

Equine Advisory Committee

Annie Widger, Chairman

Cattaraugus County Equine Advisory Committee Meeting
Nash Hill Equestrian Center
10999 Persia Road, Gowanda, NY
February 28, 2008

Advisory Committee Members Present: Lenny Brainard, Terry Crisafulli, Bonnie L. Hall, Jim Leising, Leah Leising, Robert Pfohl, James Toner, Mary Beth Trenchard, Annie Widger, JoAne O. Young

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Judy Dalton, James Little, Sharon R. Nolan, Lori Northrup, Veronica Weber, Thomas Livak

General Attendance: James Isaacson, Senior Planner; Terry Martin, County Consultant, Luke Brainard, Marge Domres, Jorie Hall, Janet Pfohl

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Annie Widger, Acting Chair.

Election of Officers

First order of business was to elect a new chair. Discussion on duties of each office and opened the floor to nominations for Chair.

Annie Widger nominated. No other nominations. Secretary cast one vote. Annie Widger new Chair of committee.

Nominations for Vice Chair. Annie Widger nominated James Toner. Robert Pfohl seconded. No other nominations from floor. Secretary cast one vote. James Toner is Vice Chair.

Nominations opened for Secretary. None obtained. Mary Beth Trenchard accepted second term as Secretary.

Nominations opened for Assistant Secretary. Leah Leising accepted. No other nominations. Secretary cast one vote. Leah Leising is Assistant Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Robert Pfohl made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2008 minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Len Brainard. Passed.

Old Business

Update on NYS Ag & Markets Grant – James Isaacson reported that there has been no news – no decision has been posted – he will keep checking.



Membership – Annie Widger presented that we need new members. Names were given from various members for consideration. County Legislature did the first appointments/requests. It was suggested that we follow the same letter format. Letter to be obtained from the County.

Upcoming Seminars – Annie Widger and Leah Leising presented information on upcoming seminars. Annie Widger sent press releases to newspapers for general public to attend. All events will be on web site and in local papers.

Reports

Advocacy – New Jersey talking about taking away the Department of Agriculture. Illinois – promoting licensing Rescue stables. On MyEquine.com there is information on animal ID program.

Marketing – Web Site up and running. Check it out for events and businesses. Get your events to Becky Smith at the County Building as soon as possible to update the site. James Isaacson went over the new draft for the brochure – looking for new sharp Equine pictures. Needs write ups for the trails, parking areas and access points.

Wagon Train – Bonnie Hall reported that the Wagon Train meeting went well. Many interested people came in spite of the weather. There was talk of a time capsule. Equine Committee was offered space for something in the time capsule. Send ideas to Terry Martin.

Youth Contest – Leah Leising has entry forms or get them from the Equine Committee web site. We are looking for a business to sponsor a youth. Leah showed an ad in Trail Ride Magazine – April issue regarding the Wagon Train.

New Business

Many thanks to Nash Hill Equestrian Center for hosting our meeting and giving us a tour! They are having a Seminar Open House April 4, 5 and 6. All are invited back to join in on the educational seminars, and to tour the facility. Vendors will also be available.

Next Meeting

March 25, 2008 in Little Valley at the County Center at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

James Leising made a motion with a second from Robert Pfohl to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Trenchard, Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED MARCH 25, 2008.