

Minutes of Meeting for
Fort Harrod Backcountry Horseman
May 5, 2009

Called to order at 7:05.

Roll Call of Directors: Emily Dennis, Pat Warner, Essie Rogers, Gregg Mason, David Rule , Bob Cairns, Carol Conover, with Dennis Blackburn and Dayna Nelson excused. Attendance sheet of all members available.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 2009 by David Rule and a second by Beth Glaesser.

Annual Meeting Discussion and planning lead by Carla Perry:

Ballots were given out to vote on the nominees for the 9 members of the Board of Directors with Essie Rogers to tallying the names. Carol Sole notified Emily Dennis that she is interested in the Secretary position. Those nominated for the Board of Directors position include Emily Dennis, John Bates, Carol Sole, Carla Perry, Gregg Mason, Pat Warner, Carol Conover, David Rule, and Bob Cairns. Dennis Blackburn and Essie Rogers. Cynnie Bates and David Paris declined nomination at this time.

Notice for the annual meeting on June 11th will have a start time of 6:30PM lasting until 8:30PM. During this time frame the pot luck meal supplied by FH BCH members will begin with Emily Dennis giving the annual report and Pat Warner giving the annual budget report with written reports available. Ballots to be given out as members enter all being number so that all can be accounted for at the end on the night. All nominees are asked to supply a biography. Essie Rogers request that all that are nominated be notified and ask if they want to serve. Carol Conover states that all who are Directors are horseback riders, others in the group note that the national group uses the language of “horseman” but there is no restriction to ride.

Speakers proposed include a local representative of Resource, Conservation and Development as well as a representative from National Parks Services such as Allison Bullock. Also requested was a representative of the Bluegrass Equine Facility to give a brief description of what is available at the Bluegrass Equine Facility.

Election results and Bylaw recommendations are scheduled after the speakers followed by door prizes and adjournment at 8:30PM.

Emily Dennis proposes a nominating committee be formed to assist with the further selection of officers in subsequent election periods.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws were discussed with all attending in agreement. Changes to be sent to members to review prior to the annual meeting but include:

Directors shall select a date and location for the annual meeting to be held in the first quarter of the calendar year.

Should a Director leave his/her office during term a new Director will be appointed by an executive committee.

For 2009 the President, Vice-President and Public Relations Officers shall serve 1 year terms and the Secretary and Treasurer will serve 2 year terms. Subsequently all terms of office will be 2 years.

No officer shall hold the same office for more than 2 consecutive two-year terms. At term limits he or she will be ineligible to serve in the same office for 1 year.

Establishment of a Nominating Committee of at least 3 Board members who will provide a list of candidates for election to the Board at annual meeting.

Essie Rogers recommends selling tickets at the door as a fundraiser. Winners or door prize tickets will be announced at the end of the annual meeting with Dayna Nelson and Pat Warner collecting the money and awarding the prizes.

All attending should RSVP to Carla Perry by Gmail (FHBCH). Also all members need to sign-up to bring a dish for the potluck dinner.

John Bates recommends that on the day of election that the voting membership must be a member for at least 30 days prior to the vote. Discussion followed that possibly 45 days of membership would be best.

David Rule suggested that only those that put in volunteer hours can be nominated for office.

John Bates notes that due to the cost of affiliation with the BCHA, FHBCH will need to increase their dues in January 2010. This increase will be set by the BOD not the general membership.

Essie Rogers reminds that if all members are also member of KHC, FHBCH would receive \$10.00 refund for each member.

Gregg Mason gave an update on the cost of insurance to participate in the Beef Festival as well as the time commitment required by at least 5-6 members to have pony rides, a booth and possible oxen display at the Fair Grounds. Carol Conover feels that Cowboy Church Members could/would help out if needed. Members are concerned that with Adventure Day being the same day and because FHBCH are to be present to assist with 2 scheduled rides that day we “will be stretched too thin”. Motion by Carla Perry not to participate in the Beef Festival this year with a second by Bob Cairns and all members present in agreement. Many members hope to be better able to participate next year.

Tee shirt by Blue Sky Graphic with FHBCH logo ordered by many members at the meeting with Cynn timer Bates taking the orders and overseeing purchase and design. Blue Sky Graphic also to provide copies of final revised map of Eagles Nest trails. Brian and Essie Rogers are contributing \$50.00 towards the printing cost.

John Bates is requesting volunteers for Sunday 9th for putting up signage at Eagles Nest and several groups will be needed.

Shawnee Run Clean-up at Shaker Village with pot-luck and followed by a trail ride will be Saturday May 16th. Notify Bob Cairns if able to participate. Bob is also asking for leaders, and drags for the two time slots of the Adventure Day rides of 10AM and 2:30PM on June 6th. Essie Rogers reminds all that ground rules for the riders are a must and release forms are to be signed. Ways of communicating with each other on the rides were discussed as well as need for First Aid kits.

To defer decision regarding participation in the Lexington 4th of July Parade until May 16th.

Cowboy Church June 28 through July 5th with Worship in the Woods at Eagles Nest.

Adjourned at 9PM.

Submitted by Pat Warner Secretary.