

Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen

Board of Directors meeting minutes

September 9 2009

The following people attended the BOD meeting:

Emily Dennis

Pat Warner

Carla Perry

John Bates

David Rule

Bob Cairns

Gregg Mason

Carol Conover

Beth Glaesser

Don Snellings

The BOD meeting was called to order by President Emily Dennis at 6:45pm.

Pat provided a Treasurer's report:

FHBCH Financial Report August 2009

Initial Balance: \$1245.57

T shirt sales/Cynn timer Bates +\$25.00

Cash in Total: \$25.00

Map printing Eagles Nest to John Bates: -\$62.54

KHC/ Master Trials Class/Bob Cairns -\$125.00

Expenses total: \$187.54

Balance: +\$1083.03

Dave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Pat seconded the motion. All agreed.

The meeting minutes from our June 11 meeting was reviewed by the group. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from our June 11 BOD meeting. Pat seconded the motion. All agreed.

Carla made a motion to accept the minutes from our July 15 BOD meeting. Carol seconded the motions. All agreed.

John is currently putting the minutes from all previous FHBCH meetings on our website.

Bob Cairns attended a Master Trail Builder Class in August at Mammoth Cave National Park. The Kentucky Horse Council contributed \$175 towards the tuition cost, and FHBCH contributed the remaining \$125. Emily will apply for a BCHA Educational Foundation grant to cover the \$125. Bob reported the class was 5 days, with morning classes and afternoon work sessions. Bob completed the course successfully, and is now a certified Master Trail Builder. Congratulations Bob!

Carla and Emily prepared and submitted an application to the American Quarter Horse Association for a \$5000 grant to improve stream crossings at Eagles Nest. No official word from AQHA yet, but indications are that we will get the grant. Official notification should be any day now, and the grant monies are available upon notification. Carol mentioned that Michael Conover has a dump truck lined up to haul the gravel we'll need. Carol also mentioned she has investigated the cost of renting a Bobcat for the major work. The cost is \$220 for a weekend.

Carol reported the recent KTRA Poker Run ride at Eagles Nest was a great success. Many thanks to Dennis Blackburn for continuing to work at improving the route the rider's were to take. The route was the correct length and was very well marked.

There was a discussion on how to stay in touch with FHBCH members who do not have email. Carla volunteered to contact local newspapers to get our meeting dates and events dates placed in their calendar of events.

Carol mentioned an upcoming ride and pot luck luncheon at Eagles Nest for Hooves of Hope. The ride is September 26 at 10:00am. Blair Nathan is the person coordinating the ride. This is a benefit ride.

There was a good discussion about expanding trail boss responsibilities at Eagles Nest. The general consensus is that maintaining the 30 miles of trails at Eagles Nest is too large a job for a single trail boss. Carla made a motion that we expand the Eagles Nest trail boss position by 3, to become 4 positions. And that we ask for volunteers for the newly created positions at our October meeting. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed, except John.

There was an associated discussion about trail boss term limits. Emily made a motion that trail boss positions be elected annually at our annual meeting. Dave seconded the motion. During our discussion of the motion, the motion was amended to include that we accept nominations for the 5 trail boss positions at the meeting prior to the annual meeting. The motion was then voted on. All agreed.

Several trail rider dignitaries will be riding at Eagle Nest this fall. The President of Back Country Horsemen of America, the President of Equestrian Land Conservation Resource, the Assistant Director

of the National Park Service, the Vice President of publishing of the Trail Riders magazine, among others, will ride at Eagles Nest November 9 from 2:00-4:00pm. This is in conjunction with the ELCR national conference held that week in Lexington KY. Big Red Stables and Carol will provide horses for the trail ride. Our club needs to decide if there is anything we can do to help with this ride. We will discuss this in more detail at our October meeting.

Carla suggested that we should expand our monthly general meetings to be held year round, as a way to keep all members more engaged with our club. Pat mentioned that during the summer months where we do not currently have regular general meetings our new membership applications drop off severely. Carla made a motion that we amend our club by-laws to have monthly general meetings year round, instead of October thru March as now required. Pat seconded the motion. All agreed. So this by-law amendment will be voted on at our 2010 annual meeting.

We discussed our 2010 annual meeting date possibilities. Carla made a motion that we schedule our annual meeting February 4, 2010 with an alternate bad weather date of March 4, 2010. Bob seconded the motion. All agreed.

The Mercer Co. and Boyle Co. Extension offices are hosting a Horse College to be held Tuesday evenings in October. The cost is \$50 for all 4 events, and a meal is provided at each event. Linda McClanahan asked Emily if FHCBH will provide desserts for the meetings. Emily agreed, considering that our club are the ones who asked Linda for this Horse College. Beth volunteered to coordinate providing the desserts.

Our October meeting will be held at the Mercer Co. Extension Office outside pavilion.

We would like to have speakers at our general meetings. Carla will ask Holly Williamson to speak at our October meeting. Holly is the Natural Horsemanship trainer who will be demonstrating at the Natural Horsemanship clinic November 7 cosponsored by FHCBH and Riders for the Son, to be held at Big Red Stables.

Regarding the Natural Horsemanship Clinic, Dave is lining up horses for Holly to work with. He is looking for horses that have particular issues (trouble trailer loading, will not back up, will not stand for mounting, etc.) Please contact Dave if you would like to bring your horse to be used in the demonstration. RFTS is providing morning refreshments, and is also coordinating the pot luck lunch following the clinic.

Emily mentioned the annual endurance ride held at Shaker Village will be held November 21 2009. Several FHCBH members volunteered at last year's ride, and it was a fun and educational experience. Emily will contact Jim Rogan, the ride's coordinator, to see if he needs volunteers for this year's ride.

We decided that we want to have a Christmas party. Bob volunteered to coordinate this event.

Emily suggested that our club sponsor a “Spring Tune-up” clinic, similar to what the Northern Kentucky Horse Network does. This is a major fund raiser event for the NKHN. Many services may be provided, such as Coggins, Health Certificate, teeth floating, equine chiropractor, etc. It was suggested that we might use the Mercer Co. fairgrounds. Emily will contact Dave Rust of NKHN and ask how they run their Spring Tune-up. There was a consensus that we want to do this. We will solicit volunteers at our October meeting to form a committee to coordinate this clinic.

Carla made a motion to adjourn. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.