

November 18, 2014

CON Board Meeting

Pizza Ranch, Hartford, SD

Board members present: Loretta Waltner, Doug Nickel, Dorine Bennett, Carly Wettlaufer, Terri McCarty

Other adults present: Diane Nickel, Danny Bennett

Secretary's Report was approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read. It was noted that major areas of income were dues (\$360), the trail ride (approximately net \$73), and the Special Event Show (approximately net \$699).

#### Old Business

- Stud books on Ebay – Loretta will re-list them since they haven't sold. She will also post a message about them on various social media sites, mentioning that this is a fundraiser for our regional club.
- The 2014 steer daubing clinic was cancelled.
- The canned goods collected on the trail ride were delivered to the Madison Food Pantry.

#### New Business

- 2014 banquet – It was decided to have it on a Sunday, perhaps a brunch or lunch instead of an evening event. We will hold it in Madison. It was suggested that people can stay at the AmericInn on Saturday night, and we could perhaps have a pizza party. Dates suggested were January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, with the banquet at 11:00 am on Sunday. There will be a meeting followed by the meal and awards. Dorine will let the AmericInn know, Terri will check on possible sites for the meal on Sunday (Sportsman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Diner, etc.), and Carly will make an invitation once details are known.
- Carly will make a sponsorship thank-you certificate for the AmericInn, and we can present it to them the weekend of the banquet.
- Everyone was reminded to continue to collect pop can tabs to give to Loretta or Lori. We will also plan to have collections of canned goods at all CON ApHC events.
- It was suggested to make a flyer about CON ApHC events in 2015, similar to the "Have Fun with the CON ApHC" flyer that we had last year, and the flyer should be posted as often as possible. Some suggestions were the SD Horse Expo in March and the SD Horse Council's driving clinic at the Swiftel Center on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Other suggestions were to display the CON ApHC banner wherever possible, and perhaps participate in parades.
- Dorine is on the ApHC Regional Club Advisory Committee and received an email before the September ApHC BOD meeting from Lesli Glen, who is an ApHC Director who chairs the Regional Club BOD Committee. The email was shared and everyone was encouraged to share ideas or questions or comments with Dorine or the ApHC directors.

- Show approvals for 2015 were discussed, and it was suggested that we approve one weekend of the Nebraska Think Pink Shows, the Pride of the Prairie show (if they have one), the Sioux Empire Fair (which is tentatively planned for August 7<sup>th</sup>), and one of Sandy Rebstock's shows. More details will be available and this will be discussed again at the January meeting.
- Special Event Show in 2015 – It was noted that the ranch horse trail and ranch horse pleasure are ApHC pointed in 2015. There was a request to add snaffle bit/hackamore reining and working cowhorse classes and the rope race (if possible) to our Special Event Show in 2015. A tentative date for the Special Event Show will be August 6<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Sioux Empire Fair Show. It was suggested that we move the starting time to earlier in the day, perhaps 8:00 am. Dorine will check with John Doblak to see if he is willing and able to host it again this year. Loretta will check to see if Darrel Hersom (Garretson, SD) and Jean Hommel (Watertown, SD) might be available to judge.
- Spring Clinic – Ideas for a Spring Clinic were discussed. Some ideas were to have something about equine massage or proper fitting of saddles (non-riding topics). It was discussed that we would need to find a place to host the event that would have room and be heated if we did it while the weather was still chilly.
- Trail Ride – It was decided to have another trail ride at Turkey Creek in 2015. Dates suggested were July 10-12.
- Terri suggested that we have an educational session related to the Nez Perce or perhaps someone like Tim McCleary who speaks about Crow Indians. There was discussion about possible partners to assist with funding or hosting, such as Augustana's Center for Western Studies, the SD cultural or historical societies, St. Joseph Indian School, or Flandreau Indian School, etc.
- There was discussion about possibly hosting other types of shows, such as the open shows or a regular show with double pointing of one judge (each regional club can host one show using this format).
- It was noted that our board member, Audrey, is now living near Hutchinson with her mother, but she will try to make other events and be involved.
- There was a question about offering a package deal for our Special Event Show and discussion about setting the fees to cover costs, ApHC point fees, fundraising for the club (awards, supplies, activities), etc.
- The need for a newsletter was discussed. Loretta will contact Denise Dutenhoffer about it.

The meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be the meeting before the banquet in January.