

Wyoming Horse Council Membership Meeting

January 18, 2011

Wyoming Livestock Board Office - Cheyenne, WY

Minutes

Directors present: Bill Gentle, Judy Horton, Barb Burns, Jim Purdy, and Barb Daniels

Members and guests present: Charles Moore, Allan Ostdahl, Ron Cook, Bob Daniels, Sue Gentle, Marty Griffith, Jenny Lesieutre, Amy McLean, Budd Betts, Mantha Phillips.

The meeting was called to order by president Bill Gentle.

Approval of Minutes - Judy Horton moved the minutes be approved as printed, seconded by Jim Purdy. Passed.

Bill Gentle announced that Lynda Nehr has resigned as director for District 3.

University of Wyoming Report: Amy McLean reported that she is working on adding an Equine Option for Animal Science, developing new courses, developing a relationship with LCCC in order to provide hands on contact for her students. The UW horse judging team has done well at national judgments. Still having problems with cooperation of 4-H management in trying to update the existing rule book and providing additional opportunities for members and leaders.

Wyoming BLM Wild Horse Program: Jenny Lesieutre and Marty Griffith from the Cheyenne BLM office provided an update of the wild horse and burro program in Wyoming. It is estimated that there are about 38,400 horses and burros on public lands throughout the 10 Western States. In Wyoming it is estimated that there are nearly 4,000 horses roaming throughout the 16 herd management areas as of January 2011. The AML (Appropriate Management Level - the number of free roaming wild horses and burros that the Bureau has determined can thrive on BLM managed lands in balance with other rangeland resources) for Wyoming is 3,750 horses, currently nearly 250 horses over AML. Also discussed were short and long term holding facilities, adoptions and 2010 and 2011 gathers as well as the BLM Wild Horse Strategy Development Document. To view the document and participate in the comment period go to http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/grog/wild_horse_and_burrow.html.

Wyoming Recreation Safety Act: Budd Betts reported there is currently no legislation addressing the equine portion. More judges are allowing this to go to trial like Barkhurst vs Skinner. Charlie Moore will follow up with Judge Downs.

Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission Proposed Rules - Charlie Moore, Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission Executive Director, explained that the proposed rule requires 16 days of live racing for a full simulcast permit. Barb Daniels moved, Judy Horton seconded the the WHC write a letter of support. Passed.

Wyoming Horse Expo: Barb Daniels reported on the last meeting with the Big Wyoming Appaloosa Horse Club. The WHC will co-sponsor with the BWAHC. We have tentatively made arrangements to have Ken McNabb do two presentations - colt starting and a problem horse demonstration- as a money making activity for the WHC. Also Judy Horton volunteered to look into providing a Horse Judging Seminar for 4-H, FFA and College Teams. Operation Gelding sponsored by the Unwanted Horse Coalition has no available money at this time. Additional presenters are being contacted.

Equine Plant, Platte County - Judy Horton reported that no land had been purchased and no permits issued at this time.

Upcoming Legislation: WHC actions

HB 7 Wyoming Veterinary Medical Practice Act - Skip

HB 18 - Quarantine of animals - Skip

HB 31 - Pari-Mutuel regulation - Support

HB 45 - Agricultural property taxation - Died

HB 53 - Wyoming lottery for education - Support with changes

HB 57 - Feral livestock - Skip

HB 58 - Animals running at large - Killed

SF 10 - Protection of livestock animals - Support

SF 27 - Pari-Mutuel Commission amendments - Support

SF 64 - Wyoming livestock identification and traceability program - Monitor

Treasurers Report - Barb Daniels reported for Cindy Gruwell, the checking account balance as of 12/31/10 was \$3510.56. Barb audited the books and found no problems.

Judy Horton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barb Burns. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Daniels, Secreta