom Livak reported that the Restaurant in the Park is not open during winter months. He stressed the continuing importance of horse trails within the park. He has gone over trails with Barnee Weber. Trail users will see noticeable changes this year. Informal trails will become approved trails. The Park is always looking for input from Horse Trail users. These trails may be closed during wet conditions due to potential damage by groups of large animals.

New Business:

Crystal announced that the Farmer/Neighbor dinner will be held April 13. Vendor space is available. The limit for participants is 300 people. Table space is available for group reservations.

Members Remarks:

Linda mentioned the upcoming EquiFest at the Erie County Fairgrounds.

Vicki asked about Allegany State Park maps. Tom reported that maps were being updated.

Next meeting: April 5th, 2016, 7pm at the County Center, 3rd floor Conference Room.

Adjournment 7:37pm: Linda motioned to adjourn. Holly seconded. Carried

Respectfully submitted by Becky Smith