

Minutes of Meeting of Fort Harrod Back County Horseman

January 8, 2009

Called to order at 7:10 PM.

Update on Eagles Nest Clean-up day from Dennis Blackburn: Scheduled for Feb. 7th, 8th at 10AM.

Dennis has spoke with the County Judge regarding disposal of the tires at no charge. It is unlikely that the county will waive fees in that Eagles Nest is privately owned land which impacts their abilities to allow free disposal. Further research by Beth Glassier and Deb Mason regarding assistance with cost of tire disposal fees is planned. Beth to speak with Carol and Mike Conover for suggestions regarding tire removal. Deb and Dennis to continue search in low cost means of disposal. Emily to email 2009 release forms prior to Eagles Nest work day which will be kept in the organization's file. John Bates and Dennis to use their trailers and Brian Rogers to use his oxen team and wagon to assist with removal of tires and trash. Use of 4 wheelers during clean-up will be discussed with the Conovers. Pictures of the stone fences at Eagles Nest will also be photographed, during the same weekend, by Deb Balliet with the help of Carol Conover for the Dry Stone Conservancy. A chili dump is planned for food during this event, Dennis to bring heat source and other sides are welcome.

Motion by Bob Cairns that Greg Mason document all volunteer hours for 2009 was seconded by Dayna Nelson and carried by majority. There was also clarification regarding personal logs of hours vs. planned group events. In a group sponsored event a list of those participating will be kept by the organizer with time of start and finish documented.

Update by Bob Cairns on trails at Shaker Village:

Bob reports that there are 3 trees down that need to be removed from trails, barbed wire that is too close to horse trails, and need to rework portions of the Chimney Rock trail to prevent wash-out. He requests a small group for chain saw work and cutting with removal of barbed wire. Volunteers include Vince Del

Mese, Ron Brown, Dave Rule, Cynn timer and John Bates, Dennis and Pat Blackburn, Brian Rogers and Pat Warner. We are to meet at 7AM in West parking lot.

13 persons took advantage of reduced season passes for Shaker Village for 2009 from FH BCH. Don Pelly has multi-phase trail projects for this year with more trails on the east side of the Village and adding 15 miles of trails along the bluff of the Kentucky River.

Financial report read by Pat Warner and approved.

December's minutes will be tabled until February meeting in that members have not had a chance to review.

Report from John Bates:

Eagles nest mapping has been completed. What remains is a way to color code the trail markers as well as the map. Best suggestion so far is to use a color and number system in marking the actual trails as well as use on the map. Ways to mark the trails, either painting the trees with the designated number and color or using some variant of signage was discussed. Cost of printing the finished map was also discussed with prices of 49-90 cents per color copy reported. It is hoped that a grant would help cover this cost. A grant committee was discussed, no action at this time.

Report from Emily Dennis:

Review of 501c3 designation is that if we as a group have over \$5,000 in the treasury, an approval process would be necessary. At that time we would hope for a grant of \$700.00 from the Horse Counsel.

State organizations at this time are Northern, Central and Fort Harrod BCH with Dennis Blackburn and John Bates working with the newly formed Ky BCH to frame the state bylaws. Assisting in this process is Al Sammons of BCHA. When the state bylaws are available, all state organizations will be ask to review and approve. The obligation of each state affiliate is to pay \$150.00 to the national organization once yearly. The amount to be sent to the state is being discussed and this can be a zero amount (added by John Bate) if all agree.

Update from Jerry Hancock (TREK/KEEP) to Emily Dennis that through the Gold Grant development of the Salt River Trail is progressing well from Taylorsville State Park through the Briar Ridge property to the edge of Anderson County. Emily feels that Mercer County may prove to be much more difficult without compensation in that most of the land in question is privately owned.

Update on grants: ELCR received the Breyer grant but Deb Balliet request that FHBCH re-apply for the Beyer grant in 2009; RTCA grant involving Eagle's Nest is proceeding in that Mary Harris of NPS and Deb Balliet met with the Conovers on 12/17; the Lalla Lake grant is a private non-profit opportunity in which Dana Nelson will review the paper-work and report to the group next meeting.

Report from Dana Nelson:

Art Dept. of Anderson County HS is not up to the challenge of designing a depiction for Fort Harrod BCH.

Regarding a driving clinic, Stewart Home School has a new Arena with Linda Ward set-up to give a clinic or possibly Gayla Drury.

Reminder of used tack sale 1-31: Used tack needed to sell as well as change from the Treasurer.

Reminder that 2009 membership to FHBCH is now due at \$10.00 for individual and \$20.00 for family.

A motion from Dayna Nelson that the annual meeting of the FHBCH be on 6-6 during the Beef Festival, Second by Dennis Blackburn and carried by all. We would also like a booth at the festival to share information regarding trail riding in Mercer County.

Agenda for next meeting is to develop a Nominating Committee.

Dennis Blackburn to check out prices at Shaker Village for dinner after our annual meeting.

We have 40 voting members at present, yet still awaiting renewals for some.

Thanks to Bob Cairns and Paula Freeman for having the Christmas Party at their home.

Greg Mason to report back on a possible data base for keeping track of memberships.

John Bates to investigate placing our membership list on the web site.

On 1/20 there will be an educational opportunity at the extension office featuring Bob Coleman. It starts at 6:30PM; notify Linda McChanahan at 859-325-1448. Help with the meal would be appreciated.

The Pinto Organization of Kentucky is sponsoring 4th annual Horseman Helping Horseman Seminar 1-31 from 1-4PM at Woodford Equine Hospital.

Motion to adjourn by John Bates and second by Al Mueller carried by all.

