

**Pennsylvania Equine Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Final Minutes  
August 14, 2018  
Ag Progress Days  
State College, Pennsylvania**

1. **Call Meeting to order** – The meeting was called to order by Acting President, Bud Wills at 5:40 pm.
2. **Roll Call :**
  - A. **Board of Directors Present:** Bud Wills, Acting President; Shawnda Felton, Treasurer; Gail Eichelberger, Recording Secretary; Linda Golden, Sharon Kessler, Mike Kraft, Edith Ryan, Skip Seifert, Burt Staniar, Ann Swinker , Charlie Van Auken and Elaine Winters.
  - B. **Board of Directors by Teleconference:** Not available for this meeting.
  - C. **Board of Directors Absent:** Aleta Seifert, Corresponding Secretary, Judy Cole, Donna Foulk, Amanda Gerner, Jeanne Goforth, Capri Stiles-Mikesell, Desilene Phillips and Tammy Witherup.
  - D. **Guests:** Stanley Kessler, John Ryan and Gwen Wills.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes of the May 19, 2018 meeting were emailed to members of the Board of Directors for review prior to the meeting. See attached. *A motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2018 Board of Director’s Meeting with a correction of the dates for the November Annual Meeting and Issues Forum to November 16 and 17, 2018 was made by Linda Golden, seconded by Mike Kraft. With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.*
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Shawnda Felton reported. A Financial Statement was emailed to members of the Board of Directors for review. See attached. Beginning balance June 1, 2018 was \$37,364.67. Total deposits for June were \$2,776.72; total payments were \$5,514.29. Ending balance June 30, 2018 was \$34,627.10. Beginning balance July 1, 2018 was \$34,627.10. Total deposits for July were \$3,808.45; total payments were \$5,858.24. Ending balance July 31, 2018 was \$32,577.31. *A motion to accept the treasurer’s report subject to audit was made by Edith Ryan, seconded by Mike Kraft. Motion passed.*

Skip Seifert questioned the small interest amount that went into the money market account. There was a discussion about how we can handle our accounts to get better interest on them. Elaine commented that we should not invest all of the money in case of an emergency. *A motion to have Treasurer, Shawnda Felton investigate investment options and bring the information back to the Board was made by Skip Seifert, seconded by Burt Stanier. With no further discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed.*

5. **Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Aleta Seifert emailed the Secretary's Report to members of the Board of Director's for review prior to the meeting. Aleta sent a thank you note to the Modern Landfill in York County for their donation of material for the trail mitigation project organized by Nedra Applegate at York County's Spring Valley County Park. We received a thank you note from KILE for our support of the Draft Horse Youth Team 8-13 Class for the 2018 show.
6. **Foundation Report** – Jeanne Goforth emailed her report. There is \$166.47 in the scholarship fund. There is \$45,024.63 in the Foundation account. Gwen Wills reported that the Trail Stewardship Program is waiting for an approval of a \$20,000.00 grant.

## 7. Old Business

- A. **Coalition of State Horse Councils Meeting, Wasington D.C.**– The meeting was attended by Bud Wills, Gwen Wills, Burt Staniar and Ann Swinker. Ann Swinker reported on some of the highlights of the meeting. The Wild Horse and Burro issue is still a hot topic. The BLM program is not looked at favorably. It was suggested that people are given \$1,000.00 to adopt a wild horse and use the money to have it trained. The Electronic Logging Device was discussed. The law requiring commercial drivers to start using the ELDs has been postponed for livestock haulers. The International Association of Equine Dentistry is concerned about laws being passed that would not allow dentists to work on horses without a veterinary license if they use tranquilizers. The American Horse Council and the Breeds Association are doing good work with their program. Burt Staniar reported on the Health and Regulatory Committee. There is discussion on importing and exporting and also microchipping for disease tracking. Gwen Wills reported on the Recreation and Land Use Committee. The committee discussed how they could reduce some of the red tape involved when preparing to work on trails. The bike groups want to be allowed to ride in wilderness areas. There was not a lot of support for that.

The Federal Land Transfer Act would allow for the sale of federal land. Not sure what the boundaries would be for that. Bud Wills reported on the Show Committee. The discussion was about the Non-Commercial Class A license. If the requirement would be federal then drivers would be legal driving in any state.

- B. Annual Meeting and Issues Forum**– Bud Wills reported – The Board Meeting will be held November 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm and the Issues Forum will be held on November 17, 2018. The location is the Super 8 Hotel in State College. Some of the proposed topics were the Lantern Fly Invasion, Ride Safe Program and Child Abuse Recognition requirements.
- C. PEC Members Trail Ride at Bob Summers Allegheny Horse Camp**– Charlie Van Auken reported. The ride took place August 2 - 5, 2018. There was rain Friday morning but then cleared for the rest of the weekend. There were 37 participants with 1 non-rider and 2 no shows. There were 6 County Directors that came and there were 6 people that were able to come for the second time. There was a little problem with the caterer getting the dates wrong but all was easily resolved. Skip will look at dates for next year. The first weekend in August seems to work well.
- D. PEC Members Trail Ride at Two Mile Run County Park**- The ride will take place September 13-16, 2018. The cost is \$60.00 per person. The money will be donated to the park for trail maintenance. The application can be found in the newsletter.
- E. Wild West Summer Fest at York Fairgrounds**- Skip Seifert and Mike Kraft reported on this event. It was very successful. There are thoughts of doing it again. Mike shared with us about the racing competitions that took place at the event.
- F. ELC at York Fair and Bloomsburg Fair** – Mike Kraft reported. Mike is working on the volunteer list for the York Fair. There is still a need for coverage for afternoon and evening shifts. Joan Pauley will be overseeing the ELC at the Bloomsburg Fair. She is working on getting a shut made that would stay at the fairgrounds. There was also discussion about giving her the PEC trailer that we currently have and purchasing another one. Joan would like to have all of her own PEC material to keep for that event.

**G. Day of the Horse at the Harrisburg Capitol Update** – Linda Golden reported. We would set up a display at the Capitol on Monday, October 15, 2018. The legislators will be in session on Tuesday. We would have one of the plastic horses with western tack at the display. Skip Seifert asked if we have a plan on what we would like to discuss with the legislators. Volunteers would be needed for set up Monday and for Tuesday.

## **8. New Business**

**A. Upcoming Nominations and Elections**– Bud Wills reported. Bud will send out a notification to the board members that are up for re-election.

**B. Coalition of State Horse Councils’ Fall Meeting** – Bud Wills reported. The meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Bud and Gwen Wills have been asked to present 2 programs at the conference. Ann Swinker is the Vice President of the Coalition of Horse Councils. *A motion to approve the attendance of Bud Wills, Gwen Wills and Ann Swinker at the Fall Meeting of the Coalition of State Horse Councils in Phoenix, Arizona was made by Skip Seifert, seconded by Burt Staniar. With no further discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.* There will also be an American Horse Council Fall Ride Meeting in Washington D.C. on September 26 and 27, 2018. This meeting is an opportunity to meet with the senators and legislators in support of the Horse Caucus. Bud Wills, Gwen Wills, Sharon Kessler and Shawnda Felton agreed to attend this meeting.

**C. Donation Request from the American Association of Equine Practitioners** – Bud Wills reported. Bud had checked with the organization and they did not know why we received this request. They will no longer be getting Federal funding. This may be the reason. The EDCC receives a \$500.00 donation annually from us over a three year period.

**D. Trail Mitigation at York Spring Valley Park** – Skip Seifert reported. Nedra Applegate did all the work to organize this project. The report was shared with Board members. The project took place on May 19, 2018. A 60 foot section of spring water compromised muddy Trail 3 at York County Park System was repaired. All of the volunteers were PEC members and the council thanks Nedra for all of her help with this project.

## 9. Committee Reports

**A. Advertising** –Bud Wills reported. There will be advertising in the *Paper Horse*.

**B. Collegiate/Youth Membership** – Capri Stiles-Mikesell had no report.

**C. Education Grant and Scholarship Programs** – Gail Eichelberger reported. Report attached. An Education Grant application was received from the Bucks County 4H Hippology Team. They would be representing Pennsylvania at the North American International Livestock Exposition and the All American Quarter Horse Congress. The grant would help to cover some of the cost to attend. *A motion to give the Bucks County 4H Hippology Team a grant in the amount of \$500.00 was made by Mike Kraft, seconded by Skip Seifert. With no further discussion the vote was taken and the motion was approved.* We also received applications for scholarships from Caleigh Anderson and Margaret Brice. Their applications will be scored and a recommendation will be made for the scholarship awards.

**D. Electronic Director’s Manual** – Capri Stiles-Mikesell had no report.

**E. Equine Learning Center** – Mike Kraft reported. Report attached. The schedule for Ag Progress days is set for this week. The next events will be the York Fair and Bloomsburg Fair. Volunteers are always needed to help with these events.

**F. Equine Health and Regulations** – Burt Staniar reported. There will be a meeting in the upcoming future.

**G. Facebook** – Amanda Gerner reported. Report attached. We have over 1500 Likes on our page. Amanda will continue to post events and important information.

**H. Legislation** - Linda Golden reported. Report attached. Linda explained HR 544. This bill was removed from the table in the Senate on June 22, 2018. This would have amended Act 386 of 1960 adding a liability clause for recreational land owners. Linda also reported on a call involving a bear and horses breaking down a fence and the means the owner had to take to find and retrieve her horse.

**I. Membership** – Shawnda Felton reported. Report attached. There are 36 Association/Association Plus memberships which includes approximately 2,001 members, 168 new memberships and 601 renewal memberships. We have 12 out-of-state memberships.

**J. Newsletter** – Judy Cole reported. Report attached. The next newsletter will be printed in the *East Coast Equestrian*. Articles and information for the next newsletter is needed by August 21, 2018. The *East Coast Equestrian* should come out about October 5, 2018

**K. Nominations** – Bud Wills reported. Information covered under New Business.

**L. PennAg Liaison** – Skip Seifert reported. There was a meeting but Skip could not attend. The meeting discussed projects that are being done at Penn State University.

**M. Policies and Procedures** – Bud Wills reported. They are a work in progress.

**N. Signs** – Skip Seifert reported. Report attached. There is an ample supply of signs. There were 42 shipments of signs made since the last meeting. A total of 213 signs were sent out.

**O. Sponsorship** – Skip Seifert and Mike Kraft. No report.

**P. State Director Chair** – No report.

**Q. Trails** – Bud Wills reported. Report attached. Bud and Gwen have been busy. The 3 day workshop in State College had good attendance this year but unfortunately because of rain the outdoor work project could not be done. On September 6, 2018 the Equine Camp at Promised Land State Park will be dedicated. There are also a number of other activities scheduled for the Fall.

## **10. Additional Business**

**A. Penn National Horse Show-** Skip Seifert reported. There is a need for volunteers to help with the set up for the horse show. Skip felt that due to the small amount of attendees that visit our display, is it not worth setting up the PEC display. *A motion to not participate with a PEC display this year at the Penn National Horse Show was made by Skip Seifert, seconded by Elaine Winters. With no further discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed.*

**B. 2019 Annual Issues Forum** – There was a discussion about the possible change in venue for the meeting in 2019. We can check with the Holiday Inn in Grantville. Member Bob Sneed knows someone that works there. A committee will be formed to look into options.

**C. Meeting Dates**

- (1) November 16- Annual Meeting– Super 8 Hotel, State College, 5:30 pm
- (2) November 17 - Issues Forum - Super 8 Hotel, State College, 8:00 am

**12. Meeting Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Kessler, seconded by Edith Ryan. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Gail R. Eichelberger*

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Recording Secretary