

UP Chapter of WDCTA – Spring meeting – May 13, 2012 – UP Equestrian Center, Gwinn, MI

Meeting called to order at 11:20 AM with Kathy Caspary, Tracee Horn, Mary Minetti, Karen Steffens, Judy Izzi, and guests John Izzi, Donna Destrampe and Cathy Ruprecht.

The secretary's report from the January 8, 2012 meeting was read and approved on a motion by Tracee, supported by Mary, all ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Tracee report that we have a current balance of \$3832.12 – had a good run on Cookbook sales. The report was approved on a motion by Mary, supported by Karin, all ayes.

The two WDCTA Board topics for discussion:

1. Annual meeting (March 2, 2013) should continue to be planned by the state board.
2. Negative vote on volunteer hours as a requirement to receive WDCTA sponsored awards.

Suggestion made that groups that need volunteers for their activities should send a blanket email to all members asking for help.

Program for this meeting: Horse Trailer safety.

Cathy Ruprecht started the program with a great review of Emergency Rescue Teams for Large animals. Very informative. We will try to coordinate programs in the UP with the local emergency rescue personnel and horse clubs. Cathy attended a seminar and came back with very useful knowledge on how to safely rescue large animals in trailer accidents, stall accidents, mud rescues, etc. with tools that most people already have. Two websites for more info: Saveyourhorse.com and usrider.com. John Izzi continued with demonstrating proper trailer hook ups, what to look for in a good quality trailer, flat tires, etc. We had a group of about 12-15 horse people join in the discussion.

We will meet on July 8 in L'Anse at the Hilltop Restaurant to discuss organizing Large Animal Rescue with our local emergency personnel. Cathy Ruprecht will be our contact person and will write an article for the Equester.

Also discussed: ideas for riding clinics, or perhaps an adult clinic like we have had in the past. We will aim for a clinic in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm on a motion by Tracee.

Respectfully submitted by

President Kathy Caspary