

**Western Chapter New York State Horse Council Board of Directors
November 28, 2017 Meeting, Hillview Restaurant, Transit Rd., Depew
Minutes**

Board Members attending: Peter Tarnawskyj, Linda Tarnawskyj, Cheryl Palmer, Barb Cunningham, Barb George, Phyllis Jensen, Charlie Kettner, Sharon Kettner, Mary Szarek, Barbara Moore,

Board Members absent: Mary McNall, Barbara Rauscher, Nancy Reeves

Guests present: Ann Czapala, Mark Cunningham, Megan Mangold, Rikki Marie Vanderburgh

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Peter Tarnawskyj.

Correction of minutes from October 2017: add Cheryl Palmer to Board Members attending.

Phyllis Jensen, motion to approve minutes as corrected, second Cheryl Palmer

Carried

Linda Tarnawskyj- Treasurer's Report- current balance \$11,671.79

Recent Top's card deposit

Lots of Newsletter postage

\$75.00 for Collins Draft Horse and Pony Club NYSHC membership

\$100.00 each for Education Assistance Fund checks to Deana Fleetwood, Alexandria Tarbell and Emily Boldt, Erie and Genesee County HC and 4-H members who qualified for the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up In Louisville, KY

Phyllis Jensen- unable to provide account #2 information as she does not have access to the account. Charlie Kettner will provide her with access codes.

Mary Szarek requested a list of all donations, Peter Tarnawskyj Is compiling s list from old checkbook

Peter Tarnawskyj ordered Quick Books Premiere Edition 2018 one user license through Tech Soup

Treasurer's Report- received and filed

Peter Tarnawskyj reported that Charlie and Sharon Kettner donated a laptop computer to the Board's treasurer.

Donated gate was Installed at the Erie County SPCA

Thank you notes were passed around from SPCA and Melissa WozniAk, WNY Quarter Horse Queen

Scholarship is published hard copies available. Will be promoting in newsletters, and other publications.

Nancy Reeves and Barbara Moore attended the Genesee County 4-H year awards celebration at the Genesee County fairgrounds.

EquiFest-see attached report. questions about sponsorships. Adding both Wrangler and Montana Silversmiths due to Cheryl Palmer's diligence. Also Primerica and Leaping Horse Designs.

2018 activities:

Trail Ride:

Barbara Moore- benefit Erie County Sheriff's Mounted Unit Equipment fund, Downtown trail ride. Rescheduled for April 29, 2018. Insurance issues. May have to get private Insurance as Missy Whittington suggested. Will advertise at EquiFest.

Clinics:

Barbara Moore- possibility of Evon Momtgomery Horses 1-2-3 possibility

Insurance- if someone asks about Inherent risk the Commissioner has to recommend what verbiage should be posted.

Peter Tarnawskyj- financial Management update

Keep categories as general as possible

Goal, is to have two tax returns done by the end of 2017 and have Quick Books functional by 2018

For EquiFest - EquiFest Expenses and EquiFest Receipts

Can break down expenses and receipts into whatever categories you want

_____ has appointment with Len Zablonksi, accountant, next Thursday

Scope of work

Ann Czapala- questioned how accountant was selected?

Western Chapter Newsletter-

Motion- Barb George- send a thank you with a \$100 gift card to Becky Bartels, second Carried

Concerns over cost of production and mailing- suggestions to get more advertisers and Mary Szarek is checking to see if mailing can be piggy-backed with State Newsletter mailing.

Barbara Moore- found three young Horse Council/4-H members who are willing to share editor responsibility. They are all 15-16 years of age and two have plans to go to college locally. Mary Szarek has offered to help them get started with layout and graphics. Barbara Moore will help them with advertising and gathering verbiage.

Peter Tarnawskyj - will get Thumb Drive from Becky with all the information about newsletters.

Motion- Barb Cunningham - the editorship of the Western Chapter Newsletter be taken over by Deana Fleetwood, Kelsey Voss and Cora O'Halloran under the supervision of Mary Szarek and Barbara Moore and be published four times per year. Second- Phyllis Jensen Carried

Peter Tarnawskyj- suggestion- one of the first stories should be about the youths producing the newsletter.

By Laws

Peter Tarnawskyj - concerns - add paper to _____

Mary Szarek- go through by Articles

Article unnamed when there was no objection.

Article IV- remove #2

Article V- Section 4- Eligibility for election- add must maintain an active e-mail account

B. Board members unrelated- four in favor, six opposed.

Mary Szarek- researching IRS believes there is recommendation against

Peter Tarnawskyj - IRS recommendation would override all else

Article VI- proxy ?

Article VIII- B- negated

Removal- take out "without cause"

Article XI- Dissolution should be its own Article

December Board meeting will be moved to December 19

General Membership meeting will be February 17 at the Iron Kettle

Barb George- Motion to adjourn

9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Moore