

**New Mexico Horse Council Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 1, 2009**  
**Edgewood, New Mexico (Phil Reppert's house)**



**Directors Present:** Rusty Cook (President), Eldon Reyer (Vice President), Val Cole (Secretary), John Collins, Winona Kennedy, Phil Reppert, Lori Walton. **Directors Absent:** Jeff Bader, Kristin Darnell, David Kreger, Maura Lewiecki, Elsie Shollenbarger, Harry Touloumis. **Guests:** Dr. Dave Fly, New Mexico Livestock Board; Nancy Reppert.

The Reppert family served meatballs, salad, fresh baked bread and dessert.

1. **Call to order.** Rusty Cook called the meeting to order at 6:15.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Cole moved, Reyer seconded the agenda as emailed be approved with the change that Dr. Fly be added to “new business” and moved to the beginning. *Motion carried.*
3. **Dr. Fly.** Although he complimented the Horse Council on its service to the New Mexico horse community, he said we had spread incorrect information in our Spring newsletter and in the posted flyers. The NMLB would NOT be performing Coggins tests at the microchipping clinic to be held June 20, sponsored by the Horse Council and the Horse Council Foundation. The NMLB does not encroach on services such as Coggins tests which are performed by private veterinarians and generally cost horse owners \$ 20 - \$25. Although Coggins tests are not currently required for in-state travel of resident horses, they may be required by facilities or organizations hosting a “congregation” of horses. (For instance, a current Coggins may be required in order for a horse to compete in shows held at Expo NM.) Rusty said the information would be corrected on the NMHC web site, and to all the people who receive their newsletters as an email attachment, but that we could not afford to send out a mass mailing with the corrected information.

Coggins tests are good for one year and must be performed before the horse arrives at an event, as it is a reportable disease.

Dr. Fly said that every horse in NM being transported off its home premises is required to have a hauling permit, issued by the NM Livestock Board when proof of ownership is presented. This card or a certified copy should be carried with the horse; failure to produce the card when stopped can result in a hefty fine. Freeze brands are not recognized in New Mexico (only hot brands) but can be added as an identifier on the hauling card. Currently, the NMLB has funding for microchipping horses when a regular hauling permit is purchased, or can microchip for a small fee to add the chip information to an existing permit. This is what they will be doing at the microchipping clinic, or a group of horse owners can get together and inquire whether a livestock inspector and a veterinarian can meet with them if they gather their horses in a local area. However, although sales barns should check for a microchip, they do not always do this. He said that thievery of horses in the state is on the increase. And, veterinarians are seeing quite a few cases of strangles (equine distemper).

Dr. Fly also gave a brief review of the status of current equine diseases. Over 900 horses have now been exposed to contagious equine metritis, in every state except Hawaii and Alaska. This can be attributed to lax enforcement of import quarantines and inspections, and there is a hunt for the original imported horse that began the spread of the disease. There may be a call for testing of all stallions and mares. There is a “mutated” and serious rhinopneumonitis, originating in Germany, against which vaccines are not particularly effective. Dr. Fly distributed brochures on equine herpesvirus.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Reyer moved, Kennedy seconded that the May draft minutes be approved as sent. *Motion carried.*
5. **Treasurer's report (Cole)**





<b>Beginning Balance, 5/04/09</b>		<b>10,643.02</b>
Check # 2318, AHC meeting registration fees	-175.00	
Check # 2319, NMHC business telephone	-52.75	
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>-237.75</b>
<b>Deposit May 29</b>		<b>+295.00</b>
Individual Dues 20.00, Club Dues 30.00, Commercial Dues 30.00		
Donation 3.00, Liability sign sales 112.00, ARG return of duplicated check 100.00		
<b>Ending Balance 6/01/09</b>		<b>10,700.07</b>

**Bills on hand:** Cole first quarter reimbursement 403.59

**New Members: Individual:** Hilary Compton. **Club:** New Mexico Paint Horse Club. **Commercial:** Paul's Veterinary Supply. Total: 103 Individual and Lifetime, 50 Club and Commercial members.

Collins moved, Walton seconded the treasurer's report be accepted. *Motion carried.*

6. **Old Business.**

**Trail Ride.** We have been unable to find anyone to chair this event, originally hoped to be an overnight ride at Valles Caldera. Rusty Cook said if no one had volunteered by June 15, we would cancel this for 2009.

**Update on NMHC Foundation scholarship project.** After applications have been received (deadline June 15) the Foundation Board will meet to review applications and select recipient. We should have much more information next month.

**Ditch Pony Promenade report.** Searles (who volunteered to manage the NMHC booth) not at this meeting, but we have received reports that the classes were large and the event a success.

**Other Old Business:** none.

6. **New Business.**

**"Equivox".** Cole reported this newsletter for the new "United Organizations of the Horse" has issued the first newsletter. This group is trying to fend off laws preventing horse transport for slaughter in the US and will be meeting across the street from the AHC convention the day before the AHC meeting begins. Cole will try to attend the meeting. Dr. Fly commented that with USDA inspections prevented by federal law, the horsemeat cannot be produced and sold.

**Tack Swap.** Cole reported that Corrales would require all participants to fill out tax forms and pay taxes to the Village. Cook said we need a large parking area in a central location. The possibility of Winrock parking lot or the Pit was discussed. Organizer and date needed – almost too late for this year.

**Other New Business.** Reppert reported that regarding deworming, current thinking suggests that samples be checked and a deworming program be created as a result. Reppert will see Dr. Tim Cordes when he attends a seminar in Washington, DC at the USDA.

7. **Future NMHC Board meetings. August 3,** A location to be determined in Corrales? **October 5, November 2, December 7.**

8. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

