

Virginia Walking Horse Association

Minutes, April 18, 2010

Vice President, Bill Reel, welcomed the group and called the April 18, 2010 meeting to order at 2:00pm. The meeting was held at Gavin's Restaurant, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Secretary, Donna Skelly, read the minutes from the March 27, 2010 meeting and they were approved as read.

Treasurer, Brooke Martin, read the Treasurer's report. After depositing membership dues and high points nominations, the account balance was \$2,655.23 as of April 17, 2010. Donna Skelly reported that the Youth Council had no activity in either account the past month, therefore as of April 17, 2010 the balance was \$1,573.68 in their regular account and \$461.75 in the scholarship fund.

OLD BUSINESS

The following committees were asked to give a report on any updates they may have:

- Banquet Committee – Mary Swecker gave a short review of the 2009 banquet. The only cost to the Association was the high points awards and ribbons. There were no other expenses since the meal was ordered off the menu. An article about the banquet was mentioned in the Walking Horse Report and would also be published in The Scoop.
- Nominating Committee for Officers & Board Members – Fred Keesee handed out a ballot to those in attendance to vote for the 2010 officers and board members and suggested that the 2010 election be unanimously voted per the presentation of the Nominating Committee. Everyone agreed to his recommendation and no further discussion was held. Fred Keesee then made a motion that the 2010 officers and board members to be unanimously voted per recommendations from the Nominating Committee. John Upson properly seconded the motion. The result of the 2010 election of officers are as follows:

PresidentMary Swecker
Vice President.....Bill Reel
TreasurerBrooke Martin
Secretary.....Donna Skelly
Board MembersKay Swisher, John Upson, Johnny Johnson, John Eubank,
Dan Funkhouser & Chad Funkhouser

- Fund Raiser Committee – Chad Funkhouser had no updates at this time. Dan Funkhouser reminded us that we still have the cut-back saddle that was donated to the Youth Council, compliments of World Champion. As discussed at our previous meeting, we will sell tickets for the saddle throughout the year and have the drawing at our fall horse show. The proceeds will go to the Youth Council since that was the intention of the donation. Those in attendance agreed the winner would not be required to be present at the show to win the raffle. Dan will take care of getting the tickets printed and noted it cost about \$30.00 the last time we had them printed.
- Horse Show Committee – Mary Swecker explained the confusion about the July 31st date that was set for our horse show. After all the hard work the committee put forth by reserving the Broadway/Timberville show ring, booking Natasha Douglas as the photographer and getting the necessary pieces put together so we could have a show, it was brought to their attention regarding a conflict with the Tazewell, VA show. There was an error on all three calendars that listed horse show events. Since a majority of the people that show in our area enjoy going to the Tazewell show, and we affiliate with that show, we decided it was best to pick a new show date. After much discussion, Brooke Martin made a motion that our new show date would be Saturday, September

25, 2010, at the Broadway/Timberville show grounds. The motion was properly seconded by John Upson. Mary will contact the show grounds and Natasha to see if they have this date available.

Mary agreed to continue to be our correspondent for the Association. She reminded us about our website that has been created at www.virginiawalkinghorseassociation.org. Everyone is encouraged to submit notices, items for sale or wanted items to Ann Hawn so she can post them on the website. Mary also updated us with our number of fans on Facebook. As of the meeting, we have hit "100" fans. Mary will submit any announcements/articles to The Scoop and Walking Horse Report. These are another way to communicate with horse enthusiasts about the Association, meetings, and events we have planned.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred suggested that we have a scheduled monthly meeting so people can plan their schedule around them. After discussion from the group, it was agreed by those in attendance to have the monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of every month, beginning at 5:00pm at Gavin's Restaurant in Waynesboro, Virginia. John Upson volunteered to be the person who makes the arrangement with Gavin's so we have a room to ourselves.

Vice President, Reel, asked those in attendance if they knew the details as to why our horse show couldn't be called "Virginia Celebration". No one really knew why other than it was related to The Virginia Horse Center. Mary was interested in knowing the particulars and said she would investigate this issue and report her findings at our next meeting. There was light discussion on what our show could be named. Kay Swisher suggested Virginia Walking Horse Celebration; she supported that by saying we had our Association name in it so people would know who was putting on the show. More discussion on this topic will resume at our next meeting.

With no more discussion, our next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2010, at 5:00pm, at Gavin's Restaurant in Waynesboro, VA.

Vice President, Reel, adjourned the meeting by wishing safe travels to everyone and thanking them for attending the meeting. At 4:15pm Mary Swecker made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and it was properly second by Kay Swisher.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Skelly,
VWHA Secretary