

BIT & SPUR SADDLE CLUB MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2012

Meeting held at the Cherry Street West Building; President David Gant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 29, 2011 meeting were read by the Club Secretary, Tracey Winder-Marsh. Motion made by Tracey Cook to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeremy Chism. Minutes approved.

David redirected the meeting and led the present 23 members in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer before proceeding with the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gay O'Rourke presented the treasurers report; Total as of 01/26/2012, \$5436.10. Electricity is off to save the club money on the utility bill during the winter months. Yard lights remain on. Gay informed members that we will be getting a refund from the utility office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FUNDRAISERS: David Gant

UHCA (Ultimate Horseman's Challenge Association) has requested to hold it's annual large show at our facility in 2012; this commits them to a minimum of 70 riders in the sanctioned event. David asked club members to be thinking of any extreme horseman's challenge ideas.

Mud runs will be held again at our facility in 2012. The Mudrunners Association has a new President. David will be talking with him about the events closer to summer. David has already widened the pit.

Rodeo: Tracey Cook asked if we would be doing a rodeo in 2012. Discussions about what contractor to use for stock, etc were had, but tabled until a later date. David asked Jeremy Chism to help head up getting sponsorships for a rodeo if we hold one as this is very time consuming.

MAINTENANCE: David Gant

David announced our goals this year for maintenance need to include the following:

- 1) Fix the speaker wire.
- 2) Once spring really arrives, all members are asked to come 30 minutes before a meeting at the club, bring buckets and "pooper scoopers" to pick up any remaining rocks in the arena.
- 3) Tony reported 1 of the windows at the snack bar has been broken and suggested it be replaced with Plexi-glass to avoid future rocks breaking the glass. It was also suggested that the frame around the winder is rotting and should also be replaced at the same time.
- 4) David Gant and Delbert Shields have fixed the water leak in the road.

- 5) Gay O'Rourke mentioned replacing the roof with tin and cover the entire building with tin to avoid future rotting and the need to paint and minimize upkeep on the building. David Gant is going to check into cost of the material for this project.
- 6) Jim Neely reported that a pipe on the South end of the area where the calf roping chutes were originally to be made needs to be replaced.
- 7) David Gant suggested all gates around the arena need to be adjusted as they are all leaning and maybe put wheels on the ends of the gates to prevent this from happening and make them easier to open and close.

TRAIL RIDES: Donita Bracken

Donita was not present, but members who participated in the New Years Trail ride at Big Hill reported there were 15 riders and it was a beautiful New Years Day.

VET DAY: Jim Neely

Paul Cotterell, DVM normally comes to the club sometime during the month of March. A vote was taken as to whether we would want Dr. Cotterell to be contacted to come again and it the majority vote ruled for Dr. Cotterell to come in March, 03/03/2012 at 09:00 a.m. We can reschedule if it is raining, OR possibly check with Jerry Jordan about having the "vet day" held at his new arena nearby. Jim will check with Jerry. Jim will need to get Dr. Cotterell a count of how many horses will be attending so he can plan accordingly. Email Jim @ jim.neely@frontierfarmcredit.com or call 433-0045.

EKTEC: Jim Neely

All Eastern Kansas Timed Event Circuit shows are held in Uniontown with 1 show in Iola during their fair and all events are normally held on either Fridays or Saturdays.

Their show dates are as follows:

04/07/2012, 04/28/2012

05/12/2012, 05/26/2012

06/01/2012, 06/24/2012, (rain dates: 06/09/2012 & 06/16/2012) -**need to double check these dates.**

07/14/2012, 07/18/2012, 07/30/2012

08/11/2012, 08/25/2012, (rain date: 08/17/2012)

09/08/2012, 09/22/2012

(note was made the cattle stock contractor is the same one we have used for our rodeos in the past).

MEK: Jim Neely

Jim asked that we take a vote if our club still wished to be a member of MEK. David Gant moved we remained part of MEK, show of hands, majority ruled Bit & Spur will remain a member of MEK.

(Membership dues are to be paid by the 02/26/12 meeting). Jim informed everyone that there were some submissions for rule changes that were being voted on at their annual meeting (02/26/2012 in LaHarpe) and our club needed to make a vote on each item so he can take our club vote with him to the meeting. They are as follows:

- 1) It has been suggested that the start time of the events on Sundays be earlier so the events are finished earlier. David Gant took a vote and majority ruled to begin the Sunday shows at an earlier time.
- 2) Our club voted that MEK points for said event be awarded to a club member placing behind a non-member participant in that class.
- 3) Bit & Spur Club voted that for youth heading and heeling, the youth should be limited to 2 throws.
- 4) Majority of our club voted that any rider in a timed even that loses their hat in the arena during their run, should pay \$5.00 fine and keep their time and points. *We would like clarification if the club gets the \$5.00 or will MEK?*
- 5) Majority of our club voted that the "all around buckle" should be awarded to person or persons that compete in BOTH performance and timed events, NOT just timed events.
- 6) Should non-members have an assigned number for the year? Our club voted that it would make it easier for the office staff to keep track if the non-members were assigned a consistent number throughout the year.
- 7) Our club felt we needed clarification on the "lead-in" portion of the rule-book. The question presented was, should the adult leading the child be allowed to "aide" the child during the class.

MEK Show dates as follows:

Saturdays will begin at 12 noon.

Sundays to start @ or before 12 noon.

Rick Keiningham moved that the Chanute MEK show be held on Sunday, Father's Day, 06/17/2012. Tracey Winder-Marsh moved for 06/30/2012 for the rainout date or second choice date should the 06/17 date already be taken. Majority agreed and voted these dates be presented at the MEK meeting.

DRILL TEAM: Tracey Cook

There are now 12 riding and 5 interested in joining. They are currently booked for 25 events in 2012. All sponsors are committing again for sponsorships in 2012. There is no age limit and the Drill Team can hold up to 16 riders.

PARADES: Andrea Keiningham

The next parade will be the St. Patrick's Day parade on 03/17/2012 and Andrea will get more information and report at the next meeting.

FUN SHOWS: Tammy Ports

None reported.

PROGRAMS: Bonita Strack/Jyl Unrein

None reported.

CLINICS: David Gant.

David would like to put on a couple of clinics again in 2012. To be discussed further after all Coggins are done and weather is warmer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rails to Trails - no report.

Christmas party

Gay O'Rourke read from the "minutes/discussion" held at the Christmas dinner and reported 36 people attended and had 4 new members. The kids won a lot of prizes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gay announced that all membership dues will need to be paid no later than 03/01/2012 and the combination lock to the key will change on that date and if dues are not paid, you will not be given the combination code.

Discussion regarding liability insurance and it was decided to go with the coverage we had in 2011. Please notify Gay at ksgrams@winexus.net or 432-0134 if you schedule events to be covered by the insurance. If the event or activity is not on the list we submit to the company, it will not be covered.

Kevin Unrein brought to everyone's attention that at the Christmas Dinner a small "unofficial meeting" was held and a new Vice President was appointed, Kelsey Eastman.

Tracey Cook made a motion to add this information to these minutes, Jeremy Chism seconded. Motion passed.

Kelsey Eastman announced that she will be performing at Equifest in Wichita on 02/10, 11 and 12 (6 competitions, 2 a day and the finale will be Sunday the 12th). She would like to take the Bit & Spur sign or banner to display on her stall.

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves with 5 new members present.

Next meeting to be held February 23, 2012 at Cherry Street West: 6:00 pm Potluck dinner, meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Jim Neely moved we adjourn the meeting, Tracey Cook seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary: Tracey Winder-Marsh