



Next General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 7 pm

Location: Kelly and Angel Wright's Home

Address: Adjacent to Northstar Arena and Boarding,
2515 Ropers Lane. Directions: Call Kelly at 631-8609 or 287-9292

Program: Come at 6:30 P.M. for a tour of the Facility and new Stabling!

Minutes of the February 17, 2015, meeting held at Bitsy Heckert's home.

Members present: Becky O'Leary, Bitsy Heckert, Kim Giffin, Ruth Benson, and Grace Hodges, Veronica Harris, Deb Ferguson, Caryn Malone-Bostron and husband Jeff Bostron. Guests Present: Kelly and 11 year old daughter Kerri Wright, who became new members, friend "Auntie Geail," and former member Val Siegel, bidding us Good-bye as she prepares to return to her elderly Mother in England. We wish her the best and hope to see her again. Officers absent: Laurie Box and Sue Gentle.

The Program:

Equine Nutrition was the subject of the program presented by Caryn Malone-Bostron. She has studied equine Science at CSU with an emphasis in nutrition. She worked for Vita Flex Nutrition and Royal Champion Equine supplements. Caryn has lots of experience and a great deal of useful information to offer. A few of her pointers included: avoiding pelleted feed (highly processed and usually full of dust), definitely avoiding any alfalfa, utilizing natural pasture and thereby almost always avoiding the need for supplements in contrast to when hay is fed. Using natural whole oats (unsweetened) of which she recommended Ranchway's Centro, found at Sutherland's. She also recommended having one's hay tested and being on the lookout for selenium toxicity, especially in Wyoming. Caryn has a wealth of information and covered much more. We should invite her back to speak often!

Old Business:

Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

No progress was made in planning the proposed group tack sale in which each of us will confine our wares to our own trailers on the same site (Gentles have offered the perfect spot: their farm) and we hope to widely publicize the sale.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was absent.

Saddle Fitting at Jane Swanhorst Ringolsby's on **Saturday March 14**. Jen from Happy Horse will be there and she is a Certified Master Saddle Fitter. Get the details from Jane if you are interested in finding a saddle that fits you or your horse better or have one that may need to be reflocked. Jane's numbers are (307) 634-2870 and cell (720) 560-8193.

Ride-A-Test on Saturday May 16.

The Judge/Instructor will be Kathleen Donnelly who will receive \$0.65 per mile for travel, and \$35

per hour or \$225 per full day. Print the form from our website and mail it to Jane at P.O. Box 3050, Cheyenne 82003. Jane's arena will probably be open for practice the day before the Ride-A-Test.

Also, beginning Saturday, February 28, new dressage tests will be implemented at Look-Out Ridge in Longmont, CO, and one or more of the Autumn Hill shows are expected to be held at the CSU Equestrian Center. Check your omnibus.

The Recognized Show - June 6 and 7, 2015

As announced last month, the Judges will be Christel Carlson (Spokane, WA) and Cindi Wylie (_____) and the Technical Delegate will be Eva-Maria Adolphi (Bluffdale, UT). Also, the club website and Heather Petersen's (Show Secretary, Two White Feet) will have the same information regarding the show to be consistent with each other and with the RMDS Omnibus.

Similarly, there will be Brian Haffner clinics here in Cheyenne scheduled for:

March 1 and 2 May 3 and 4 July 19 and 20

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