

Bedford Equine Association

Bedford Presbyterian Church Community Center

June 23, 2009

Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 7:15 p.m. by Stormie Shelton-Hazen, Vice-President

Meeting Minutes: "Joe Villa" changed to Joe Pillow approved with changes.

- Reports Richard has been talking with a variety of agricultural groups.
- 9 rescued horses stayed local. 2 had to be humanely destroyed. 3 have been placed. 4 more horses need to be placed. They have had very little handling, but are responding appropriately. Please contact Richard or Stormie regarding placing the horses.
- Joe Pillow here for questions about auction.

Auction can definitely make you money. Need to work bring in plenty of stuff by members. Have other things going on at the same time – horse show, equine tack flea market – selling food for attendees, have a wine tasting, then at the end of the day have the auction. Do it after school starts. Joe Pillow can do fliers. Biggest expense, renting facility - \$300-350. Advertising in paper ~\$100 for 2 weeks. Dinner in the evening – have tickets. Concessions outside. Door prizes. Joe can help with "draw downs". Need tax slips to donatees once non-profit status. Can get up to \$1500 tax-exemption. Get the sheriff to put up caution signs for the day's events.

The earlier the auction sign goes up, the more people show up

Get free media coverage. Make it a big day. Then you can commit to do it annually.

Have information booth about BEA.

- Sedalia fair September 12, using a Parade of Breeds.

Need to get a list of horses/breeds.

- Next meeting at Astride for Pride July 28th at 7:00 p.m. for pulling/driving clinic by Marshall. Directions will be on website. Bring chairs if you want to sit. There will be shade.
- Patricia Fitzsimmons, on the board for the Virginia Land Conservancy. Spoke to land preservation for watershed or farmland thru an easement. The organization can help you understand the process and what the positives and considerations. VA Land Conservancy is all non-profit, all volunteer organization – does not hold the easement.
- Marshall spoke with Rangers and has set up an appointment in July. He's just now getting a staff of folks that would be cleared for safely clearing trails.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jacque Battle, Secretary