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If you have a 15 in front of your e-mail name, you have paid your dues.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

First and foremost thank you all for electing me President. One of my projects is to enlarge the membership this year.

We have some different and very interesting events scheduled this up coming year. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

I hope to have a good turnout at the Valentine Drive and Chili Cook Off contest Feb 21st. If we get rained out, we will still hold the cook off at Nancy's log cabin. (See flyer for more info)

Please feel free to, call, text or email me anytime with ideas and suggestions for the club. Feed back is always appreciated. 704-431-4308

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Now get out those hairy horses and ponies and get driving and riding so we can have a great year.

GENERAL MEETING

Sagebrush 1/18/2015

16 people attended the General meeting and 8 the BOD meeting immediately afterwards. Faith called the meeting to order at 2:06pm. Minutes were approved as appeared in a previous newsletter.

Faith asked about ideas to increase active membership.

- 1. Doing Driving demos (Bev suggested the HERO show May 30th at TTC.
- Troutman Sale, a booth with pamphlets about the club, a raffle with the prize being a driving lesson at Tommy's with Charm or at Woody's with Sheba (or both?) Possibly sponsoring a class at the trail challenge at the Troutman sale
- 3. Getting 4-H groups involved. Penny mentioned the Rowan 4-H group is looking to help at horse related events

- 4. Tommy & Faith volunteered to call past members who have not renewed.
- Holding another event like the one, we did a few years ago, where people can watch and drive WITH a club member. "See if Driving is for You"
- Carolina Hoofbeats/Rose Cushing is looking for clubs to get Youth involved see article later in newsletter.
- 7. Pat reminded us David Ogburn welcomed us to come drive at Ogburn Stables
- 8. It was mentioned Ideal Harness is putting up \$ for drivers who attend the most events. If people sign in at each event we could do an award or gift certificate (?) at the end of the year for the person who attended the most meetings & events. The person who raises the most \$ at an event. The person who volunteers the most. The spouse who helps the most. The person who travels the longest distance through out the year. We will not chase after you to sign the sheet.

Faith talked about going down to Southern Pines in Dec with Nancy and Antonio to drive at the Foundation. The Moore county club had 26 entries in their Paper chase drive. We have a link on our site to their club she is going to talk to them about adding us to their site. From Paradox farm the Foundation is about 1 1/2hours if we were to attend any of their events. Faith will be talking to Mike Keesly and George and Sandy Nelson about driving possibilities.

We went over the dates for our events (see Schedule of Events) Faith is looking into a new place for her February event on Eon Church Road. She is planning a Chili Cook-off and has at least 6 volunteers bringing their Chili to be taste tested and voted on at lunchtime.

If anyone remembers the movie 7 brides, Faith would like to do a picnic basket raffle at one of our events, we decided to do that in Sept. Anyone who was interested would bring a basket filled with lunch items, wine or whatever. Bring it in a plastic bag so we don't know who brought what. We would do a raffle or silent auction for the baskets, after the auction we would eat what was in the basket we won. The money raised would go to the club or a charity or divided between both, the board would

decide at the meeting following the general meeting.

A fully itemized Treasurers report was passed out, but the gist of it is below. **Treasurer's Report:** In 2014, we took in \$2090.95 and spent \$2631.12 a difference of \$540.17. We have a balance of \$1705.63 as of 1/18/2015 before our meeting. Any Member wishing for a detailed report that was not at the General meeting at the Sagebrush, e-mail me and I will send you one.

Polly mentioned a new "Sport of Horses Park" being built in Snow Camp. She is going to keep us informed as the building progresses.

Member of the Year Award, 2014: Since the Plaque was full, Faith had all the names removed and handed the individual plaques to the people who won them. This year's award was presented to Tricia Hardy. I would like to thank all those who voted for me, I really do appreciate it. I love what I do for the club to help keep it going and do appreciate the knowledge that you all appreciate me. All of you keep this club going by supporting it at our events, meetings, and those of you who jump in and volunteer without being asked. Thanks to ALL of you.

Door Prizes were won by Marilyn Colvin, Tony Dalton, Cynthia Holbrook and Penny Godbey. As retiring President, Polly had gifts for her supporting Board members.

The Meeting Adjourned at 3:11pm

BOD MEETING JANUARY 18[™] 2015

Sagebrush, Mocksville

The meeting was called to order at3:30pm with Faith, Bev, Tricia, Jeff, Tommy, Woody, Cindy and Polly in attendance. Minutes were accepted as printed.

We discussed the Troutman Sale in March. Tommy is going to make sure we can set up a non-profit booth to try to encourage new members. If we have to pay for the booth, the Board approved spending up to \$100.00. Woody Volunteered to be in charge of getting people to help man the booth Friday & Saturday. I have tables and a canopy & generator if

we need it. We already have a banner and Faith made up a photo collage. A brochure has been designed and approved (at the Christmas party) and I will get it printed. We are going to start with 100 sheets, which will give us 300 handouts in color.

We decided to hold a board meeting after the following events: March 14th, June 20th and September 19th. If we need more we will schedule them. A slate of Officers is usually worked on about Oct/Nov, but the board decided to go back to 2-year terms, so the officers for this year will hold office until the end of 2016.

The Picnic Basket Raffle \$ will go to the Paradox Foundation (after any expenses are taken out).

I have the bill for the club's insurance which is due by 2/15/2015 \$813.00. Tommy sis going to check with Star H insurance to see if they have any better rates

If Faith does not have to work on Feb 4th she will be attending the Moore County Club meeting, she is a member. Jeff has volunteered to go with her.

Polly volunteered to keep the face book page updated with event info.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03pm

Flyer for Feb Event is accompanying this newsletter.

Polly has found a clinician for our April 18th Event at Paradox. She is working out the details with Muffy Seaton. Here is a blurb from her website, MuffySeaton.com:

Muffy Seaton put Carriage Driving on the map. Literally. Ms. Seaton is a four-time National Champion. She placed 3rd in the World at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in 1997. In 2005, she trained and qualified the pony who won the Gold Medal at the World Pony Championship in England. She is internationally known as one of the best Clinicians and Trainers.

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Dear Committee:

As members of our Equine community we all face the same issue - Growing Our Youth Involvement! The future of the equine industry rests with our kids. Every day we are losing youth participation in horse events due to the significant number of activities that compete for their time. How can we redirect our youth's interest to the equine industry? How can we hold it? What will happen if we don't?

There hasn't been an equine program on television directed at our kids in the past ten years! Those shows were in 2006 with episodes of Horseland (a cartoon character type show), Saddle Club (based on fictional characters and their adventures) and an occasional movie. After spending a lot of time with kids from a variety of disciplines I have seen that they are very serious young horsemen and women. They don't want fiction, they want reality.

Unfortunately Hollywood feels that the significant dollars to be made involve extreme action, super heroes and loads of flash! They fail to see that kids, especially girls not only love horses, but the horse industry offers a strong positive influence on the development of our children. It is a commonly known fact that children that are involved with types of agriculture such as equine are 75 times less likely to be involved in gangs, drugs and crime.

When a child wants a horse the parents are often overwhelmed and have no idea how to even begin to evaluate their child's request. Through our episodes we can teach the parents how to go about evaluating their child's needs to decide first how; i.e. lessons, leasing a horse, purchase a horse, etc.

It is my goal to develop horse programming devoted to children from the ages of 8-14. I plan to explore their experiences, emotions, successes, and interactions with horses, the horse community and each other. Letting our viewers see the horse world through children's eyes. While the show will be targeted to our young riders, I expect the show will be viewed by kids from 8 to 80 as the topics will be interesting and easy to understand. The shows will be designed to showcase all facets of the horse industry.

I plan to work with major breed associations, barns and riding clubs to find and interview children within the horse industry. I want to share their accomplishments, dreams, and ideas with other kids to stimulate interest and desire to be part of the equine industry. My desire as well is to allow parents, through the show, to see how good for their children horses can be, and how easy it would be to find a way for their child to be part of this amazing industry. It will educate the parents as to the steps to obtain and own a horse. It will also educate children as to what is involved in owning a horse. Beyond this we will be able to showcase not only the big parts about the industry

such as training and showing, but the smaller meaningful moments of bonding, responsibility, accomplishment the things that come on a day to day relationship with your horse.

Kids can teach kids proper ways to groom, tack and feed their horses. They can discuss why the do certain things, what products they like the best, tried and true tips for success coming from their peers. They can also discuss things like proper medical care and above all Safety in the barn and when riding. To wear a helmet or not can be addressed. Belonging to a horse club or association, riding in traffic, the possibilities are endless.

We can also feature recommended trainers that can influence our youth and help them grow their passion. We can allow them to have modern day heroes as North Carolina has a multitude of amazing horsemen and women such as Will Faudree, US Olympic Team Member, Jerry King, multi-world champion cutter, Francois Gauthier multi time world champion Reiner, Harness Racing great Dan Ackerman, Hunter Jumper legend Patty Heuckeroth and many more.

They can learn about giving back to their community through events such as Cowboy Up, Trail Rides for various charities and therapeutic riding centers. They can also explore all the equine world has to offer in the way of education beginning with their local 4H program right on through to College at Martin Community or Saint Andrews. To go a step further they will have an opportunity to explore all types of supporting horse careers within the industry as well.

They can experience good stewardship of the land and learn about what Back Country Horsemen and other trail organizations do to protect and promote our resources. Viewers will get a firsthand look at how a farm runs. They will learn about the NC Horse Council and why laws, rules, polices and regulation greatly affects our equine community. They will have an opportunity to spend a day at the Capital talking to our lobbyist and various congressional representatives. A tour of the NCSU Vet School, how horse trailers are made, why you use electric fence as opposed to barb wire. The possibilities are truly endless.

As our society has become more and more dependent on technology our youth have moved away from the rural lifestyle that is so much a part of our heritage. Kids today know how to program a cell phone or computer, but have no idea what it is like to do a day's work cleaning stalls or feeding and caring for livestock.

With so many of our families today broken; kids don't always have a way to achieve confidence, compassion, courage and patience at home. Television shows and movies today give children heroes and goals that may not be achievable or reasonable. When you own a horse, care for it, train it, ride it on a regular basis you are challenged to think, have patience, compassion and gain confidence. Through the episodes kids will be able to connect, learn and go forward with a dream of one day owning a horse. For some it may only remain a dream,

but who knows where our next Triple Crown jockey, or US Olympian, or neighborhood 4H leader will come from.

I believe that if our youth aren't exposed to the rural style of living, the joys of owning a horse, that they will have no appreciation for that way of life. Just like we needed to build zoos and aquariums to remind us of how valuable the creatures we share the earth with are to us, we also need to allow our kids an opportunity to fall in love with the greatest creature of them all, the horse.

I can't do this alone, I need your help. A television show costs me about \$1500 to produce and air. I would like to offer you a chance to purchase one or more episodes to showcase the Youth within your organization and promote your breed to other kids. What you would get for your investment: a 30 minute segment where we would allow our viewers to see kids in action, riding, learning, showing, and enjoying horses! It is our hope that when kids watch the show, they will say "I want to be that kid" and we can grow interest and excitement which will lead to more kids wanting to be part of the best industry on the planet; the horse industry! The episode will basically be a 30 minute infomercial about your breed or club that is aired in more than 4 million homes throughout the state, available on our website, YouTube, Vimeo and a link for you to use to market your industry.

We are also launching a kid's equestrian magazine which will support the television show and give additional opportunities for growth of the industry. I almost forgot to mention one other significant and vital part.....reading. Yes, kids will actually want to read this publication because it will have loads of things to do and for a while they can submerse into the world of horses!

We hope you will also consider advertising your events, celebrating your successes and talking about the breed in general with us. We have both of these projects scheduled for launch and tied to a major event this summer. I would love the opportunity to meet with you and answer your questions, give you a demo of the show, and discuss all the opportunities Cushing Media Productions have to offer. I would like to begin filming these episodes as soon as possible so we can launch the show in April in the Charlotte and Raleigh markets.

Please give this opportunity your consideration as it can only help us all to become better and grow.

Sincerely, Rose Cushing

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SCHEDULE FOR 2015:

Regardless of the event riders, visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come check us out. **Event Fees**: Members \$15.00 per Turnout or Rider, Nonmembers \$20.00 per Turnout or Rider, Spectators FREE.

January 18th 2015. General Meeting 1-3pm at the Sagebrush in Mocksville. The back room is reserved. Board Meeting right after. (No horses)

February 21st Faith will host location to be announced. Chili Cook off

March 14th TLC Farm, Tricia to host

March 21-22nd Troutman auction <u>WWDC</u> <u>information booth.</u> We will need volunteers to man the booth. Faith has put a photo collage together we have a banner and Mad Ceramics can supply the tent & table(s). An info brochure has been designed and will be printed. Woody Woodall will be in charge of volunteers to man the booth. Tommy will make sure we can have a booth.

April 18th Paradox. Polly to host a Clinic. Muffy Seaton clinic.....

** May 1-9 ???? CCC HDT at Windrige? NOT a WWDC Event

May 9th Woody to host. Location to be determined. Rising Hope, his farm or Paradox?

May 30th H.E.R.O. Open show at TTC in Mocksville. There will be Driving Classes in the 5 acre field next to the indoor arena. NOT a WWDC Event

June 20th Breakfast drive/ride at Paradox.

July 18th Picnic at Ellis Park Shelter 3:30-?. (No horses)

August 15th "Beat the Heat" To be announced. Ice Cream Pool Party????

September 19th Trail drive. Location to be announced. Picnic Basket Raffel.

** Sept 25-27???? CCC Pleasure Show NOT a WWDC Event

October 24th Halloween at Paradox. Date could change with Nancy's show schedule.

November 14th Fall Drive at TLC Farm. Tommy & Karen to host

December 6th Christmas Party. 2:00pm If you want to play Dirty Santa bring a gift \$15-20 limit. Club supplies the Honey Baked Ham bring side dishes.

** NOTE From Price Story CCC President about attending their events. Hi Tricia. Your members are certainly welcome to come join in any of our activities that are open and the closed events if they are members. Are ya'll 100 miles away? that would give you a \$15 membership. the only problem with you coming anytime to anything is insurance. We have unlimited member only events but have to pay extra for the open to the public events.

Whips & Wheels Driving Club Membership Application/Waiver

Membership will run from January 1st through December 31st.

Please print out form below & fill out then:

Make Checks payable to: Whips & Wheels Driving Club or WWDC Mail to: Tricia Hardy 547 John Crotts Road Mocksville, NC 27028 ____ Family Membership full year \$25.00 (Family Membership 2 or more people up to 4. voting privileges 18 years or older) Single Membership full year \$15.00 (1 person) ___ New After June 30th will be prorated: 1/2 year \$12.00 Family \$7.50 Single (remainder of the year.) New & Renewing Memberships AFTER November 1st run through the following year. Dues are due the first of January each year. Total \$ Enclosed \$ ______ Please provide the following contact information For our Membership/Business directory _____ Farm Name: _____ Address: City: State: Zip: ____E-Mail: _____ _____ Web Site: _____ Date Received: _____ (Office Use) Work or Cell Phone: _____ Please read and sign the WAIVER below & send with your application: Print a copy to keep 1st Adult/Parent/Guardian 2nd Adult/Parent/Guardian 1st minor (under 18 years_____

Whips & Wheels Driving Club Equine Release, Waiver and Indemnification

2nd minor (under 18 years) ____

The undersigned participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18 years, does/do hereby execute this release waiver, and indemnification for himself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives and assigns and, thereby agree(s) and represents as follows:

To release Whips and Wheels Driving Club, it's members, agents and representatives affiliated with this activity from any liability, loss, damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling of equine by the undersigned participant. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify Whips and Wheels Driving Club, it's members, agents and representatives affiliated with this project, and hold them harmless for any loss, damage, cost, claim judgment, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned person's participation in said activity.

If involved in equine activities pursuant to NC Chapter 99E of NC General Statutes, the undersigned(s) executes(s) this waiver of the undersigned(s) right to sue and agree(s) to assume all risks resulting from the "intrinsic dangers of equine activities". "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" is defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to: (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (vi) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or Parent or guardian of a minor. The revocation shall be in writing, which shall be addressed to the provider and shall become effective thirty (30) days after delivery to the provider.

The undersigned(s) should maintain all medical and health insurance to cover all risks of any kind in any place in livestock, equine, and/or other activities.

I the undersigned participant will ensure equipment is in good condition at all times, wear and use all safety equipment. Minors (under the age of 18) MUST wear helmets and be accompanied by an experienced driver when in the carts/carriages.

WARNING: Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina general statutes.

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