

**Board of Directors meeting of**

**FHBCH**

**January 17, 2009**

Carol Conover, Dayna Nelson and Essie Rogers unable to attend. Present included Emily Dennis, David Rule, Bob Cairns, Pat Warner, Dennis Blackburn, John Bates, Brian Rogers and Paula Freeman. Held at the home of Bob Cairns and Paula Freeman.

Emily Dennis reports that there are three items of business of immediate concern: the annual meeting, price of tire removal from Eagles Nest and recent developments in regard to 501c3 status of BCHA and annual dues.

First: The Annual Meeting.

LeMayne Ellis Co-Chairman of the Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival has invited FHBCH to an “informative discussion “regarding this year and future festival plans. The meeting is at 6:30PM on 1/27/2009 at the Extension Office.

FHBCH had initial thought that 6/6/2009 would be the date of our annual meeting.

Dennis Blackburn researched options of holding the meeting at Shaker Village with the West Lot house not available and the meeting room available at a price of \$150.00 and \$9.00 per person for catered food service.

Emily reports that the Extension office is available on 6/6 at no cost and she did reserve for the annual meeting.

Time set is from 9AM to 12:00 Noon for meeting and speaker.

Carla Perry has contacted Emily in that she has experience in such activities and suggested use of the Extension Office for our first meeting and request to be on the committee.

David Rule suggests that we stay focused for our first meeting and expand our plans for futures meeting.

Discussed regarding whether we truly wanted to have our first annual meeting during such a busy week as the Fort Harrod Beef Festival.

Emily suggested National Trails Day.

Since LeMayne Ellis letter suggested family oriented events suggestion from the group were of pony rides pending liability issues, a booth at the festival focusing on available trails in this area and the work of the FHBCH. Dennis to speak with Roy Cornett regarding materials and equipment used this year at the Kentucky State Fair Booth. Other suggestion of stick horses, Display of the minis' by John and Cynn timer Bates, the availability of taking pictures for donations to the FHBCH.

June 13<sup>th</sup> was proposed as an alternate date for the annual meeting.

Bob Cairns : "I move that we reserve the Extension Office for the June 13<sup>th</sup> date." Motion seconded by Greg Mason and carrier.

Second: Tire removal.

Dennis Blackburn reports that finding a solution to disposal of the tires dumped at Eagles Nest has not been easy. Judge Trisler states that since this is private land the County could not offer free disposal. Fees reported back to Board Directors from Beth Glaesser, Nicole Roca, and Deb Mason are \$1.35, free if greater 100 tire, to \$2.00 per tire, respectively. Prices are also dependent on transport of the tires; however Dennis states that this should not be a problem in that in the group there are numerous trailers available.

Third: BCHA 501c3 status and annual dues.

John Bates and Dennis Blackburn require impute from the Board of Directors to take back to the committee working on the state bylaws regarding fees to be charges to members . John has researched national as well as some state dues that are charged. He reports that there has been a significant increase in fees

from 1986 to 2003. Both he and Dennis report that the amount that Kentucky affiliates pay to the State Chapter can be zero. There is a fee to maintain the web site.

The BCHA recruit affiliates but the state chapter is responsible for collection of fees from each affiliate of that state. Emily Dennis, John and Dennis report that there has been a miscommunication from BCHA regarding the fee. Initially thought to be \$150.00 per year is now stated to be \$10.00 per member. At current membership logs that would be \$500.00 per year for FHBCH.

Emily Dennis reports other concerns that she has is that in an initial publication from BCHA it was stated that they had 501c3 status. In Emily's research she has discovered that BCHA has 501c4 status but is applying for 501c3 status. Affiliates for a national organization must share the same 501 status. Financial reports of BCHA have been requested.

Questions from the group were;

What are we getting for our money? To use the name BCH, a newsletter, which is available on-line and possible grants. As well as 2 voting members on the national board

However without 501c3 status our ability to apply for many grants would be minimal and we could not accept tax free donations.

We can ask to be removed as an affiliate; this would require a name change.

At present there are 2 affiliates, FHBCH and Central KY BCH. Northern KY has decided not to apply for affiliation with the BCH and remain a member of the Northern Kentucky Horse Network due to insurance reasons. Insurance for trail work is \$2,000/yr but if they remain part of the network this amount is covered by the network.

David Rule suggests we reassess our goals.

Bob Cairns suggests \$0.00 dues to state with both affiliates sharing the cost of the web site.

David Rule suggests \$1.00 to state for web site fees and etc.

Emily Dennis moves that our states bylaw representatives delay chapter organization until financials of BCHA have been reviewed. David Rule provided a second and the motion was carried by all present.

Dues unchanged until 2010.

Thank You to John Bates, Dennis Blackburn and Emily Dennis for their research and investigation on behalf of the group.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Cairns, with second by Dennis Blackburn. 6PM.