

## Annual Election Meeting Minutes

### Little Creek Farm Conservancy

May 3, 2014

**Attendees:** Robin Hitchcock, Rene Iverson, Jane Donofrio, Calli Ensor, Christy Rosenblatt, Liz Gleim, Ellen Filer, Nancy Williams, Brad Williams, Carolyn Brown, Nicole Thomas,

**Welcome:** President Jane Donofrio

March meeting minutes approved ---Carolyn Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherree Wallace

#### **Year End Reports:**

**Sherree Wallace - Outreach:** Barn Tours are overbooked and Sherree thinks we may need to increase the amount of tours and start having the tour every Saturday. She needs horseshoes- not sure what has happened to them. She has also changed the format a little bit- some of Mark's younger students are riding for the tour groups- tour seems to like the "show". We had 300- 325 visitors last year. Sherree plans to keep larger groups in Parelli pasture. She has groups from St. Andrews preschool, other preschools, Day care centers for adults and mental health centers. Groups are of a varied and from a large region. Barn tours are still taking the winter months off.

**Birthday Parties:** ongoing debate on whether the Conservancy should do Birthday Parties. We would definitely need a different person to handle this project (Sherree cannot do both). This would be a big project and would have to be run like a business.

**Calli Ensor - Treasurer:** Suntrust budget -- 11,393.09. Paypal – \$4855.34

**Kat Smith Membership-** renewals due in May. We now have 60 members renewed - 180 previous members.

**Meagan Low (could not be here) - Merchandise:** We have a decent amount of merchandise, including more feminine looking apparel. Magnetic bumper stickers are big seller. No new merchandise - probably order more for fall festival. Open to suggestions of new ideas - shirts for little kids?

**Nicole Thomas - Fundraising:** Dabney clinic went well; most money went to SOS (Stamp out Starvation) Good start of partnership with them. Pony Rides on May 17<sup>th</sup>, -sign up online.

**Carolyn Brown Volunteer Coordinator:** Last year more volunteers than people at fall festival due to rain. Clean up day we had 22 people. Dave Butler could use some Boy Scout groups to help with trail off Orion.

#### **Jane Donofrio President:**

- Bridge is open and far mares pasture is open- not sure when mares are going out there.

- No news from county on rehabbing paddocks.
- There was an incident with sprinkler system coming on with riders in arena- this has been taken care of and sprinkler systems indoors and out are no longer on timers.
- Sand has been added to arena and now it needs more of the fabric material.
- **Shout out to Nancy Scott-** She is an indefatigable worker. She talked to fire department, bought and applied reflective tape on stalls for easy open. She is willing to spread fly predators.
- Pony Rides: stop line at 3:15 so as not to go over the time limit for volunteers and horses.
- Fun Day is June 8 and we will combine with volunteer appreciation party.
- Dana McDaniel / Karla Postma: News from- Rogers Electric and Fan Company - Identified outdoor fan - one for each 2 wash stall, quiet, low voltage, cools large area, used in equestrian areas. We will also have switch put in for outdoor arena. They will pull down florescent lights, and put in new lights over each wash stall and add extra outlets to each wash stall. ALL FOR FREE.
- Will be a busy year, installing safe fans, continue beatification and look at having more clinics.
- Conservancy and County still working together. Community outreach is still extremely important to ensure our continued relationship with the county. Please continue to record all volunteer hours.
- Plan for future includes getting more automated - minutes, membership, and tracking volunteer hours.

**Yearly Election of board members:** All nominees ran unopposed. Live voting took place at meeting until 10:30. 18 total votes

**Welcome new board. Secretary Rene Iverson, Treasurer Callie Ensor, Membership Coordinator Ellen Filer, and Merchandise Coordinator Meagan Low.**

Don't forget Kroger awards and Amazon smiles.

Adjourn 10:35 a.m.

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