

DHA MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2014

President Katie Yaranon called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

She asked the assembled Club members to review the “Proposed 2014 Calendar of DHA Events (see attachment).” Katie said that, since it is early in the year the proposed dates and events are still open to change and new events can be added. She said that Linda Stine, who is an expert on Mustang gentling and starting, and who also helps owners understand and modify unwanted horse behaviors, has offered to conduct a clinic. Club members suggested that they would like to watch the steps that Linda goes through when she brings a wild mustang home and helps it to adapt to its new life. Also club members would like Linda to conduct a trail clinic, maybe a trail trial. Both of these suggestions will be considered further and added to the clubs schedule of events if possible. Another suggestion was that DHA should have an overnight horse campout. If a club member wants to chair a campout, they should step forward with a proposal. Also, members can look into camping with Mike Garman’s WANAC group.

El Dorado Equestrian Trails Foundation (EETF) president Ann Blankenship has made a proposal that EETF and DHA merge our organizations. A group of four DHA members (Pam Greer, Linda Stine, Jaci Crowley and Jeanne Telaak), met prior to the January General Club meeting. They decided that because they and many other DHA members aren’t aware of the details of how EETF conducts its two major rides there are questions to be asked and lots of details that would need to be addressed before our general membership could decide if they are in favor of the proposed merger. The five major questions are below:

1. Has EDETF's general membership expressed their opinion of the proposed merger and what is their Board's position?
2. Who is going to be in charge of the Fun Ride and the Poker Ride? Has there been and/or should there be two major Subcommittees that are responsible for these rides?
 - a. What are the different jobs that must be staffed and completed to support the Fun Ride and the Poker Ride? How many people are required to fill the required positions? Is there an estimate of the required man hours?
3. EDETF has a large amount of money in their treasury. Their treasurer and others have expressed concern about what might happen to their money. Couldn't they save their money or donate it wherever they want? If their members want to be part of DHA they are certainly very welcome to join us.
4. Who will be responsible for Dru Barner any maintenance and needed improvements.
5. How do we know that EDETF's current members would show up to work on the rides or other projects if the two clubs are merged? Should we have a test run project at Dru Barner to see who would show up to work?