

Meeting Minutes – 4/15/15

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Katie Yaranon. She firstly took the opportunity to introduce the Board. Then, the members present introduced themselves.

Katie announced DHA's play day scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at Cool Hills Ranch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of the clinic will be \$35 and \$5 for lunch. A sign-up sheet was passed around to members. Katie will be the contact person for the clinic.

The scheduled Trail Patrol qualifying ride will be on Monday (23rd) at 9:30 a.m. at Cronan.

Katie went over the newly published DHA Directory. Pam Greer did a great job on this year's Directory which included lots of information; i.e., listing of local trainers, emergency numbers, etc. A big thank you was given to Pam!!

Claudia Gibbens give the budget report: checking \$2,102.78 and savings \$6,264.37.

The Cool Hills Ranch open house was mentioned, and rumor has it that the event had been cancelled. Pam or Jeanne will confirm that with Cris.

Cronan Ranch will be closed for weed spraying, but dates are unknown at this time. The spraying is supposed to take place sometime in April.

There was discussion about DHA sponsoring a one-day "youth horsemanship" clinic. It would be a morning event. Katie would have to check with Cris about the availability of Cool Hills Ranch and whether they would like to participate. Members were asked their opinion about putting on this type of clinic to benefit the youth in our community. The target age group would be 8-12 and parents would be encouraged to be involved. The clinic would be more or less a "pilot" endeavor and perhaps later years could develop into a "pony club" environment. Volunteers were solicited. The thought was the event would be held sometime in July.

The subject of safety vests was again discussed. It is not known how much interest DHA members would have in learning more about these vests. There was discussion about having a representative from Safe Trail Alliance come to a general meeting to give a demonstration. The June 17 general meeting was suggested. Carole Wade is the contact who would coordinate the presentation. More information will follow in the Spring Newsletter.

There was conversation about having Judy Suter give a presentation about the Western States Trail multi-use trail situation. The targeted date would be the May 20 general meeting. Ann Blankenship agreed to coordinate.

Ann also talked about getting CCC (California Conservation Corp) members involved in the horse community by introducing them to horses. These youths have never been exposed to the rural life and this could be a rewarding experience for them. They are available for community service projects as well. Ann would be the contact person if anyone is interested in the program.

Ann reminded everyone about the Dru Barner fun ride. What they need at this juncture are riders...! The date is Sunday, May 24.

The Horse Expo will be June 5-6-7 this year. Carpooling is a great alternative to driving down solo. Debi Wagner mentioned that she is looking for someone to carpool with to the Expo.

There was a question about t-shirts. Linda Stine should be placing an order soon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.