

WDCTA Southwest Business Meeting Minutes—Business Meeting

January 19, 2016 7:03pm, @ Culver's on Todd Drive, Madison

Attendance: Mary Hanneman, Heather McManamy, Haley Madden, Cathy Wunderlich, Becky Bebbler-Wells, Stephanie Severn, Sue Genin, Pat Fitzgerald, Diane Brault, Penney Wetherbee, Ingrid Krause

Southwest Chapter President, Haley Madden called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda

Stephanie Severn motioned to approve the agenda. Heather McManamy seconded. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report

Becky motioned to accept the November minutes with revisions of changing the Janet Foy clinic dates. Heather McManamy seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$28,420.75 in Credit Union account. Approximately \$5000 in Summit Credit Union account.

Unfinished Business & Reports

2017 Symposium

Caryn, Cathy, Penny, and Haley will work towards nailing down a clinician for 2017. Possible clinicians are Ingrid Klimke, Charlotte DuJardin, Guenter Seidl, Boyd and Silva Martin, Christopher Bartle and Karen and David O'Connor. Haley will look into the exact prices of the Alliant Energy Center (\$3,000 estimate currently). Diane brought up Falmouth Farm, which can be rented out. Members discussed this and came to the consensus that it was too far away (hotels, etc.). Becky brought up the idea of Mandt's. Karen will look into costs there. Becky also brought up the idea of the old Breakaway Farm, but that was thought to be too small. Stephanie did say that if we have it at the Alliant Energy Center, one concern is entrances and exits. We would have to control wristbands and need many volunteers.

Banking accounts

It was agreed that Susan should look into other interest rates for the Summit Credit Union account and if she finds a better one, she can move the account there.

New Business

Death by Chocolate party

Haley suggested doing a thank you gift for the hostess. Discussion was had and the following concerns were brought up: volunteers do so for other reasons than compensation, it may set a precedent, we may step over some lines for compensation, and other folks have opened up their homes in the past without any gift.

Program planning

There are many clinics happening over the year that are agreed upon.

Pat F. suggested doing a Working Equitation demonstration or clinic. Working Equitation involves dressage, dressage over obstacles, and a speed course. We can let members know about the Working Equitation clinic offerings and think about doing a clinic in the future. At a future chapter meeting or event, we can also show some videos of it.

Diane mentioned that a trail ride is high on our list of things to do. Potential venues include Donald Park, Gibb's Lake, Kettle Moraine, and Magnolia Park. It was agreed that when summer comes, we can revisit the idea.

Cathy mentioned that the Racine County Pony Club has a hunter pace Oct 1-2.

Cathy also discussed the Midwest Horse Fair. WDCTA is doing two demonstrations and ground crew is really needed. They are doing two 10-minute demonstrations. They need lots of ground crew to help put up jumps and support the riders. There is an unmounted meeting February 6 and two mounted meetings prior to the fair. People are also needed to run the booth. Haley will help advertise a sign-up sheet.

It was briefly discussed that there is a possible name change in WDCTA's future to WDEA or WEDA. If people have opinions, they should let Haley or Mary know.

Haley reminded everyone about the Volunteer Appreciation dinner, to be held on February 12.

Members were reminded that we have scholarships available! Helmet and vest purchases are also eligible for some reimbursements.

Budget discussion

We will change "ham" to "holiday party expenses."

We will increase our insurance costs to \$900.

Last year, we budgeted to spend \$5,120 and actually spent \$1,926.62. In 2016, we are budgeting to spend \$5,275. Stephanie made a motion to approve the budget and Diane seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie suggested that we do our next meeting at Megan McIsaac's new barn. We also discussed talking with Heather and Judy after their trip to Haiti as another social and educational opportunity.

Stephanie motioned to adjourn. Heather second. Motion approved.