CON ApHC meeting

January 17, 2016

Hillside Steakhouse

Present: Loretta Waltner, Terri McCarty, Dennis and Clevea Johannes, Danny and Dorine Bennett, Colin and Denise Dutenhoffer, Carly Wettlaufer, Doug Nickel

Youth present: Hallee and Kylee Williams, Bree and Taya Wettlaufer, Rayven and Joe Dutenhoffer

Guests present: Pam Lutter, Abbie Williams

**Approval**

The Treasurers Report and Minutes of the December conference call meeting were reviewed and approved. Dorine reminded everyone that meeting minutes are posted on the CON ApHC website.

**Pizza and Pool Party**

Everyone enjoyed the pizza and pool party at the AmericInn last evening (January 16th). The free-will donations for the pizza covered most of the cost. Dorine will send the AmericInn a thank you.

**Special Event**

The judges have been contracted…Burton Butler and Steve Goretska. Dorine has made the complimentary reservations for them at the AmericInn. The date is August 11th at the Doblar Arena. Dorine will confirm cattle charges with John for the showbill. Classes were discussed. It was suggested that we add Masters Reining and Performance Halter Mare, Gelding, and Stallion classes. Dorine will update the showbill and send it to everyone; after final review by members, she will send in the paperwork for ApHC show approval. She will send the final showbill to the judges and to other regional clubs in the area.

**Sioux Empire Fair**

Loretta reported that the grand and reserve ribbons from 2015 have been received and she sent them to Carly. Dorine will send the names and addresses of the winners to Carly so that the ribbons can be sent to the winners.

The judges for 2016 have been contracted…Mary Ingwerson and Darrel Hersom. The classes were discussed. It was decided to move the trail classes to after the cattle classes. It was also decided to add the Performance Halter Mare, Gelding and Stallion classes, Masters Reining, and the Non-Pro Walk-Trot western equitation and western pleasure classes. Dorine will check to see if John Doblar will provide the steers for the show. Loretta will work on updates to the showbill and send it to everyone for review.

The Sioux Empire Fair is having a meeting of groups planning horse shows there in 2016 and sent a notice about it to Loretta. The meeting is February 8th. Loretta will plan to attend and Danny and Dorine will attend also. There was discussion about the issues with gate passes and the problems will be brought up at the meeting.

**Cross-Approvals**It was reported that the Nebraska Club has already decided to cross approve the SD show for points and we will use a weekend show from their Think Pink Run for our points.

The North Dakota club is interested in cross-approval. We will use their show for our points if any of our members attend.

Dutenhoffer’s reported that they are hosting a show at their place on September 17th as part of the series that Sandy Rebstock and Karen Brakke organize. We will approve it for points for our year-end awards, but the results will not be used for World Show qualifying.

Dorine sends the showbill to all regional clubs in the area; and after our SD shows are over, she will send them a message that the results are posted on our website in case they want to use them for their points.

**Postcards**

It was decided to send a thank you postcard to the people who participated in our trail ride and special event last year and include the dates of the 2016 events. Carly will design the postcard. Dorine will have addresses from special event and Loretta will have addresses from trail ride.

**Recruitment**

Dorine still hasn’t received the free mailing addresses from the ApHC although she has contacted them 3 times. She will ask again.

There is still interest in a 2015 year in review newsletter. Carly and Dorine will work on it if everyone will contribute their content. Everyone needs to help with getting one done.

There was discussion of a promotional type of brochure that highlights the many things that CON ApHC members like to do with their horses. Several ideas have been brought up and people would need to provide pictures and content. Dorine said she would check to see if there might be interest from DSU graphic arts students to help create one. It was decided to offer $100 to a student to create it. Again, it is important that members provide what needs to be in the brochure before the student can make it.

It was noted that we should try to have something promotional for the CON ApHC at the Tri-State Horse Expo and other events, whether that is a flyer/poster, newsletter, or brochure.

**Trail Ride**

The date for the 2016 trail ride was discussed. After looking at multiple possible dates, it was decided to have it at Turkey Creek on September 23rd-25th. Loretta will confirm with Turkey Creek. It was decided to invite the speaker from last year again; last year he got lost and didn’t make it so we will help him find it this year.

**Clinics**

Loretta reported that there will be a Lynn McKenzie Barrel Clinic at SDSU in Brookings on May 20-22.

Doug said that the Horse Council is having a driving clinic in April again this year, and perhaps they may have others.

There was interest in having a 4-H Youth Clinic at the Lake County 4-H arena in Madison. Dorine talked to Lee and Kelly Bennett about doing a clinic with showmanship, equitation, reining. They are willing to do it and Dorine talked to Jill Corbin, a leader of the Desparados 4-H group. Jill also thought it would be a good idea and if we partner with them, they wouldn’t charge for the use of the arena. Possible dates were discussed and it was suggested that perhaps May 21st would work. Dorine will continue to work with Lee and Kelly about details, such as confirming dates, number of participants allowed, costs, and topics; she will also work with the Jill about the charges and sharing agreement. Once we have more plans finalized, Carly will work on a flyer that can be shared with 4-H groups.

**March Get-Together**

Loretta asked if there might be interest in having some sort of get-together in March, perhaps an indoor ride, speaker, potluck, etc.

Dorine mentioned that the Tri-State Horse Expo is in March…March 17th at 6:30 pm there is a team roping event, March 19th at 9:00 am there is an open team sorting, and March 20th at 2:00 pm there is a barrel racing. It was suggested that perhaps we could go as a group to attend something at the Tri-State Horse Expo and eat out at a restaurant. More plans will be made in the future.

**Election of Officers**

A motion was made to carry over the current board members into another term, and the motion passed. Dorine made a suggestion that Denise Dutenhoffer be selected for the 1-year term instead of Danny Bennett to allow for additional representation from more families. After agreement, the officers will be:

President Loretta Waltner

Vice President Carly Wettlaufer

Secretary-Treasurer Dorine Bennett

1-year Director Denise Dutenhoffer

2-year Director (16-17) Doug Nickel

3-year Director (15-17) Terri McCarty

Terri will continue to serve as the Youth Director, Carly will work on the newsletters as well as the Facebook page and awards, and Dorine will continue to work on the website and Facebook page.