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HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



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Horse Council BC

Zone 1 East Kootenay Annual General Meeting Sunday February 21, 2010 Super Store Meeting Room @ 1pm

Welcome & Call to Order

Attendance

9 people

Business Arising:

BC Horse Council

Equine Canada: Discussion of events, benefits harmonized membership, service agreement in the works, board decision, Akaash M and his position. Provinces that are in and provinces that are out and what they are currently doing to revamp. Read Sarah's report on decisions made, and explanation of our position. Mentioned member numbers in BC.

Office: Spoke from Lisa's notes on what's going on in the office...

Recreation: Went over report that Ruth provided, mentioning all that is going on in the recreation dept.

Coaching: Went over report the Wendy provided, briefly going over what's new in the coaching area, and the revisions within the EC coaching programs, upcoming events etc.

Competition: Discussed problems with hosting shows etc, explained what shows HC will administer and what shows are administered by EC, talked on the Equine Drugs and Medication program ie now administered by EC office in Ottawa.

Industry: Mainly discussed upcoming conference in Kelowna 2011 referring to E- bulletin from Gord , asked for ideas on what should be included, mentioned Hilary Clayton.

2009 Award Recipients: Let everyone know who had won 2009 awards.

BC Summer Games: Provided info on where and when the games are being held, mentioned that

we need qualifiers (contact office for more info).

Zone 1 Business

Treasurer's Report: Peter Fischer, treasurer, gave financial report for Zone 1

Insurance: Spoke about benefits of belonging to HCBC highlighted insurance benefits from Capri

Restrictions for 2010 Funding: Explained cutbacks to Zones because of cutbacks in grant funding provincially, used Gary's report from November board meeting.

Kootenay Events Calendar: Made sure everyone knew about the calendar of events that the West Kootenays creates, as well as mentioning that they will happily add events from the East Kootenays until such time that we have enough going on to create our own.

"Rails to Trails" Project: Al Skucas to present layed out aspects of the "Rails to Trails" project effectively... although this project is pretty much finished (all paved) equestrians will now be included in future developments where possible. Our city council apparently not forthcoming with info, and quite secretive with this project. Al knows that we won't go away in so many words.

Letter of Support from HCBC thanks to Ruth and Isabel, the letter of support was read to attending members.

Question Period (all questions answered to the best of Al's ability....)

Horses in High School: Arlene Ridge to present presented on this program, asking that we all "spread the word" to prospective students. This is a great way to earn credits in High School for horse enthusiasts! Also mentioned the need for host families for the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (which I had never been aware of!!!!) Can HC help with this?

Questions/Comments all very interested in this Program, all took the brochures Arlene provided. I mentioned that perhaps some info could go out in our E-bulletin or newsletters. Also said that the brochures should go into the schools, local tack shops and ads go in local papers under community services.

Should be noted that members were made aware HCBC welcomes interest in becoming Zone Directors, and other positions are at times available within the organization. Zone 1 Directors position graciously declined by those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30

About Horse Council BC

Horse Council BC is a member service organization committed to working together on behalf of the equine interests of our members. Representing horse enthusiasts in BC, we collaborate with individuals, businesses, industry professionals, and government to strengthen communication, education, and safety. We strive to preserve and enhance equestrian use of public lands and to promote and foster participation in all varieties of equine activity.

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