

New Mexico Horse Council Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2009
Range Café, Bernalillo, NM



Directors Present: Rusty Cook (President), Eldon Reyer (Vice President), Val Cole (Secretary), Kristin Darnell, David Kreger, Phil Reppert. **Directors Absent:** Jeff Bader, John Collins, Winona Kennedy, Maura Lewiecki, Elsie Shollenbarger, Harry Touloumis, Lori Walton. **Guests Present:** Jackie Bouker, Nancy Searles (NMHC Foundation), Sylvia Vasquez (Bosque Circle Ranch), Keith Martin (Bosque Circle Ranch).

1. **Call to order.** Rusty Cook called the meeting to order at 5:50.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Cole said she had a couple of items to add to agenda item 9, “announcements”. Kreger moved, Reyer seconded that the agenda as emailed and distributed be approved with this change. *Motion carried.*
3. **Introduction of Board members and guests.** All present (as listed above) introduced themselves.
4. **Approval of April 6, 2009, NMHC Board meeting minutes.** Kreger moved, Reyer seconded the draft minutes emailed and mailed to Board members be approved with the two spelling errors corrected. *Motion carried.*
5. **Treasurer’s Report.** Now that the bank statements have arrived, Cole said she found the transposition in recording a deposit that caused the report given in April to be \$18 in error. Current status and corrected summary:

Checking Account Balance, 4/01/09		\$9,925.77
Check #2315, PRC Annual Corporate filing fee	-\$10.00	
Check #2316, Equestrian Land Conservation Resource dues	-\$100.00	
Check #2317, Qwest Business telephone monthly charges	-\$62.75	
Total Deductions		-\$172.75
 Deposit April 2		
Individual Dues	+\$160.00	
Club Dues	+\$90.00	
Commercial Dues	+\$60.00	
Liability Sign Sales	+\$575.00	
Donation	+\$5.00	
Total Deposit		+\$890.00
Checking Account Balance 5/04/09		\$10,643.02

Checks on hand to deposit total \$210.00. Bill to pay totals \$108.66.

Memberships have been received as follows: Individual Lillian Creel, Tina Cruz, B.J. Elcock, Robert Fiala, Susan LaRue, Jim Nance, Beth Nance, Kelly Wilder. Club Enchantment Driving Society, New Mexico Carriage Association, Rio Grande Mule & Donkey Association. Commercial Double JK Ranch, Enchanted Gaits Farm, Paul’s Veterinary Supply. Total: 102 Individual and Lifetime, 53 Club and Commercial. Kreger moved, Reppert seconded the treasurer’s report and membership update be accepted. *Motion carried.*

Cole asked if NMHC would pay the registration fee, \$175.00, for the American Horse Council Annual Meeting which she will attend as NMHC delegate to the State Horse Councils Advisory Committee. Darnell moved, Kreger seconded that NMHC pay this fee. *Motion carried.*





6. **Old Business.**

Update from Horsin' Around Planning Committee (Darnell). The delay in the granting of the date by the Corrales Village Council made planning and vendor recruitment impossible, so the full fledged Emporium must be deferred until next year, most probably on the first Saturday in June. However, the NMHC Foundation and the Horse Council will offer an Equine Micro-chipping clinic on Saturday, June 6, at the Top Form Arena parking lot in Corrales between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Staff from the New Mexico Livestock Board will be present and offer the Livestock Hauling Permit for \$30.00. If altering existing permits, the charge is \$5.00. Also, micro-chipping your horse will cost \$5.00 and a Coggins test is \$5.00.

Horse owners will need to bring: proof of ownership, bill of sale, breed records, previous hauling papers (whichever apply). Since 1-H or permanent inspection cards are required whenever a horse is transported from one state livestock district to another, and since districts do not correspond exactly to county lines, having the permit along at all times is a very good idea; if stopped by a livestock inspector, otherwise the hauler could be fined. Coggins tests are required for out of state horses entering New Mexico, and although not yet required for in-state movements many fairs and exhibitions will be requiring proof of negative Coggins after April 1, 2009. Microchipping is a positive, painless way to identify a horse; after the hurricanes of the past few years, many horses in Louisiana, for instance (which requires that all horses be chipped) were successfully returned to their owners.

The Village of Corrales will charge a fee to use the parking lot. Kreger moved, Cole seconded that a fee of up to \$100 be approved for this venue. **Motion carried.** Equisure needs to be notified of the date.

Silent Auction at Horsin' Around – proceeds to benefit? Since there will be no Emporium this year, the question is moot.

Annual Trail Ride. Rusty Cook has been unable to find anyone to chair this ride, or contact the Valles Caldera people. Time is getting short. She will try to contact Averills and Whelchels, NMHC members who are involved with Valles Caldera. Eldon Reyer is being considered for a position which would involve work with Valles Caldera, so has a conflict.

Update on NMHC Foundation Scholarship project (Searles) The scholarship idea is proceeding and the first will be awarded this year. Requirements are unchanged since they were mailed to Board members. Jeff Bader has published in 4-H and County Extension sources; Rusty will try FFA. Perhaps ads in the Horsemen's Voice or other horse related publications? There will be a Foundation meeting about the possibility of awarding a scholarship for a horse camp. Darnell said the Foundation will create an attractive proposal with new ideas, unique to the Foundation, to attract donations and support from people significant to the horse industry.

Other Old Business: Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and Bosque Circle Ranch. There is currently no application process for the riding stable to get a user permit to take commercial rides out on the ditches. Meanwhile, their attorneys have found that a great portion of the ditch trails actually belong to AMAFCA, the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, which does not have a problem with recreational use. The stable does have applications on file with the BLM and Albuquerque Open Space. The ranch's current problem is with the Neighborhood Association; some members do object to this use of the land, and the actual owner's health does not permit her to attend meetings. The daughter and the trainer, since they are not the actual landowners, have no standing with the neighborhood association.

Cole reminded the Board and guests that the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board has several MRGCD Board positions, including two in Bernalillo County, are being contested in the election to be held on June 2. Getting absentee ballots is a difficult process, but early voting at the District headquarters, 1931 2nd. St. SW, is easy and there are many voting locations open on June 2. Visit www.mrgcd.com for





a list of locations. If your tax bill includes an assessment for the Conservancy District, you are an eligible landowner. If husband and wife own property together, each has a vote.

7. **New Business.**

Report on Preparedness and Response to Agricultural Terrorism Class (Cook) In addition to Rusty Cook from NMHC, representatives from four horse rescues attended this multi-day seminar. It was obvious from the sample scenarios that it would be easy to sabotage agriculture and livestock, and there must be a plan in place to act after a disease outbreak or an act of terrorism. Most attendees were from pueblos, counties, law enforcement and emergency management agencies. Horse rescues may be asked to evacuate and quarantine in case of an emergency.

Report on Horsemen's Feed Open House April 18 (Bouker). Rusty Cook and Jackie Bouker attended this open house, set up an NMHC table and represented the Council until around 2 PM. The day was cold and overcast. Cook asked Cole to write a thank you letter, since Horsemen's Feed let us have the table space for free when they charge the commercial vendors.

Table at Ditch Pony Promenade, May 17. Melanie Scholer of Dan's Boots and Saddles has offered NMHC table space at this very popular free horse show at Topform Arena in Corrales. Several horse council members are volunteering at the event, including Board member Elsie Shollenbarger as judge. Nancy Searles offered to bring NMHC material and sit at the table; after tonight's Board meeting Cook and Bouker will transfer the signs and brochures to her car.

NMHC Tack Swap: possible venue: Lefty Converse show at Topform Arena in Corrales, August 14. Kreger moved, Darnell seconded to proceed with planning. Cole and Reppert will plan. *Motion carried.* Cole will confirm with Melanie Scholer and Dan's Boots and Saddles, who invited NMHC to hold the tack swap but warned that the Village of Corrales may charge taxes or a fee, since the "village has a deficit and may even charge gross receipts taxes on garage sales". If the Horse Council needs to pay gross receipts on sale of table spaces and donated items, the tack swap may not be worth the volunteer time and effort.

NMHC Banner at new San Ysidro Arena (Darnell). No final cost for putting up the banner, or figures for making the banner, are yet available.

Scholarship Money For Foundation (Darnell, Searles) As mentioned above, the Foundation Board is brainstorming and pursuing many innovative ideas to build the Foundation endowment so scholarships and other grants can follow.

Other New Business.

Donation of Books: Nance McManus sent word that if the college of Santa Fe campus indeed has lost all funding and will be empty, that perhaps part of the library might be available to support a library of horse books. Darnell said the Bunting Foundation might espouse such a library as it fulfills the educational aims of the Foundation grants. The NMHC Foundation might even submit two proposals for educational grants – one for a library, one for the Emporium.

8. **Next NMHC Board Meeting Dates.**

June 1: Reppert's house in Edgewood, 6:00 PM. Phil and Nancy will serve BBQ and hopefully have a new foal to show off. He will send directions to Cole who could send a postcard or include on the draft minutes.

July 13, Santa Fe. Reyer will plan, and the late date will avoid the July 4 holiday weekend.

August 3, Corrales. Casa Vieja was suggested as a possibility.





9. **Announcements.**

Rolex Kentucky 3-day event telecast. Since the original date (just before the Kentucky Derby) was preempted by a hockey match, NBC has scheduled a rerun just before the Preakness stakes May 16.

Bicycle Pedestrian Equestrian Committee Quarterly Meeting will be held in Moriarty, May 14. Cole will notify NMHC members living in that area and those members of the East Mountain Trails group for which she has email addresses. Reppert also suggested the High Desert Riders be notified.

Hammers and Hooves. NMHC member B.J. Elcock is the head of the group presenting, with Wildlife West, the Hammers and Hooves Horse Fair at the Wildlife West Nature Park in Edgewood on June 19 – 21. There will be seminars by horse industry professionals, a horseshoeing competition by World Champion blacksmiths, and old fashioned fun including a pie contest and a photography contest. Admission fees of \$7 for adults, \$6 seniors, and \$4 students and children (children under 4 are free) includes admission to the Nature Park.

10. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:00.

**Directions to Repperts (June 1 meeting), call to order 6:00.
Meatballs, bread, salad and dessert at 5:45. And maybe a foal!**

- **Eastbound on I-40: Get off on exit 181 (Sedillo exit). At the end of the ramp, turn left at the Phillips gas station. Go 1.7 miles. You will be at the intersection of Mountain Valley Road, but the sign is missing. Turn left on Mountain Valley and go over the interstate. Go 2.9 miles on Mountain Valley, Turn right on Baugus and go 0.4 miles. Baugus makes a ninety degree turn after .25 miles. We are the third property on the right after the 90 degree turn. See the horse barns, and we will try to put out balloons or a sign.**
- **East on Old Route 66: go to the top of the hill from which you see the Phillips gas station, follow directions above.**
- **From Santa Fe: come down Route 14. Just before the Shell station in Sandia Park, make a left on to Frost Road. Stay on Frost until the first stop sign, approximately 4 – 5 miles. Turn right on to Mountain Valley Road, go one half to one mile and turn left on Baugus Road. follow directions above when on Baugus.**

