CON ApHC Board Meeting
Hartford Pizza Ranch
August 25, 2015

Present: Doug Nickel, Loretta Waltner, Terri McCarty, Danny Bennett, Dorine Bennett, Carly Wettlaufer

The Secretary’s Report from the April meeting was reviewed. It is posted on the CON ApHC website through a link on the leadership page.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented. It was noted that we made a profit on the trail ride and the special event show. We also received some new memberships at the shows. Monetary donations from Jim Jirkovsky, Bill Zaharia, and T & R Electric were reported. We also received a check from the Sioux Empire Fair for the work that we did in managing the show there. A memorial was made to the CJTR Youth Experience project in honor of Loretta’s mother and we received a thank you.

Old Business:

* Stud Book are posted on eBay. A post was made on the CON ApHC facebook page and ideas for other places for facebook postings were discussed. Everyone was encouraged to spread the word.

New Business:

* Everyone agreed that the trail ride went very well and was enjoyed by everyone. Although it was a very hot weekend, we were able to spend time riding and going through the obstacles.
* The Special Event was successful and the judges were very nice to work with. They were complimentary about the AmericInn. The results have been sent to the ApHC and thank you’s were sent to Jim Jirkovsky, Dennis Johannes, AmericInn, Mary Ingwerson, Jean Hommel, T & R Electric, Bill Zaharia, and John Doblar.
* The Sioux Empire Fair show went okay. Loretta was thanked for her efforts in meeting with Sioux Empire Fair staff and working to make sure that things were prepared and the show went smoothly. It was noted that we really do need to have members share in helping whenever and wherever possible. Some concerns were mentioned with making sure that barn manager or staff should be available to help people find stalls and get bedding (no matter when the exhibitors arrive) and getting the arenas worked up with proper footing in time for the show. There were no ribbons for the grand and reserve halter awards, but the Fair office will get those and Loretta will make sure they are sent to the winners. It was suggested that in the future there should be classes for performance halter, youth walk-trot trail, and adult walk-trot pleasure.
* Lori Richards reported that she and Doug are planning to sell their place and we need to find a new location for the CON ApHC file cabinet with the historical information. Dorine volunteered to keep the file cabinet at her place and arrangements will need to be made for moving it.
* Everyone was in favor of cleaning the historical CON ApHC flag and allowing it to be used for the Chief Joseph Trail Ride next year. Loretta or Lori will be in charge of taking care of the flag and taking it to the trail ride.
* The ideas for the annual meeting and awards banquet were discussed. Everyone was in favor of having a pizza/pool party at the AmericInn in Madison on the evening of Saturday, January 16th with a brunch at The Hillside on Sunday, January 17th at 11:00 am followed by a meeting and awards. We will have free-will donations from attendees to help cover the costs of the pizza/pool party. Dorine will contact the AmericInn and Terri will contact The Hillside to make reservations.
* Ideas for recruiting members were discussed.
	+ It was noted that the ApHC will do an email blast for $75 if we decide we want to do that. Pros and cons of doing email distribution were discussed.
	+ The ApHC will also provide a complimentary mailing list for hard-copy mailings. It was uncertain if they will just send South Dakota addresses, or if we could request neighboring states as well. Dorine will contact the ApHC to ask for the mailing list to see what we can get. Terri volunteered to spend some time researching the names to eliminate useless addresses and duplicate addresses to clean up the mailing list before we use it.
	+ It was decided to send “thank you” postcards to everyone who showed at the Special Event or Sioux Empire Fair. We will tell them we appreciate their participation and invite them to join the CON ApHC if they haven’t already. Carly will design a postcard to be used and Dorine will provide the names and addresses.
	+ Dorine has addresses from people who have showed at CON ApHC shows in the past and Loretta has addresses from people who were at the trail rides in the past; perhaps those could be used for recruiting members.
* Denise Dutenhoffer said that she does not want to be the newsletter editor any more. It was decided to maybe do a “it was a good year” and “55th anniversary” newsletter celebrating the history of the CON ApHC and recognizing members who showed this year at the ApHC Youth World/National Show and the Canadian National Show and those who participated this year in the CON ApHC trail ride and the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. We may also want to send the newsletter later this year and include the ApHC World Show too. It was suggested to use lots of pictures, and many are available on the CON ApHC facebook page. Carly said that she would work on the newsletter.

2016 Planning

* There was discussion about hosting a ApHC approved show at a location other than the Sioux Empire Fair, however there was concern that either way we would be responsible for doing the work. It was noted that the Sioux Empire Fair would take the financial risk so perhaps we should stay with that location.
* It was noted that Jay Stewart attended a mounted shooting event at the Yellow Rose Arena in Platte and the owner there said he would be interested in hosting a show for us. The owner also talked to Danny and he said he would donate the use of the arena and only charge for the stalls. There was discussion of the pros and cons of when we would hold the show and how far it was from the shows in this area so there would be increased travel time between shows if we tried to coordinate it with a special event show at Doblar’s Arena.
* Sandy Rebstock has volunteered to put on a games class clinic with all proceeds to go to the club if we are interested. Other clinic ideas and locations were discussed.
* It was decided to try to have a Special Event Show in conjunction with a show at the Sioux Empire Fair again next year if the dates work out and Doblar’s Arena is willing to donate their site again. It was suggested that perhaps we could promote having other regional club shows near the same time so that exhibitors could do a “circuit” of sorts. Loretta will continue to visit with the Sioux Empire Fair about their plans.
* It was decided to have a trail ride again next year at Turkey Creek on July 9th and 10th, with people arriving on the 8th. Loretta will contact Turkey Creek.