

26 March

NTEA Meeting Minutes 255 Liberty Circle

Minutes prepared and submitted by Stacey Quarles

7:15

Call to order

Attending: Meg Johnson, Lori Calame, Stacey Quarles, Mandy Kelly, Karen Askew

Discussion began with the need for more At Large members to be added to the board so that the issue with keeping quorum for the monthly meetings is not a problem. Time and distance make it difficult for all members to attend all the time. Board will also research viability of phone conferencing for reaching quorum.

Secretary:

Stacey Quarles motioned to approve February minutes Mandy Kelley seconded, board so approved, they will be sent to webmaster Howard McClurkin with a request to have a banner announcing the location of the next meeting.

Tanya (December) and Meg (January) will look to send Stacey notes for January and December meeting minutes.

Treasurer:

Tabled pending report from 2008 Treasurer and 2009 Treasurer has tax filing in order.

Activities :

Proposed activity is 14th August and 15th August at Denton Creek Farm, as a Robin Walker Clinic and mentoring for ICP candidates. Numbers will be kept to a minimum to benefit interaction with trainers so they may maximize their exposure. Pending Robin's Numbers we will work out a budget. Initial registration preference for the ICP mentoring session will be given to NTEA member trainers who are already in the ICP program and then trainers who are in the ICP program for Area V.

Educational Activities:

E-how.com is a great way to share information. Stacey will research a list of ideas for e-how posts that are already posted or could be prepared by NTEA members. The list of ideas will be submitted for the June newsletter.

Some initial ideas: Scribing clinic, Trailer hitching, Trailer maintenance, Trailer backing

Membership:

Member's numbers are low, at 107. Mandy will send an e-mail blitz to encourage renewal.

The By-law clarifies that all partners in a business are entitled to member benefits as are family members of business members who would otherwise be classified as juniors.

Paperwork handling issues need to be sorted out. Board members responsible for collecting the mail will turn over forms and checks first to Mandy and then Mandy will send the checks to Nikki (Treasurer).

Spreadsheet issues need to be resolved so that archived information is not so cumbersome when working with new information.

Website:

Tanya Ewalt and Mandy Kelly will be the membership contacts for website submissions.

Point Standings are presently listed under members, the button heading needs to be changed to read Membership/Points. Mandy will send the update to Howard.

Public Relations:

The NTEA newsletter was published on 1 March.

Next issue will go out on 1 June.

The Deadline for submissions is 15 May for stories and advertising, check the websites for criterion.

Becky Rickley will be asked to write to submit clinic reviews.

Joni Vihon new member will be asked to submit on horse Chiropractic.

An ICP program trainer will be asked for a Health/Safety Article.

Stacey will write on Lynne Partridge.

Meg will write a legal article.

NTEA Directory- Mandy will be responsible for the directory.

Jr. YR Representative:

Christie was unable to be present but she did discuss with Stacey ideas that were put forth to look to the present youth membership numbers and to speak to the trainers of the youth to see what their needs may be. Ideas for a parent youth campout with education sessions, fun rides and activities were discussed.

Scholarships:

Scholarship Committee- President appointed Stacey to Chair, Board so approved and a committee will be formulated according to the requirements established by the Bylaws. We seem to have been able to draw members because of the scholarship and it has not had a lot of requirements associated. Karen asked that the Chair review the requirements from the past, propose with the committee requirements for 2009 and discuss their appropriateness at the next meeting.

Finished Business:

Its All About the Horse, Will Coleman Clinic,

\$150.00 to subsidize the cost of NTEA member riders or auditors, NTEA will send an e-mail blast to membership and no renewed.

Board approved the purchase of an Ad in Greenwood Farm CIC** for the cost of \$100.00.

Tabled the question of further support for the MDC Clinic pending resolution of the 2009 bank account.

Unfinished Business:

Mandy will check with Cheryl about the cost of banners.

Board members will research the Bylaws to see how phone conferencing may be used to better enable scheduling of the meetings.

The April Meeting will be held on the 9th of April at LCEC at 12 noon.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm