

# **Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen**

## **Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**July 15 2009**

The following people attended the work day and/or BOD meeting:

Brian Rogers  
Emily Dennis  
Carol Conover  
Mike Conover  
Gregg Mason  
Cynn timer Bates  
Pat Blackburn  
Dave Rule  
Carla Perry  
Pat Warner  
Dayna Nelson  
Bob Cairns  
John Bates

There was a work day prior to the BOD meeting. We worked at Eagles Nest and loaded the previously stacked tires onto Dennis Blackburn's trailer. David Rule will take these tires to the Mercer Co. Tire Amnesty drop off for disposal. We also had a pot luck dinner between the work event and the meeting.

The BOD meeting was called to order by President Emily Dennis at 7:35pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were not readily available, so Dayna Nelson made a motion that we postpone reading the minutes from our last meeting until a future meeting. Dave Rule seconded the motion. All agreed.

There was a discussion of the annual meeting food expenses. Pat Warner provided the receipts for the food items the club purchased for our annual meeting. Emily will submit these receipts for reimbursement from our Kentucky Horse Council grant for general club operating expenses.

Pat informed the group that she has received a letter from the IRS stating they have corrected our club's name in our 501c(3) filing. Tom Herndon has volunteered to fill out IRS form 990 required to be in compliance with 501c(3) status. The form will be submitted to the IRS by August 15, 2009.

Pat reported that our club currently has 72 voting members.

Emily has applied for a \$500 grant from the Roland Charitable Foundation for creating and printing promotional brochures.

BOD members expressed their appreciation to Dayna Nelson for a great job organizing the fund raiser and prizes at our annual meeting. Thank you Dayna!

Part of the contributions Dayna collected were two \$50 donations, one from Dr Ellis and another from Burkman Feed. Pat will provide Dr. Ellis and Burkman Feed with our 501c(3) charitable organization tax number for their tax purposes. It was also noted that going forward the club will need to keep accurate records of donations of monies and items.

Cynn timer submitted an invoice for \$500.83 for the purchase of our t-shirts. There was some discussion about what to do with t-shirts that have not been paid for, and for replacement t-shirts that have not been picked up. It was agreed that we will give people until our August 1 club event to collect their shirts. Shirts not collected by then will be available for purchase.

Our club will participate in the Mercer Co. parade this Saturday July 18. We expect to have 8 - 10 riders. We also have several volunteers to clean up after the horses, and also to carry the KYBCH banner in the parade. Riders and volunteers need to meet at the high school parking lot no later than 5:15pm. Everyone please wear your club t-shirts.

Our club is also sponsoring an educational event August 1 at Big Red Stables. Member Essie Rogers is presenting "Is your horse fat?", a lecture on horse body conditioning and scoring. Everyone is invited to bring your horses for evaluation. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:00am and finish 11:00am. The club will provide coffee and donuts. We also want to encourage everyone to bring their own lunch and spend the afternoon riding at Big Red Stables or Eagles Nest. Carla will prepare a press release for next week regarding this event.

Dave Rule is working on another club sponsored event, a Natural Horsemanship clinic. Currently planning to hold this event in November.

There was also discussion about the club helping with the upcoming St. Jude trail ride. The ride will be held sometime in September or October.

Our monthly club meetings will resume in October. The meetings will be the first Thursday of each month and will be held at the Mercer Co. Extension office.

Extension Agent Linda McClanahan is arranging for a "horse college" series of meetings for this fall and winter. The classes will be held in our Mercer / Boyle / Lincoln county area.

The Kentucky Trail Riders Association has scheduled a clinic and trail ride at Eagles Nest Saturday August 29. FH BCH members are encouraged to attend and support KTRA.

The National Park Service will be in Mercer Co. August 7 and 8 to present their findings from our first year Technical Assistance Grant on options for preserving the Eagles Nest Equestrian Trails. Our club has been invited to reapply for this grant for next year.

John mentioned that the final 2009 version of the Eagles Nest Trails map is complete, and we can now plan to make copies for distribution. Dayna made a motion to purchase 100 copies of the trail map. Carla seconded the motion. All agreed. This purchase will be largely funded by a generous donation from club members Brian and Essie Rogers. Thank you Brian and Essie. John agreed to get the copies made this week and provide them to Carol to put in the information boxes at Eagles Nest.

Carla made a motion to adjourn. Gregg seconded. All agreed.