

FRIENDS OF ORANGE COUNTY HORSE & FARM CENTER
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by President Debbie Corr.

President's Report: There was a meeting last Friday with the Parks Commissioner and DPW.

Because we will be bringing in fill we must look for any type of plant or wildlife that might be affected.

Catch basins must be made at the bottom of the parking lot area. for water run off. Storm drainage management will be done by the county. The third Tuesday in April there will be a meeting with the county regarding funding for this project. Debbie will be attending multiple meetings in April regarding plans for the new Park. It was decided that we will hold the March meeting to continue current discussions, but will cancel the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$1639, plus \$60 in dues received at the Old Field Farm show on 2/14 and \$ 120 in benefit class money from that show.

To date Old Field Farm, G & M Riding Club and ? Willow Hill will be offering Benefit Classes this year. Tri County & Lucky C may offer.

Debbie thanked Kathy Casper of Whinnies & Knickers - the official sponsor of the Benefit Classes, who provided the awards for the past shows. Kathy noted that Stephanie was the gift basket designer who created special items.

A total of 11 OCHFC Benefit Classes will be offered: Beginner Eq Medal, English Pleasure Horse/Pony, Handy Hunter 2', Handy Hunter 2'6", Gamblers Choice 3' Jumper, Western Pleasure Horse/Pony, Western Trail, Western Horsemanship, Western Fitting & Showmanship, Cloverleaf Barrels and Pole Bending. There are currently 38 riders entered into the program. Debbie thanked Beth for all her efforts in keeping the database up to date after each show.

Laura will be donating an 18 x 18 bluestone with an appropriate image stained on it as the Year End award for each Division.

Fund raising: Laura drafted a letter to be sent to equine related venues such as Blue Seal, Purina, Nutrena, etc. Kathy Casper & Audrey Reith are working on letters to be sent to celebrities with ties to the equine industry. Kathy Gramm noted that she is the representative for a bandage product and the Club could purchase some of their kits and sell them as a fund raiser.

LOGO - Another go-round of reviewing art work approved at prior meetings. Final decision was that Laura & Beth will collaborate on a design with the Blackburne Farm barn as the prototype surrounded by a circle or horseshoe and present it at the March

meeting.

Membership Drive: Everyone was encouraged to try to recruit two new members for the next meeting.

Kathy Casper noted that Laura Cresscimanno is the new Show Manager of the NYSTQHA Shows and she will present the information to their Board.

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Chip was designated to contact Tom Quintas at the Golf/Ski Lodge about reserving Friday, October 29 , 2010 for the OCHFC Year End Awards Banquet.

Colleen Segurra noted that she reserved the 10/31/10 date with the Park for a Charity Horse Show. It can be either for OCHC or ERR. They will offer OCHFC Benefit Classes at this show.

Beth noted that OCHFC members are needed to man the OCHFC table at the Old Field Farm shows to hand out literature and explain the new Horse Park and run a 50/50 raffle.

Kathy Casper noted that any information regarding the OCHFC could be displayed from the W&K mobile van at all events they attend during the year. Debbie will provide her with a suitably sized map which shows the various Phases and other appropriate literature..

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Croak
Secretary