

**EASTERN KANSAS HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 2009**

The January Meeting of the EKHA was called to order on Sunday, January 18, at 3:30 PM, at the Coyote Canyon in Salina. There were 16 voting members present representing the following clubs: Buckeye SC (2), Cowboys for Christ SC (2), Crossroads SC (2), Dickinson Co. 4-H (1), Junction City SC (2), Mitchell Co. Riders (2), Salina Silver Spurs (2), Sand Springs SC (1), and Sante Fe SC (2).

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Kris read the minutes from the October Meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Susan reported that the EKHA bank account balance is \$3636.59. Discussion followed as to whether money should be transferred from the money market (\$7393.66) to a CD in hopes of a greater interest gain. Shirley stated that we probably wouldn't gain anything at this time. No action was taken. Report was approved as printed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** It was reported that EKHA had sent a plant to the David Burgess family of Wamego. David passed away after suffering a heart attack.

Cards were passed around at the meeting to sign for Beth Cormack. She was home recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Lisa Mullinax reported that the pictures that were colored by the children at the banquet were sent to Iraq. She said that they were enjoyed by our troops stationed there.

**COMMITTEE SIGN UP:** Sheet was passed around – see attached. (Be sure and contact an EKHA officer to sign up to help. (It takes EVERYONE to make an organization successful!!!)

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The scholarship committee reported that Stetson Schmutz was the winner of the 2008 Bob Sheridan Memorial Award (\$100.00). The balance in this account is \$949.27.

Discussion was held concerning the problems publishing/accessing the EKHA website. It was felt that the problems that were brought to light would work themselves out in the near future. Please let any officers know of problems that you have encountered. Your best source of information is the EKHA newsletter. (\$9.00 for a one-year subscription.)

Discussion was held concerning problems with the Awards Banquet. A second location was not available at this time. Discussion was held concerning early clean up and everyone leaving too fast/feeling rushed. A motion was moved and seconded to hire a DJ for mingling/dancing after the Awards Banquet. A \$300.00 cap was put on this. DJ would be available from 9:00 – 11:00. Lisa Wainwright was to check on a DJ. (Passed 11 – 4)

Ron Schmutz suggested that EKHA have a clean up committee for after the banquet so that one or two individuals were not stuck with this job each year. It was decided to add this category to the Committee Sheet. By having a clean up committee, people might not feel so rushed to clean up, so as not to be stuck with the job.

Once again there was discussion concerning each club supplying their own properties for their show. PLEASE be sure that you have **ALL** properties for your show, and that if your club supplies them, that they are EKHA approved. Ron Schmutz has access to plastic barrels – please contact him if your club needs a set. (\$21.00 per set)

It was suggested that EKHA newsletters, notes, messages, and minutes that are sent out via email are sent “Blind Copy” to respect privacy and security. Everyone will try to do his or her best to honor this.

Stetson Schmutz thanked the club for being awarded the Bob Sheridan Scholarship and for their support. He also reported that he has been chosen to participate in the Extreme Cowboy Race at this year’s Equifest in Wichita – February 13 – 15. Good Luck Stetson!

**The following shows have been scheduled for Summer 2009:**

May 17	Buckeye SC (Buckeye)
May 23 & 24	JCSC (Junction City)
May 25	KS 4D (Bennington)
May 30 & 31	Sante Fe Trail Riders (Council Grove)
June 6 & 7	Sand Springs SC (Abilene)
June 13 & 14	El-Kan Western Riders (Ellsworth)
June 20 & 21	Mitchell Co. Riders (Beloit)
August 1 & 2	Cowboys for Christ (Clay Center)
August 29 & 30	State Show – To Be Announced

**Other Important EK Dates:**

July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rule Changes Due in <b>WRITING</b>
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	State Show bids due in <b>WRITING</b>
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	State Show entries due to Kris
October 24	2009 Meeting, Banquet, and Dance (Sterl Hall, Abilene)

A motion was made and passed to adjourn. 4:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kris (Pilcher) Langdon