



General Membership Meeting

March 21, 2006

7:15 PM

Location: Allison Murphy's house

8704 Cowpoke Road

Hostess: Allison

Co-Hostess: Janet Dodson

Door Prize – Tom Dodson

Program: Massage

Bill Gentle	Tory Poulton	Allison Murphy	Sue Gentle	Nancy Olsen
President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Member-at Large
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Last newsletter for unpaid members!!!

Paid Members include: BAKER, Susan, DODSON, Tom and Janet, FREIER, Charles & Carolyn, GENTLE, Bill and Sue, HANSON, Diane, HARRIS, Veronica, HECKERT, Bitsy, HUMMEL, Mike & Valerie, KAISER, Raian, MCGUFFEY, Tina and Alan Spencer, MONCECCHI, Lori and Dino (Mariah, Johanna, Gabriel, Daniel and Nathaniel, MORRISS, Bob & Makanah, MURPHY, Allison, O'LEARY, Dan and Becky - Jack and Ben, PRINCE, Ellie, POGUE, Lara, RANDLE, Don and Deeda, WHITENIGHT, Terry B., WENSKY, Robbie

Please if your name does NOT appear on the list above please forward your dues immediately to Allison Murphy 8704 Cowpoke Road, Cheyenne Wyoming 82009 – with the attached 2006 membership form.

February 21, 2006 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm at Tory Poulton's house. Minutes were approved and will be placed on the Website. The door prize was drawn and Tom Dodson won.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Gentle –

Beginning Balance -	\$4,257.89	
Income	\$ 440.00	
Expenses	\$ 2,603.20	

Ending Balance	\$2,094.69	
CD Balance	\$5,456.70	Our CD rate \$3.25%

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Dressage Arena – It has arrived. It was delivered and unloaded to Tory's green shop/garage. There was a discussion about the Old Dressage arena, it doesn't have much value, and it was motioned to table the discussion to rid the club of the old arena until after the schooling show.
2. By-Laws – this was tabled until next meeting as the audit committee was not available for their report.
3. Continuing Education for Show Manager and Show Secretary – we are looking forward to a report from Veronica and Bitsy on their education in Colorado.
4. Reminder that Dues should be paid by March or names will be removed from the mailing list.- **this is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not paid your 2006 dues.**
5. Show Reports –

- a. Schooling show – May 20th – Committee of Tory, Allison, Sue Gentle, Lara – the mailing list has been sent out to past competitors. We will email the prize list to everyone we can think of to save costs. We will need volunteers, Sue has a list of positions that she needs filled.
 - b. RaeAnn Curtis (Cook) has agreed to be our Judge, at this point we will not be able to have an outdoor arena, as we don't have a back up judge.
6. LOGO – Tory redrew the logo with out the legs. She did a beautiful job and will bring it to t next meeting for discussion on the text.
7. Secretary Report – There were a few large decisions made in 2005. In January we voted that the vice president would also act as the Program coordinator. February brought around the silent auction at the schooling show that really paid off dividends to the club. Allison was asked to reformat the newsletter. In March the club decided on set advertising costs for the newsletter, \$15.00 per page, \$10.00 per half page, and business card \$5.00. We would not offer ¼ page, 1/3 page, 1/8 page or other various sizes of advertising. Members business cards would be free. In April we voted upon utilizing a website for the club also we began the name change process taking us from the Cheyenne Dressage and Hunt Club to the Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club. ALSO this summer we reviewed the Video/Library check out time and decided that ONE month (between meetings) was ample time to checkout a video or book. In May The unanimous vote to change our name officially happened. Legally we would be able to make the affects in January 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint committees to review the bylaws – This is required bi-annually. Tory, Lara and Bitsy again stepped up to review those bylaws. They will be emailed out. If you would also like to review the club bylaws please feel free to call Allison or Bill and Sue for your own copy. Report to be given in March.
2. Other Business –
 - a. **DOOR PRIZE** – It was motioned and voted and seconded that the Winner of the Door Prize each month shall be responsible to bring the door prize the following meeting.
 - b. **CO-HOSTESS/HOSTESS** – Because we have such a large active club we understand that it is very difficult for everyone to host meetings. This makes the Co Hostess a very important person to our club. The Co- hostess shall bring the food and drinks (aside from Coffee, water etc) to each meeting. We appreciate your participation and hope that those who are unable to host will volunteer to be our co-hostess. We really do appreciate it.

February Program – Dr Jenn Gage, DVM gave a wonderful program on Emergency and First Aid for your horses. There were are few things that she stressed.

1. That having a relationship with your vet is very important.
2. If your horses are injured try to bring them into the clinic if at all possible.
3. Be familiar with restraints used:
 - a. Ear twitch
 - b. Neck rolls
 - c. Nose twitch
4. You should be familiar with your horses “**normal**” actions and behavior
 - a. Behavior
 - b. Posture
 - c. Eating and Drinking habits
 - d. Temperature – 99.5 – 101.5 is typically a normal range
 - e. Respiration rates – 8-16 per minute
 - f. Pulse – 26-40 beats per minute for resting –

- i. Places to check the pulse
 - 1. Hearth Girth
 - 2. Jugular groove
- g. Gum Color – refill time after pressure
- h. Gut Sounds – what is quiet active normal?
- i. Manure/urine habits
- j. Vaginal discharge in mares
 - i. What is normal for your mare?

There are several types of Emergencies – if in doubt call your vet immediately.

5. Colic – Walk 20-30 minutes and wait for response. Don't walk your horse to the ground – have banamine on hand in your kit. There are several types of colic
 - a. Sand Colic
 - b. Gas Colic
 - c. Parasites
6. Choke – Things that can cause choke are feed changes, lawn clippings and dry food
 - a. You can feel the obstruction in the throat, there are two types of choke
 - b. High and Low – Dr. Gage said most cases of High Choke will work their way out before the vet gets to the horse but possibly not it's always best to check in with your vet at the first sign of distress – Low choke is very dangerous and you should call your vet immediately.
7. Facial Wounds –
 - a. Eye Trauma – call in any cuts etc because the eye needs to be preserved for function. – Eye cases can go badly if not treated properly.
 - b. Leg Trauma - Put direct pressure on the wound, do not put any ointment on the wound if it looks like it needs vet attention. A simple guideline is if it is bigger or longer than one inch...call.
8. Fractures – many are repairable with proper care and treatment – however some aren't and your location depends on the cure. Euthanasia is always a difficult decision – if in the back country carry a gun to relieve suffering and know how to dispatch it effectively.
9. Snake Bites –
 - a. Facial area – if the nose begins to swell take a section of garden hose 8-10 inches long and slide it up the nasal cavity until you feel breaths out the other end. When the swelling goes down the hoses will drop out.
 - i. The horse will need Penicillin 5-7 days and tetanus booster banamine is also very handy to relieve their discomfort.
 - ii. Snake bite on the legs is more worrisome, if it is in the joint it poses big problems.
 - iii. On a side note there are rattlesnake vacs available for dogs.
10. Lameness – Abscess
 - a. Soak in warm water with betadine and Epsom salts
 - b. Call your vet if they persist and don't burst.
11. Swelling in legs
 - a. Is it stocking up? If it hurts get them checked – otherwise maybe walk them gently to see if it helps.
 - b. Bowed tendon – stabilize and immobilize your horse immediately – call the vet!
12. Hives and Allergic Reactions –
 - a. Horses can go into anaphylactic shock have a EPINEPHRINE injection to help with shock
13. Foaling Care –
 - a. Call if your horse is going on 15-30 minutes as foaling is usually really quick
 - b. RED BAG – a red bag protruding means that no oxygen is getting to the foal – you must cut the bag immediately and very carefully and walk the mare until your vet arrives.

In conclusion have the following with you at all times, Swiss Army Knife, Clean bandana and shoe string of leather they all have their uses and functions when trail riding.

Thank you Jenn! We are going to miss you very much! Good Luck in Sheridan!

Schooling Show Meeting –

Awards – Allison will order new awards with new name etc.

New Jumps – Cross Country jumps – Sue and Bill have 3 bigger XC jumps than just Beginner Novice Level – they are 2'9". It was voted to keep them options for the BN course.

Our Show Weekend will be competing with Spring Gulch

It is May 20, 2006

Will post in the newsletter that we need help for volunteers

Need a volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer List

Arena will be open Friday for schooling

Arena Set up on Thursday prior at 6:00 PM

Dodson's will be in charge of Concessions – Drinks and Lunch

Classifieds:

Ads placed will be placed at a maximum of 3 months. It is the club member's responsibility to renew their ads. Also, Full-page ads will be a cost of \$15.00 per page, ½ page will be \$10.00 and business card ads will be \$5.00 per space. Business card ad space will be free to members. Stars after your ads denote how many months your ad has been posted, 3 stars and you're out unless you call and renew. Thanks!

SADDLES FOR SALE:

Black Child's Lead Line Saddle - \$75.00 - Allison -640-9222

Wintec Close Contact Saddle - Lovely Carmel Color 17.5" CAIR Panel and Easy Change Gullet system, matching Wintec leathers, moveable knee rolls - all but brand new condition - wonderful to care for - take hose and spray off - \$500.00 - Allison 640-9222

Horses For Sale:

Please Submit new ads

Schooling Shows:

Clinics

Tom Ordway Clinic in Cheyenne April 29 & 30th Location TBD Contact Deeda Randle

Articles, additions, improvements and corrections to the newsletter and event calendar

Please email or call Allison Murphy 640-9222 (cell) 635-9222 (home) or riding2horses@bresnan.net

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