

Equine Advisory Committee

Annie Widger, Chairman

Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee Meeting
Cattaraugus County Center, Little Valley, New York
June 17, 2008

Advisory Committee Members Present: Lenny Brainard, Terry Crisafulli, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, Thomas Livak, Lori Northrup, Robert Pfohl, James Toner, Mary Beth Trenchard, Veronica Weber, Annie Widger, JoAnne Young

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Judy Dalton, Bonnie Hall, James Little, Sharon Nolan
General Attendance: James Isaacson, Senior Planner; Janet Pfohl, Luke Brainard, Becky Smith, Rachel Kent, Katie Heath

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Annie Widger, Chairman.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Toner motioned with a second from Mary Beth Trenchard that the minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting be approved as written. Carried.

Committee Reports

Trails – Limestone has applied for a grant with the NYSDOT to build a trail from Pennsylvania to the Allegany State Park. *Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____ to send a letter of support for the concept of more trails. Carried.* Annie will work on the letter.

Marketing - Trail maps were passed out to all present. Lori Northrup reported that she has not heard from Ride America people to date. James Isaacson would like to compile a 'story board' for the person chosen to do filming of video. He will meet with Annie Widger, Mary Beth Trenchard and Becky Smith in the near future to develop.

Advocacy – Leah Leising reported that e-mails were sent to everyone to request support of different things. She shared some sample letters of support from Equine folks in support of the Farmersville property. Tom Livak stated that the County owns the property. He recommended that letters of ideas for development be sent to Jerry Burrell, Donna Vickman and/or Charlie Hebdon.

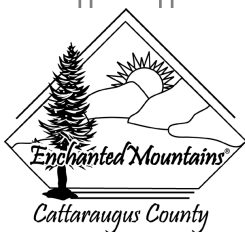
Events – JoAnne Young stated she will forward event e-mails to Annie Widger and handed out flyers.

Old Business-

Wagon Train – Next meeting is July 15th at the Little Valley Fire Hall at 7 pm. This will be the last meeting before the send off. It is very important that anyone wishing to be involved attend this meeting. Everything is going well, towns are stepping up with activities etc, should go smoothly.

Leah Leising motioned with a second from Lenny Brainard to purchase T-shirts for contest winners. Carried.

Equine Ed Barn at Fair – Annie Widger is working on getting the floor fixed so there will not be as much dust - Kim Kidd is contact person. Anyone who would like to help with the activities etc. during fair week, please contact Annie. It is our goal to educate people about horses, safety, and their care. Anything you feel would be of value to display etc., let Annie know.



New Business

Discussion on merging of Cattaraugus County Horseman's Association (CCHA) and Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee (CCEAC) – remain separate until 12/31/08 when terms of current CCEAC members expire. Concerns: Will the Legislature stay involved? Cost of membership?

JoAnne Young motioned with a second from Len Brainard that we explore the ramifications of a merge while maintaining a relationship with the Legislature. Carried.

Tom Livak announced that he will be leaving County employment at the end of July. All members thanked him for his continual support and wished him only the best in his new job! He will be greatly missed.

Next Meeting - August 19th at the Allegany Firemen's Park at 7 pm. This is where the Wagon Train will be camping for the night.

Adjournment

Bob Pfohl motioned with a second from Tom Livak to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Trenchard, Secretary

APPROVED AS WRITTEN ON AUGUST 19, 2008.