



Prairie Fire Farms **Board Meeting** MINUTES

03/14/23 | 7:30 pm | Meeting called to order at 7:42pm by Megan Good

In Attendance (Board)

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

In Attendance (Others)

Liz Grubb, Cassandra Reifsnnyder, Emily Twilley-Selvey, Executive Director

PFF Junior Team

Jr Team Leader

- No junior team update at this time.
Are kids going to be able to help at the Spring Fling Event on April 1st. Kaydence will ask them to help since it's a long day

- Emily will talk to Emily Lentz to see if she can join in the next meeting.

Past Events

No past events

Future Events

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

- Volunteer list to-date: M. Good, L. Darrin, K. Selvey, E. Swinson, J. Smith, E. Lentz, B. Steele
- Poster with kids riding/working (on Kaydence's list for Junior Team)
 - **Emily said that she will work on the poster.**

Harrisburg Christian Academy Volunteering – April 20 – 9 am – 2 pm

- Coordinator(s) needed

Penn State Harrisburg De-Stress Event – May 2 – 11 am – 1 pm

- Volunteer list to-date – K. Selvey

Elizabethtown College – May the Horse be with You – May 4, 2023

- Volunteer list to-date – M. Good, K. Selvey – 12 pm – 2 pm

Miles for Matt in Hershey – May 6 – 10 am – 2 pm

- Volunteer list to-date – M. Good, L. Darrin, K. Selvey, E. Lentz

Market on Chocolate – June 10, Aug. 5, Sept. 2

- Dates provided to Tracy; Barb will work with her on logistics for truck/trailer to make sure we have enough space

New Bloomfield Church Pony Rides – Sept. 30

Calendar holds:

- Hope Springs Farm visits – Spring
- Vista Autism Services visits - Spring

Grants Update

Received – Vaccines and microchips from Unwanted Horse (AAEP)

Submitted – Robert F. Schumann Foundation, Natalie W. Furniss Foundation, Caroline J. Sanders Trust #2

We have received Natalie Furniss last year but have in the past.

Operations Update

The post on the boys fence is fixed. The left side of the fence is broken and Cleon will be coming to fix that. A screw eye needs to be installed for the short rope heading to front pasture. The rope can not be placed on the fence anymore.

Manure bin has been picked up, it will not be here until we can level out that area and remove some of the sand and then he will drop another bin.

Gator should be fixed this weekend.

Skid Loader should not be used right now due to the wet weather. Please use the carts.

Old Business

Vista Autism Services visits

Point persons of contact for the Day School and Adult learning school. So that there are a not a ton of people contacting us regarding coming to the barn.

Sending them list of things to do when they come to the barn, that information will be sent to them and placed in the trash can at the barn.

Things need to be put back where they belong so that these groups can find them when they come to the barn to volunteer.

Hope Springs and UPC Groups are also coming to the barn during the spring/summer/fall to volunteer.

Saddle Up Harrisburg

No summer camps this year because of Saddle Up and show schedule.

Saddle up Harrisburg and PFF are partnering to do camps in June and July (2 weeks) at the farm this year.

They are a non profit that targets minority, inner city kids to help with programs. Saddle Up Harrisburg will run the camp overall, we need the horse knowledge people at the farm during those two weeks.

We were hoping to do a rider intensive camp, but because of the schedule ,it is probably better to be doing weekend clinics.

Most of the kids that would come to camp are interested in the show schedules anyway. We do not typically get a lot of non lesson students at camp to begin with.

We are getting some interest in camps from outside so there might be a possibility of having something but we are not sure.

May 1st is when registration opens for the camp.

Horse and child savy people are necessary for this camp.

Hours of camp at 8:30-3:30. Chores will be sort of done during the day, so not much to do during the week in volunteer time in the evening

Lisa can help in the afternoons, mornings do not work for her.

Fundraisers

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- Mother's Day flowers – Spring selection has not been posted yet.
- Donations –
 - o American Legion Auxiliary sent a check for \$250.00 for the comedy fundraiser. We sent follow up letters to them asking for donations for operating expenses. Emily checked in to see if they are ok with the fact that its going to operating expenses, but the person was not in.
 - o Megan sent over 40 letters to VFW, Legions, Elks for donations.
- Belco sent \$250.00 for the comedy event and Emily followed up and they are ok with that going to operating expense.

New Business & Miscellaneous

Senator Gebhard visit – March 17, 2023 – 1 pm

Senator Gebhard will be coming to the barn on 3/17 at 1:00 pm to tour the facility.

There will be people riding while he is there.

Student from Vista will be at the barn during the visit.

He is hopefully going to help with RACP getting that in the budget. Gaming Chairman so hopefully some avenues with gaming.

Girl Scout Pond Project

First steps are for them to come and clean up debris and remove poison ivy.

Emily will show them where to put the debris and look at the concentrate.

Waiting for them to respond with date to start.

Milton Hershey Volunteer Day – June 8, 2023 – 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

Coming to volunteer for the morning larger projects.

Lots of groups will be coming to the farm, we need to have plans in place for what they are doing and not wait until the last minute.

Something behind the pond on the hill, with bushes

Plant something on the backside of the barn

Something natural on the back hill

Nancy Williams – has stopped her sponsorship of Scizza supplements effective March 14, 2023

Gryff Update –

Amanda Stober had a conversation with her in January regarding what she was going to about the sponsorship. She sponsored him through March.

Reached out to her regarding the new member agreements, wanted a follow up regarding the signing of the document and need to know what is going on her. She emailed Lesley that she was not sponsoring Gryff anymore, that for no reason other than life.

Gryff is 18 years old now, that is wonderful on the ground and friendly to everyone. Has some issues with being under saddle.

Emily is working on his write up

Megan McCarron Farm –

She is interested in meeting and taking on Ziggy at her farm.

She is hoping that he will be a great husband horse. She is having some medical issues right now. Trying to schedule a time to come and visit the horse

Cliff/Caspian

Yes he is still interested in him. The next time that he comes through he is supposed to come and talk about it.

Joan asked about a turnout shed in the boys pasture. We have an estimate on one and we have put it in some grants for funding.

Other

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 pm