

UP Chapter Minutes January 10, 2010

Attendees: Our meeting was held using Skype. Tracee Horn, Karin Steffens, Kathy Bull, Victoria Jenema and Christina were at Tracee's and Tina Ozanich, Kathy Caspary and Mary Minetti were at a coffee house in Houghton and Anne Zaharias joined us by phone.

Secretary's report: Kathy B. provided copies of the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy C. and seconded by Tina. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Tracee provided copies of the profit and loss statement for the year. Over the year, we lost \$275.60. The total in our checking account is \$1,378.85. Motion to approve the report was made by Kathy B. and seconded by Victoria. Approved.

Old Business: Anne phoned in her report during the meeting. She has not heard from Yvonne Barteau about a possible clinic. And, she has not been able to reach Colleen Kelley about a possible clinic either. It looks like Colleen wouldn't be available until the fall, possibly October. Anne has talked with Liz McConnell. She would charge a similar amount to last year, but she will need more advanced notice to schedule a trip due to family changes.

Karin S. discussed the progress on our cookbook fundraiser. By consensus, the group approved the cover design featuring a full dressage horse and rider with a breast cancer awareness ribbon in the corner. Karin sent out the sample letter to solicit recipes from well-known equestrian personalities. And she's sent the website information for everyone to add their recipes to the book.

New Business: The WDCTA state board meeting is scheduled for February 20. Kathy B. will forward the minutes from the last state board meeting. Victoria noted that the bank account numbers were the same for the WDCTA account and the Southwest Chapter account. We will ask why the number is the same, and if we should consider having the account in a state bank rather than a credit union. Victoria read the letter from Pam Doolittle regarding the process for giving year-end awards.

Victoria reported on the D & O insurance for the chapter. While there is insurance for the WDCTA board, it can't include the chapters in that policy. The cheapest policy is from Excalibur and would cost \$619 per year. Tracee is going to investigate further with her kennel insurance agency. We'll have to discuss this in future meetings.

Kathy C. reported that Dagmar Zimmerman will be teaching at her farm again this summer.

Next Meeting: Skype worked fairly well and the Keweenaw women would like to use it for a future meeting. This opened up the possibility for having a meeting during the week. We scheduled the next meeting for **Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 pm EST.** and will use advanced telecommunication technology from Mary Minetti's home in the Houghton area, and Tracee Horn's home in Marquette, and hopefully someone in the Menominee area.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy C. and seconded by Tina. Approved.