

## **Equine Advisory Committee Meeting**

March 20, 2014

**Advisory Committee Members Present:** Jim Little, Vicky Raecher, Luke Brainard, Lenny Brainard, Stacy Riley, William Sprague, Becky Smith

**Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Amy DeTine, Barnee Weber, Melinda Nichols, Leah Leising, Jim Leising, Ruthe Riehle, Thomas Livak, Linda Murphy, Randy Mallaber, Holly Parry

**General Attendance:** Crystal Abers

Chairman Lenny Brainard called meeting to order at 7:07pm.

### **Approval of minutes:**

Vicky Raecher motioned to approve minutes from the February 6 meeting. Luke Brainard seconded motion. Motion carried.

### **Membership:**

There are now 2 vacancies. Both Steve Lord and Randy Mallaber have submitted resignations.

### **Committee reports:**

Luke Brainard reported that that trails are still covered with snow or mud and are slippery. There was discussion on trail maintenance at Allegany State Park and Pine Hills.

### **Old Business:**

Becky Smith reported that the booth at EquiFest was a success. Attendance at event was over 5,000.

Crystal Abers reported that tickets are still available for the Farmer/Neighbor Dinner which will be held April 9.

### **New Business:**

There was discussion on Leon's Down Home Days September 27, and 3 Day Wagon Train July 24-26. The public is invited to ride along in the wagons for \$10. There will be entertainment each night. Home base will be at the Leon Fire Hall.

Crystal Abers spoke about the new Ag Development Team which will consist of leaders from a number of Farm Agencies. Their goal is to develop a handout explaining what is available to local farmers and to hold monthly outreach seminars. The first seminar will be on Growing Hops and will be held April 15 in the Little Valley County Center 6-9pm. Reservations requested but not required - call 938-2310.

**Next Meeting** - April 17 at 7pm, County Center.

Jim Little motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm. Luke Brainard seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Smith.