

Iowa Horse Council Meeting  
Held at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant  
Ames, Iowa  
October 19, 2011

The October 19, 2011 board meeting of the Iowa Horse Council (IHC) was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Paynter.

Board members present:

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| Harold Ault    | Bill Paynter     | Dora Guffey    | Linda Spain     |
| Marilyn Bender | Carolyn Hasbrook | Steve Goretska | Rebecca Cordray |
| Dennis Crowley | Kim Houlding     |                |                 |

Guests present:

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| Shelly Paynter  | Jim Bender | Denise Goretska | Alycia Carlsborg |
| Laurie Carnahan |            |                 |                  |

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed and e-mailed prior to the meeting. Motion by Goretska to approve the minutes of the July and September meetings as corrected, seconded by Cordray. All ayes, motion carried. (July correction: was the changing of Denise Crowley to Deb Crowley. September correction: correct spelling of Laurie Carnahan's name.)

The treasurer's report was provided and reviewed. Bender mentioned that this report covers the activity from last month, and she is still working on trying to figure out how to e-mail the treasurer's report in its current format. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Spain, seconded by Goretska. All ayes, motion carried.

Guffey will send out a request for everyone to send their budget proposals to Bender by November 1.

Houlding joined the meeting.

Old Business:

- The State Horse Council meeting will be in Madison, Wisconsin the first part of November. Ault will not be able to attend. Houlding and Crowley will try to attend.

Committee Reports:

Horse Fair:

- No new news since the last meeting.

Annual Meeting:

- The annual meeting will be held the third Saturday in January on the ISU campus.

#### Trails:

- Discussion held on last year's Trail Summit. DOT and some of those involved with the summit want to do one again next year, many of those present who were involved or attended the summit do not agree with holding one every year. Further discussion held.
- It was mentioned that Kay Hines will not be able to attend the trail meetings through DOT as the equestrian representative. Laurie Carnahan has indicated she is interested, but she will need to clear it through her boss, since she works for DOT. She will check and let us know.
- Several trail committee members went to a meeting of the Whiterock Conservancy Soft Trails. They plan to have their trails open in 2013, things are looking good, and they will have hikers and equestrians on sand, and mountain bikers will be in a separate location. They hired trail designers to lay out the trails for them. They are talking about some additional equestrian campsites. They also had a discussion about how much to charge to use the trails, they currently charge \$10/horse/day.
- Laurie Carnahan has agreed to take over as trail chairperson.
- Bender reported on the Stephens Forest work day. There were approximately 12 people who showed up to help. They put in new fire rings and painted picnic tables. Per the Forester there, if you do any work while down there, such as picking up trash, etc. keep track of your hours and let her know, as she sends in monthly reports of volunteer hours.

#### Website:

- Spain will be meeting with Boor on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Membership:

- We received two new membership applications last month.

#### Awards & Scholarships:

- Discussion held on location to present the awards, some think the annual meeting is the most appropriate place.

#### Grants:

- Discussion held on the grant categories and to do sponsorships on a case by case basis.

#### Publications:

- The latest newsletter just came out. If you have ideas for articles, please forward them to Cordray.
- Cordray stressed that horse fair information has to be in the January issue, as the April issue will be published late.

#### Equine Health & Welfare:

- Houlding mentioned that they are working to get signatures to try to get horse processing plants re-opened. Information regarding this can be found on United Horseman's website.

#### Governmental Affairs:

- No additional news.

New Business:

- Several asked if there was any feedback on how Horse Haven went at the state fair. Hasbrook said she has not heard anything officially, but right after the fair, they said they were pleased.
- We need to check and see if we can use the horse haven space during horse fair. It would be a good place to process queen registrations, etc.
- Cordray mentioned that we still need to clean out the storage unit.
- We need to renew to the United Organization of the Horse if we already haven't.

Other:

- Nebraska cancelled their horse fair for 2012.
- Discussion held that other equine groups have had issues with the state fair facilities with such items as arena footing problems, and other items, it has not just been our organization that has had issues.
- E-mails to fix were discussed.
- It was mentioned that Doreen, who works on the newsletter, is now a grandmother.

The next meeting will be held November 13, at 1:00 p.m., location to be determined.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Dora Guffey, IHC Secretary