

Minutes of the NSC Meeting, Dec. 3rd, 2014

Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers

Present: : Gina Dehoog, Erin Rowsell, Ron Brown, Leah Germain, Downie Phillips, Tina Hackle, Anika Gattiker

Called to order: 7.04pm

Additions to Agenda: new forms online, bursaries

Approval of minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read. M/S Erin + Downie, AIF.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was presented. M/S Anika + Leah, AIF

Correspondence:

- Capri Insurance renewal form, approx. \$975, Erin will pay for Jan. 1st, 2015
- HCBC renewal, \$78.40
- Letter from Lars Hobenshield re logger sports for next year. Gina read it out at the BVAIA AGM, lots of changes will be made but he will let us know if something will be built.
- Letter from Kim Hunter with request for an Adult Camp following Kid's Camp next year (maybe 3 days?), short discussion, might be possible, could be hard to get horses, tabled until February 2015.

New Dates: None

Old Business:

- Update for covered round pen. Coverall buildings are too expensive, approx. \$70,000 w/o concrete blocks. Not worth pursuing. An idea was proposed to extend the end of the arena in an L-shape and close it off and put the round pen in there. Discussion was tabled on that idea and maybe Geri will have an update on the grant situation by February 2015.
- BVAIA AGM went well
- NSC wind up supper: some backcountry horsemen attended, main NSC volunteer group was there. Santa appeared for the kids and some of the members. Fun evening, excellent potluck, great 50th NSC cake and good silent auction items. Still approx. \$-150 in the hole but that was to be expected. For next year, if we do a wind up with a dance it will have to be public and we would need more volunteers, DD service. Tabled for further discussion.

- Newsletter: Anika had sent out the draft the day before, some changes were made and it will be sent out soon. Notice of AGM in February will be included and it will be mentioned that we still need VP and secretary position filled.
- Bingo: All organized for Dec. 4th. Cloud 9 Esthetics is sponsoring the prizes. Gail should have enough volunteers.
- New membership and ground rental forms for 2015 are now available online.

New Business:

- Use of round pen in indoor arena during the winter: Geri did a survey and of the 30 members that used the arena last winter, 20 replied, 12 thereof used the round pen and 8 didn't. Schedule will be like last year, the round pen will be up for the 2nd half of every month starting Jan. 15th and in alternating ends of the arena. M/S Erin + Anika, AIF
- Bingo lottery money must be spent by March 31st, 2015. Didn't we use it for the new arena groomer? Tabled to February when Geri is back.
- Motion made by Erin to set up \$100 spending a/c for Tony Gardner at the Feed Store to help with rescue horses from Houston. Downie 2nd, AIF.
- Bursaries: Erin suggested instead of accepting applications every year for the bursaries, to up the NSC donation to the BVX by \$200 and use the money towards two special awards. The Betty Thibault could be a junior dressage something award and the NSC something else. She will word a proposal for the February meeting.
- Leah will send out more thank you cards to our sponsors
- Gina will let the Hudson Bay Lodge know that we are not having a meeting in January and need the larger room for the Feb. AGM.

Meeting adjourned: 8.12 M/S Leah + Ron, AIF

No January meeting

Next meeting: February 4th, 2015 right after the AGM