



Prairie Fire Farms **Board Meeting** MINUTES

02/21/23 | 7:43 pm | Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Megan Good

In Attendance (Board)

Board Members Present: **Kathy Graham, Joan Smith, Megan Good, Lesley Darrin, Lisa Lehr, Elena Swinson, Pam Leary**

In Attendance (Others)

Liz Grubb, Emily Twilley-Selvey, Executive Director

PFF Junior Team

Jr Team Leader

- Emily had a lunch meeting with Emily L. She does feel it would be a good place for her and has also stepped up to learn more about getting us on the radar with colleges.

Halleigh's Girl Scout Project

- Emily hasn't asked her about it yet but will remind her to keep it rolling.

Brochure

- **Emily will take a version of what was created for Valentine's Day with boots/noses on card w/Junior team logo and a few bullet points.**

Past Events

Ft. Indiantown Gap Leadership Group Volunteering – Feb. 5

- Jesse took the lead; Barb & Elena helped inside. Mel Packer and Kaydence helped as well.
- They did great work and nice group of guys.
- Got the willow tree broken up and removed to burn pile and also debris in pasture.
- We should ask if they only want 2 hours or if they want a longer block next time.
- They found us at the Volunteer Match.
- Megan/Emily found a legion for current military and will bring some information over.
- **Emily will send link to Lisa so she can ask her husband about it.**

Milton Hershey Student Volunteering – Feb. 11

- Elena & Barb helped.
- House parents emailed Lesley that the girls had a blast and they want to come out again.
- A couple of girls were afraid of the horses; Barb/Elena were careful with them. Emily has steps to take with that type of situation.
- House parents were awesome.
- Included some education at the end.
- Make sure board members have outside volunteers that come in stay on task.

Future Events

Lebanon Kids Spring Fling – April 1, 2023 (10am – 4pm)

- Ok to bring flooring and anything else we need.
- In another building next to where the Pigs building is.
- Can't get anyone to do Face Painting; Elena volunteered.
- We have face painting material.
- Emily won't be there (her surgery is 3/28).
- Kids camp information should be pushed since it's a kid's event.
 - o Flyer for kid's camp?
 - o Poster with kids riding/working (on Kaydence's list for Junior Team)
 - o **Emily will give Kaydence/Emily L a deadline to have this done in time for the event.**
 - o **Emily will request some of the kids from Junior Team to come help.**

Calendar holds:

- Elizabethtown College – May the Horse be with You – May 4, 2023
- Hope Springs Farm visits – Spring
- Vista Autism Services visits - Spring

Grants Update

Free Vaccine Annual Grand submitted.

Operations Update

Broken gate post:

- Main post to boys gate broke in half. The fencing guy is going to try to get to us this week. Right hand post—stabilized with rebar and the rope—boy's ropes must stay up.
- Going to split Joey's pasture up and put RB, Echo and Scizza in front mare's area.
- Ip will stay with Joey in back pasture.

If mud debris is on any horse mask, needs to get cleaned before they are turned out again.

Waiting on parts for waterers and gator.

A new Gorilla Cart was donated by a very nice family and a cart to replace blue cart was obtained.

Old Business

N/A

Fundraisers

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- Mother's Day flowers
- Comedy event – letters to Legions about cancellation and still looking for donations has been drafted to send out.

- Belco advised Emily that they could sponsor, so Emily will see if they're willing to sponsor something else. They had agreed to \$250 as a sponsor for the comedy event but wasn't going to send to PFF until March.
- **Emily will see if they can provide the donation toward a fence repair and a few other options where we're in immediate need.**

New Business & Miscellaneous

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- Harrisburg Christian Academy Volunteering – April 20 (Monday)
 - o 9th Grade Students (they've gone to Catra in the past)
- Penn State Harrisburg Destress Event – May 2 (Tuesday)
 - o Emily L. asked about bringing the minis to this; she's working on promoting the event.
 - o 11am to 1pm
- Miles for Matt in Hershey – May 6 (Saturday)
 - o Walk for guy killed by a drunk driver; event at square in Hershey after.
 - o 10:45a to 1pm
 - o They're giving PFF \$150 to be there.
 - o Give donations back to Miles for Matt? Give back up to first \$100; play it by ear that day for a split if it's over \$100.
- New Bloomfield Church Pony Rides – Sept. 30
- Vista School
 - o Need to make sure they're all communicating; same address but getting information from different people.
 - o Will cc them all.
 - o Employment specialist has one person interested in 3/6 from 1pm to 2pm. (Elena can help). Wants to try out the volunteer work with stalls, etc. to see if that's something they'd like to do.
 - o Transition coordinator has a group interested—wants to come out Thursday at 10am to take a look around the farm.
- Market on Chocolate
 - o **Barb will send dates to them and make sure we have a table/canopy every time and parking for truck/trailer (minimum 5 spaces/horizontally). (DONE)**
 - June 10th
 - August 5th
 - September 2nd
- Saddle Up Harrisburg
 - o Provides opportunities for riding to Inner- City Youth.
 - o They came to Emily to see about a partnership to do it at PFF, change a little and expand on it.
 - o Next meeting on 2/28.
 - o Looking to do the event end of June and 2nd week of July (6/26 – 6/30; overflow 7/10 – 7/14).
 - o Will need extra volunteers for upwards of 25 to 30 kids, ages 8 to 12 or 13 (suggested ages 14 to 17 in another timeframe).
 - o 8:15am to 3:30pm
 - o Not just horses/riding; also a little bit of art, exercise, career development, journaling, etc.
 - o OK to change volunteers throughout the week.
 - o Horse-savvy, dedicated volunteers.

- They bring in volunteers to help with non-horse type of activities.

Other

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 pm