

Bedford Equine Association

Bedford Presbyterian Church Community Center

February 17, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting Minutes

7: 05 p.m. Meeting opened by Richard Toms, acting president of BEA.

- Recognized Diana Hobson of Western Ways tack shop for a generous gift to BEA
- Introduced Board of Directors and Officers
- Then asked each person attending to state their names.
- Announcements:
 - The proposed by-laws are on the BEA website
 - We plan to have printed copies at the next meeting.

Presentation:

- Jacque, using Power Point reviewed respondents of questionnaires from January attendees.
 - Breeds & numbers of horses represented by respondents
 - Diversity of equine activities of represented by respondents
 - Categories of skills willing to help BEA
 - Finally, the mandate given by the respondents for BEA's activities.

Richard gave the opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

- Attendee interested in trails.
 - Marshall explained that are 70 miles of trails in Bedford County.
- New attendee questioned where there might be a horse show facility. Richard explained that there may be land near landfill usable for show grounds owned by Bedford County.
- Question – is the effort to have Bedford County to own and maintain facility? Richard said no. Probably would be a panel that would run the facilities. Bedford County would donate the land.

Richard asked for fundraisers ideas from attendees.

- games
- Bake sale
- Event with food and entertainment
- Bring in horse specialist/clinic
- Dinner at our meetings
- Donate part of stud fee
- Sponsors for go kart racing
- Harley ride
- Poker run on horseback

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- Selling ads on website

Another promotional idea BEA:

- Have Fox video tape meeting of BEA for promotion

Another attendee announced the resource for Bedford County - Bedford Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board. Putting a e d a b into a google search you can find out what agricultural activities and events are planned in Bedford County plus many other resources.

Announcement by Marshall:

May 9th Draft horse show at Greenhill about 40 classes – 3 rings.

Person in the audience brought up a horse abuse case. Stormie said she was aware of this particular case and talked about supporting Bedford County officials. Educating them positively & supportively and not give up with the county administration on this issue was the most helpful approach.

Richard announced:

- Parade of breeds for Sedalia fair, encouraged bringing your horses for promotion of your breed, not your particular farm - September 12, 2009 – contact Richard Toms/Stormie Shelton-Hazen.

Suggestion from audience:

- Post BEA meeting announcement at Southern States.

Richard:

- Encouraged folks to sign up on committee sheets and a fundraiser committee sheet was added.
- Announced next meeting 3rd Tuesday of the Month probably at same location.

Meeting over 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jacque Battle, Secretary