

CAPITAL CITY HORSE AND PONY CLUB

Monthly Board Meeting

February 1, 2021

In attendance were Laura Hardesty, Jay Butterfield, Pam Butterfield, Jonathan and Maddie Spreeman, Joy and Natalie Plautz, Mary Andelt, Neil and Jessica Falk, Holly Warner, Rick Adams, Tanya Duba, KC Johnson

Meeting comes to order at 7:18 p.m.

Holly moved approve January minutes, Joy second. Motion approved.

KC Johnson is starting a Little Miss Nebraska Rodeo Nebraska and would like our assistance. She is from Denton with five kids and one that rides. They were at a goat-tying clinic in Texas and met a lot of girls who were talking about rodeo queens. There is Miss Rodeo Nebraska and Burwell Rodeo Nebraska Queens. Cupcakes are for ages 5 and under. Sweetheart, Princess and Queen. 6-9, 10-13, 14-18. In process of obtaining non-profit status and working on scholarship funds of \$2,000 for college of their choice. Focus on etiquette, money management, self worth, trail riding, life lessons. She is reaching to Nebraska organizations and was hoping we would allow her girls to have hands-on experience. Learning hard work and respect. Pageant is July 23, 24, 25 but they don't yet have a queen. She asks that they can help by letting them carry flags at shows for practice. And once there is a queen, they would present as such.

Bridge Report – nothing at this time, but Jay has a crew to tear fence out and asks what white fence we want to take out while we're doing that. Take down the white fence on north side by tree row. Be sure to keep the fence with the donation plaque and set by restrooms. Have a few look over to decide. Don't allow lateral fields to be driven on.

Treasurer Report – Current balance in Union Bank 4,930.96 in checking. Union Bank \$19,170.05 in savings. \$303 in Pinnacle checking. \$4,000 in Pinnacle savings. Savings is obligated to bathrooms and fence. \$1,200 in checking is obligated to Ameritas prior donation and money from LEC from January minutes.

Tractor balance is approximately \$1,300. Budget in reserve for 2021 is estimated at \$16,000. Amount deemed for Tractor payment once paid off will be \$430 that will continue to be saved in savings. Available cash is approx. \$7,499. This month's expenses... January is due date for electric \$509.25 for 2020 for the year. \$382 was paid to Constant Contact website. We paid \$280 to Corriente Saddle for 2021 specialty buckles. Triple Crown Buckle to youth, honorary buckle. Double-Trouble Champion for June whomever has fastest time for both open races. Designed by our Youth Board. Income from sponsors so far \$300 and \$40 in Memberships.

Non Profit will be filed as well as statement to IRS. We received a statement from Paypal as they are reporting our activity.

Bathroom Report – Loos promised we were next and should get a bid soon.

Playday Report – Updated showbill available soon. The only thing that really changed was the acknowledgement of rules.

Speed Show – No Report.

Roping – Rich is looking in to alternative stock contractors but need to be close to what we have been paying.

5D Barrels – Jay requests back-up timers. Doing it once... you have to do it every time. Rules – revised and formatted, is what we've had out there need to be reviewed and approved? Rules will be posted to membership on Facebook and Website for review and will be qualified in the same manner as the other rules as far as changes being reviewed prior to approval.

Bylaws and Rules changes presented to membership – move to approve by Holly, seconded by Joy, all in favor. Rules passed as amended and current rules will be posted accordingly.

Spring Clean-Up Date – March 20, 2021 with rain date March 27, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Butterfield – Secretary/Capital City Horse and Pony Club.



Quick facts for Cold Weather Horse Care

1. Provide warm water (45° to 65° F).

The goal should always be to maximize the amount your horse drinks to help prevent dehydration and colic. Most 1,000-pound adult horses need at least 10 to 12 gallons of water daily.

During the summer months, lush pastures contain 60 to 80 percent moisture and can contribute to your horse's water requirement. In contrast, dried winter feedstuffs such as grain and hay contain less than 15 percent moisture. Thus, your horse will require more water in the winter.

If your horse doesn't drink enough water during cold weather they may eat less and be more prone to impaction colic. Even if you offer quality feed, horses will consume less if not drinking enough water. If horses eat less feed, they might not have enough energy to tolerate the cold.

Water intake maintains a horse's fecal moisture level. If fecal material becomes too dry, intestinal blockage or impaction may occur. A horse won't develop an impaction in one day, but can over several days to several weeks of poor water intake.

2. Feed additional hay during extreme **cold.**

The best source of additional dietary energy during the cold winter months is forage.

Some believe that feeding more grain will keep a horse warmer. But digestion, absorption, and utilization of grain doesn't produce as much heat as the microbial fermentation of forage. More forage increases microbial fermentation and keeps the horse warm.

If a 1000-pound idle horse needs 16 pounds of good-quality hay daily when the temperature is 18° F, its requirement may increase by approximately 2 to 2.5 pounds to 18 to 18.5 pounds if the temperature drops to 0° F. The increased dietary energy requirement would be even greater if the horse doesn't have access to shelter.

3. Make sure there is access to shelter.

Horses should have access to shelter from wind, sleet and storms. Free access to a stable or an open-sided shed works well, as do trees if a building is not available. In the absence of wind and moisture, horses tolerate temperatures at or slightly below 0° F.

If horses have access to a shelter, they can tolerate temperatures as low as -40° F. But horses are most comfortable at temperatures between 18° and 59° F, depending on their hair coat.

4. Perform regular hoof **care**.

Horse hooves generally grow slower in the winter. But trimming should still occur every six to 12 weeks.

Horse hooves are prone to "ice or snow balls" during the winter. These balls of packed ice or snow make it hard for the horse to walk, increases the chance of slipping and falling, and may put stress tendons or joints. Pick your horse's hooves daily, especially after a heavy snow.

5. Assess your **horse's** body condition regularly.

During winter months, heavy hair coats can often hide weight loss. We recommend regular body condition scoring to gauge weight and assess horse health.

If your horse starts to lose body condition, increase its feed. If a horse starts gaining excessive body condition, reduce the feed.

Sorting horses by age, body condition, and nutrient requirements makes it easier to feed groups of horses appropriately.

6. Evaluate your facility's stability and ventilation.

Building strength and stability

Barns and shelters should have truss certificates of at least 30 pounds per square foot of snow load. Most buildings fail at the joints. If concerns arise about a barn structure under a snow load, examine the trusses and joints to see if there is movement, cracking, or dry rot.

In enclosed barns, snow blowing into attics and wall spaces can melt and cause wet conditions suitable for mold and rotting. Wood will generally give warning sounds before complete failure.

Ventilation

Ventilation helps control temperature and humidity levels and improve air quality. Poor ventilation can affect a horse's respiratory health. Ceiling fans can help with air exchange. You should remove wet bedding and manure daily from barns.