

Bedford Equine Association

Bedford Presbyterian Church Community Center

7:00 p.m. May 26th, 2009

Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 7:15 p.m. by Richard Toms

Meeting Minutes: approved

Treasurer's Report: Missy not present read the 5-14-2009 Board meeting minutes report of April bank statement \$868.51 balance. There were deposits made that day from membership dues. There were no outstanding checks.

Ray Trail spoke with Joe Villa who said he would do an auction at no charge. Usually there is a \$300 charge. The members bring in the donations. He reported that you can get \$1000 to \$10000 for a day of auction minus the building rental fee of \$150. It takes 1-6 weeks to put together. We're looking to a fall date.

Motioned, seconded with all yeas to proceed with plans for an auction as a fundraiser & set a date.

Richard Toms circulated the show grounds "Wish list". Two suggestions were added: 1) using the words "show office," and 2) round pen be 60'.

Next was the request for someone with CAD or power point to bring the layout of the wishlist into a visual presentation.

Richard said other leaders of agricultural interests have seen the wish list & don't oppose anything. Their only concern was to have it easy to reconfigure for their scale of use which is generally smaller spaces than what horse activities demand.

Regarding Fallen Creek park becoming a horseback riding location: From conversations Richard has had, Bedford is not open to having park open for horses.

Richard Toms discussed that 24 horses were rescued by Bedford County. Most were taken by the National Equine Rescue League, but a few were kept local. BEA has developed a fund to help with local people who are giving foster care for horse feed/vet/farrier care. The BEA Horse Rescue Fund will be funds that are kept separate & once we have our 501(c) (3) status a donation will be tax deductible.

Meeting Adjourned about 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jacque Battle, Secretary