Meeting Minutes: 1/17/2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Katie Yaranon. Katie introduced the current Board members. She indicated that the vice president position is currently vacant; however, Karen Viani has volunteered to take the position and Jaci Crowley will fill in as vice president at large. Introductions were also given by those present. Katie then gave a brief overview of DHA's mission statement.

With regard to elections, the current Board members agreed to retain their positions on the Board, and a motion was made to reelect them for another term. The motion was seconded by everyone present.

It was stressed by Katie that DHA, as well as all equestrians, need to stay focused on our trails along with what is happening with ASRA this year. We need to make sure to keep an active presence on the trails. A couple areas also mentioned in that regard were Trail Patrol and the monthly Cronin clean-up. Leslie Graves discussed her attendance at the December 7 scoping meeting. It was not an official meeting. The next meeting will be this summer sometime (in preparation of the 2019 Plan). There was much discussion on the subject and all equestrians should be encouraged to get involved, as we are already outnumbered by the biking enthusiasts.

Parking at Cronin remains a problem for equestrians wishing to use those trails. Perhaps it's time to revive the subject again this year. Expanding the parking at Cronin would also involve the County, so the discussion would have to go beyond BLM.

There will not be a trainer's night this year due to the lack of local trainers now in our area. It seems Samantha March no longer comes to our area, so will be removed from our website directory. Sandy Smyth seems to remain an active trainer in our area. Leslie will verify with her.

Cindy Twyman mentioned she is a member of other horse clubs and would be happy to communicate any upcoming events/news. It was also noted that DHA is not folding or merging with another horse club, and that DHA is quite stable as a club. In reference to calendar events, members present liked the idea of holding the June 20 general meeting at Dru Barner for a nice change, giving those interested an opportunity to ride before the meeting. The subject of horse camping was again brought up and some locations were discussed. Katie said to call her if anyone is interested in coordinating a camping venture.

Also, folks were reminded that if they want to be in the Directory, they must have their membership form/check in before the end of February. Claudia Gibbens gave the treasurers report: \$819.54 in checking and \$6,067.32 in savings. DHA is also going to present Judy Adamson a \$100 gift certificate since she was so gracious to open her home up for the holiday party. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

All the best, Charlotte