

Meeting Minutes - 10/15/14

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Katie Yaranon. Appreciation was given to Charlotte (yours truly) for the summer/fall newsletter, to Claudia who hosted DHA's general meeting highlighted by a nice barbecue and a speaker from Loomis Basin Vet Clinic about foot care; and to Barbara Mancina for sharing her booth with DHA at the Taste of Divide day function. Ann Blankenship mentioned that DHA should consider having a booth at next year's Founder's Day in Georgetown - great idea!

Old Business

Katie briefly touched on the Cronan Ranch Project, but there really wasn't much to report. She did, however, encourage folks to send their e-mails/letters to the County Supervisors to voice their support of the Project. Addresses for all of the Supervisors are listed in the Newsletter.

The October Olmstead trail ride was cancelled due to lack of interest for someone to coordinate the ride.

There will be a Trail Patrol meeting in January, so further discussion on the subject will be tabled until then.

New Business

At the November general meeting, members will be asked to submit ideas for activities for the DHA 2015 calendar.

Pam has not yet heard back from Lesa about catering the holiday party. The cost of the tickets will be based on the price to cater the food. Estimates are in the range of \$18 to \$20 per ticket. Ann confirmed that GDETF will do the decorating for the party.

DHA's membership drive will take place at the January general meeting. DHA will host a wine tasting affair for the occasion.

Katie and Pam, while riding at Cronan, came across a couple of riders who had encountered hunters to their surprise. Katie ran through the lists of allowable guns at the meeting that could be used by hunters, but it doesn't appear that there is anything posted in the kiosk about hunting at Cronan. It should be noted that there is no hunting allowed at Olmstead. Tracking the trail usage at Cronan is important since funds are predicated on that count. Those funds go towards improvements.

Speaking of kiosks, there will be a kiosk project either October or November. Jeff is to provide the dates.

Ann let folks know that old corrals are being taken out at Balderson, so more parking will be available.

T-shirts will go on sale at the January membership meeting.

Katie asked members present what their favorite DHA activity was, as well as their impression of DHA in general. Folks liked the social scene and potlucks, and they liked trainer's night when they had a chance to hear from local trainers. Favorite clinics included the fun day, obstacle clinics and gymkana.

DHA is still working with Silver Spurs for future clinics. There was conversation about bringing Shawna Karrasch back for a clinic with her clicker training. That idea and other suggestions are expected to be submitted at the November general meeting. Some members like the idea of horse camping as well.

Ann wanted to mention that new corrals are going in at Dru Barner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.