

Bedford Equine Association
Bedford Presbyterian Church Community Center
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Membership Meeting Minutes

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Discussion around postponing the previously discussed fundraising auction until after the first of the year to allow more time for planning and collecting auction items. All members on hand for meeting seemed to agree that this was a good idea.

In an effort to have some fundraising activity this year the group discussed Donkey Basketball Missy Wade will take charge of the fundraising group and investigate finding someone to supply the Donkey's for the basketball game and contacting either a Bedford Cty school or the Armory in order to have a location for the event.

Missy Wade will turn over Secretarial duties to Shelby Cross who recently joined the BEA Board, replacing Jacque Battle.

The BEA is still looking for more participation at the upcoming Sedalia Country Fair. Horses will be on display from 10:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday September 12th

There will be a parade of breeds and some of the breeds that have already been identified as participating are; QH, Paint, Mini, Appaloosa, Saddlebred, Percheron, Shire and Haflinger Other activities at the fair will include a "Down on the Farm" photo contest, participants can enter up to 3 8x10 photos for judging

"Amazing Grace" the trick mule owned by Steve Foster will be attending again this year Help is needed starting at 10:00am on Friday the 11th for set up

The BEA will have a booth at the Bedford Center Fest on Saturday September 26th. All members who wish to volunteer to help man the booth have been asked to sign up. We would like to have one horse at the booth to represent our organization.

Mr. Jeff Powers and Mr. Stroobants have both expressed an interest in meeting with the BEA and discussing the joint interest in creating an Agricultural Facility in Bedford County and working with the county to provide land for this facility. The interest is for a full AG center that would encompass a wide range of agricultural activities, not just equine's.

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The Bedford Agricultural Board is interested in representing the BEA and working towards a full Agricultural Facility within Bedford County. The AG Board will be forming their own internal committee to work towards this type of facility in conjunction with the BEA.

The St. Jude's Fundraising Trail Ride will be held on October 31, 2009 at the James River State Park. All members wishing to participate should contact the BEA to join, a sign-up sheet was also distributed at the meeting.

VA State Forests now charge a permit fee of \$15 per year for all hiking, biking, riding, etc. on the State Forest land. This went into effect on July 1, 2009 and only impacts State Forest, not Federal Parks or County Parks.

There was a horse stolen recently in Amherst County and it is believed the horse was stolen and sold for meat. The BEA asks everyone to please be aware of this concern and share this information with friends and neighbors.

The BEA voted to donate \$100 to a neighboring county to support a horse rescue case that is very similar to the horse rescue that recently took place in Bedford County. There are fewer horses involved in this county and it is believed that \$100 will go a long way in supporting this effort.

The BEA is having an order of T-shirts made up with the organization's new logo. There will be a variety of sizes and colors available for members to purchase.