

Meeting was called to order at 7:42 on January 17 by President Lesley Darrin.

Board Members present – Melissa Obert, Suzanne Twilley, Kathy Graham, Lesley Darrin, Dana Milakovic,
Other Individuals present – Ashley Harheigh, Marti Longnecker, Emily Maliss, Alyson Goldsmith, Renee
Blaauw, Emily Twilley-Selvey

There was a discussion about Tessa and individuals concerns with her health. Emily stated that she will not put Tessa down until she knows that is what Tessa wants. She has earned the right to determine when that happens. Until then we keep her comfortable and let her do what she wants to do daily. Motion was made by Dana to approve the minutes, Melissa 2nd. All Approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$5.00 – Savings Account
\$1,182.03 – Winnie's Way Scholarship Fund
\$3,170.86 – Running for Rescue 5K
\$5.00 – Reclaiming the Reins
\$7,190.60 – Farmraisers
\$1,000.05 – Property/Mortgage
\$639.37 – Checking
\$9,550.07 – Due on Business Line of Credit

We are currently waiting for the final 5K Check from Active.com and the \$1500.00 from the Giving Tuesday promo/fundraiser we had on Facebook.

Reclaiming the Reins Update

They received their 501 status the day before the farm show started, so they can start fundraising on their own

Holding 2 bingos at Progress Social Hall on February 9th and February 23rd. RTR wanted to know if PFF would like them to promo our program as well. The board agreed that we would have a postcard handout at the February 9th event promoting the bowling event and at the February 23rd event we would just have a flyer about our program.

RTR & PFF split the donations received from the Farm Show, RTR voted at their board meeting this month to donate \$150.00 back to PFF for Hay.

They are setting the initial session dates and they will be firm. If there are no outside participants for the session RTR will open the session up to RTR and PFF Board Members.

RTR is looking for Veterans to do consultations and events. Board members from PFF recommended contacting local veteran's affairs offices, firefighters in the area and crossfit gyms.

Past Events

Farm Show was a success again this year. We raised \$806.15 this year. RTR is getting \$265.25 and PFF got \$641.00 this went directly to the Feed Store bill. The expenses for the event were \$44.00 to purchase 4 new equine law signs and \$50.00 to Bob Sneed for trailering the minis to and from the farm show.

Future Events

February 12th – Bowling Event at ABC North. Dana asked that we please post the food request from board members soon we as opposed to later so we know what we are brining. Lesley will ask the board and then post in the event what items need to be brought to the event.

Members were asked to collect their 5 tickets and please sell them so we can make this event more successful than it was in August.

Milton Hershey Students – Lesley was asked by Christopher who handles the fees/restitution students at Milton Hershey if they could start their monthly visits in January or February. The board decided to start in February. Lesley will reach out to Christopher to set up those dates and then create events on the operations page. These kids will start ripping down the ring fencing. Katie Langford house wants to come to the barn on the 28th to work, Kathy was ok with this and will oversee the students that day since Emily and Lesley are not available.

Linglestown May Fair – May 20th at Linglestown School off Mountain Road. We need 8 volunteers for this event and we will probably take Bud, Mya. Lesley will create an event in operations page to ask for volunteers

Grants

We need some help in this group. Cindy is currently the only one looking for grants and writing them and Emily and Lesley are proofing and we need additional eyes on these grants.

Outstanding grants right now are Natalie Furniss Grant – Horse Care

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund – Horse Care

Ralph & Eileen Sweet Foundation – Educational

Charles Degenstein – Educationla

Unwanted Horse – Vaccines was recently submitted

Walter J Miller – Education was recently submitted

Build A Bear Foundation – needs submitted

Clif Bar Family Foundation – needs submitted

PPL – Needs submitted

Operations Update

Aly is working on the website Re Design. She needs before and after pictures of some of the horses if they are available. She is also working on making the landing page on the website a newsletter type feel. Emily and Lesley will be meeting with her to go over more information and details for the website.

Emily Maliss recommended a blog for the farm.

Lesley needs to get meeting minutes to Aly for uploading onto the website.

New Business

Emily reached out to Belco to see if we could increase our line of credit to \$50,000 for fencing. The cost of the fencing is roughly \$45,000. There may be some discounts if we pay for it all at once and have him do everything at one shot. The application needs to be submitted to Belco, but the bank did not think it would be an issue. Once Belco authorizes that we can have the money the board will need to vote on whether we want to take that additional expense on at that time.

Lesley brought up a new organization that reached out to us for funding. Helpusfundme.org. Someone (?) was going to look into this for us.

Lesley also mentioned that someone from the farm bureau stopped by the barn and gave us information to join them. After discussing what the farm bureau does and if it would benefit us Dana made a motion to not join the farm bureau. Suzanne 2nd the motion. All approved.

Andrea brought some information to the board regarding doing a joe corbi pizza fundraiser. An individual she works with does one every year and does well. The board determined that Andrea would get more information from the individual at work, see when she does her fundraiser and we would determine at the next board meeting if this was something we wanted to do

R& K Fundraiser was discussed and determined we would do that again in August when schools are done for the year and before starting again for the school year

Discussion was had about making a change to the mission statement to include children with disabilities or making it a board term statement. Lesley asked the board to think about it and do some investigating so we can discuss next meeting since this is when we can make changes to the mission statement for the year.

Board Nominations

Marti Longnecker was nominated to the Secretary position of the board.

Emily Maliss was nominated for a board member position

Ashley Harheigh was nominated for a board member position

Alyson Goldsmith was nominated for a board member position.

Members of the board and horse owners that were present voted for Secretary position and 2 board seats. Marti was elected for Secretary of the board. Emily Maliss and Ashley Harheigh were elected to fill the 2 board seats.

Emily suggested that Alyson Goldsmith be head of the new social media committee for the board. And that a committee would be created.

Renee stated that she would help with grant proofing.

Lesley Darrin adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm