

Iowa Horse Council Meeting
Held at the Jester Park Equestrian Center
Granger, Iowa
September 21, 2011

A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but the meeting was started for informational purposes at 7:15 p.m. by President Paynter.

Board members present:

Harold Ault	Bill Paynter	Dora Guffey	Linda Spain
Marilyn Bender	Kay Hines	Kim Houlding	

Guests present:

Shelly Paynter	Jim Bender	Kelly Staker
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The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed and e-mailed prior to the meeting. A correction noted was the changing of Denise Crowley to Deb Crowley. No official action taken.

The treasurer's report was provided and reviewed. Discussion held. No official action taken.

It was mentioned that we will plan to do the budget in October.

Houlding and Staker joined the meeting.

Old Business:

- The organization's non-profit status was discussed. Guffey did get the status updated on-line and will obtain Paynter's signature to complete an address change as previously discussed, which cannot be completed on-line.

Committee Reports:

Trails:

- An e-mail was recently sent to a few board members by a bicyclist. There were several negative comments made about shared trails with equestrians.
- There will be a trail work day at Stephens Forest on September 26th.
- It was mentioned that Laurie Carnihan may be interested in being the trail committee chair person.

Horse Fair:

- Clinicians for 2012 were discussed. Craig Cameron is locked in, Steve Lantvit from Indiana will be here doing colt starting, horsemanship, etc., and Farah Green, English clinician will also be here. Purina and Nutrena are still in the process of lining up clinicians that they will sponsor.
- Hines has indicated that she is still willing to do the facebook page.
- Paynter and Ault met with Barry Wright of Wright Rodeo Company to discuss a possible full sanctioned rodeo for the Friday and Saturday night events. Discussion held.

- Sherry Turner has indicated that she is still interested in heading up the queen contest.

Annual Meeting:

- The annual meeting will be held the third Saturday in January.
- Paynter mentioned that Peggy Miller has agreed to head up the annual meeting.
- Spain mentioned that she knows of someone who is willing to donate some items for the silent auction. Paynter will check if Miller will head up the silent auction or knows of someone who might be interested.

Website:

- Nothing reported.

Membership:

- Guffey relayed from an e-mail from Zukowski that we just received one new business membership in the mail.

Awards & Scholarships:

- Per Zukowski's e-mail: "Have received some interest in nominations for IHC awards. People were impressed with the awards ceremony in the sale ring at last horse fair. May have to reconsider handing out awards at year end banquet in 2012. Maybe we can start that in 2013, by making an announcement at horse fair in 2012. Open to all ideas."
- Scholarships: Will make changes to the application.

Grants:

- Guffey read an e-mail that was received from One Heart Equestrian Therapy regarding an update on some very good things going on within their organization in part due to funds they received back in 2004 from one of our grants.

Publications:

- The newsletter is ready to go to print.

Equine Health & Welfare:

- Houlding mentioned that the United Organization of the Horse will have a summit in Kansas City March 22-23.
- Slaughter was discussed. They took the inspectors out of the plants was the reason for the downfall of the plants.

Governmental Affairs:

- It was mentioned that there is an amendment being introduced to ban transport out of the US for slaughter. It is being introduced in both the house and senate.
- Discussion also held on one ton dually trucks. They are suppose to be inspected or can be fined. Houlding knows of someone who was fined recently.

Promotion Committee:

- No discussion held.

New Business:

- Paynter mentioned that we only have a few liability signs left but we are still getting a lot of requests for them. Back in 2008 we ordered 300 signs. They are an 18" x 24"

aluminum sign. It was estimated that another 300 signs may cost around \$2,500. Motion by Bender, seconded by Houlding to spend up to \$2,500 on liability signs. All ayes. Motion carried.

- It was mentioned that Apples & Oats will be doing an equine directory. This is the same person we hired to do our last directory. Discussion held. The directory is a lot of work, and our last issue was quite costly, some were glad to see someone continue it. Some felt that since we helped give her the format and information for the directory, if we could talk to her about getting copies from her. Houlding will discuss with Eilers. Discussion also held on putting information into the directory to publicize for the horse fair and liability signs. Bender and Guffey will work on this.

Other:

- The Coalition of State Horse Councils will be having a meeting in Madison, Wisconsin Nov. 4, 5, 6, 2011. Discussion held that we should be represented and who was interested in attending. Houlding and Ault are interested in attending. IHC could cover some costs, such as registration or some travel expenses, but not the entire cost of the trip. Motion by Spain, seconded by Hines to approve \$600 for 3-4 people to attend the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 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. The question was asked: would a joint meeting of equine groups and state fair representatives be of any use?
- Bender relayed information from thank you letters we received from Iowa's State FFA President, the Iowa FFA Reporter, and from Interim Executive Director for the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The next meeting will be held October 19, at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Dora Guffey, IHC Secretary