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Description automatically generated**Diamondback Pony Club Sponsors’ Meeting**

**November 1, 2020**

**10200 N. Camino De Oeste, Tucson**

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm

1. **Quorum** was established. Those present (sponsors in bold) were:

**Kathy Dirksheiider Kate Hauck Cindy Hanson Cathy Hauck Kathy Coswert Kaitlyn Dirkshneider** Lauren Pennell Elizabeth Pennell Meera Patel Kaeshika Patel Dalia Zimmerman Greta Zimmerman

1. Review and approval of **last year’s minutes** – minutes were approved. Cathy pointed out that printed 2019 minutes did not include the Treasurer’s report, and told the new parents to contact her or Cindy if they wished to see a copy.
2. Summery of **last year’s activities** – Kathy reported that there were no activities prior to October, 2020.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Cindy reported that there was $1069.90 in the working account, $563.05 in savings account 1, and approximately $120 in savings account 2 (Scrip, Amazon Smiles, Fry’s). There were no expenses this year. With National’s approval, there was no peer review done, instead, both 2020 and 2021 will be peer reviewed next year
4. **Communications** - there was much discussion about the best way for the club to communicate. Kathy has used TeamSnap in the past, but found it wasn’t working for most people. Whatsapp and Groupme were both suggested, as well as continuing to use Google Classroom for Kaitlyn’s HM lessons and scheduling. It was decided that Whatsapp would work best for most people.

Cathy reminded people about the club website, which includes the calendar

(normally up-to-date) at <https://diamondback.ponyclub.org/> Kathy pointed out that the club has two Facebook pages – one public and one private, and that the private one would also be a means of communication. She will send out invitations to everyone for the private Facebook page.

1. **Nominating Committee** – Kate and Cindy proposed the same officers – Kathy D for DC, Kate H for Jt-DC and Cindy for Treasurer. Volunteers were solicited for the office of Secretary, and Dahlia agreed. Cathy moved that the amended slate be approved by the club. Dahlia seconded, and the motion as passed.

There was no nominating committee appointed for 2021.

1. **Schedule and Calendar** – There was a long discussion about best dates to meet in December, and also weather it would be possible to move Manuela’s lesson from the 8th to the 14th of November. We will meet the 3re, 10th and 17th of December, but tryfor 4pm so it will not be so dark. There will also be a field trip to Arva Clinic on December 29th.
2. **Certifications** – Meera, Greta and Lauren will need to take their D1 (and probably) D2 certifications soon. Kathy Cd divide the appropriate HM topics onto slips of paper, and have the three members draw topics. They will prepare and teach each other the topics over the next several meetings, under Kathy C’s supervision. The certification will take place in December or January – Kate H. will probably be the examiner.

A discussion of Pony Club’s certification levels followed for the new members. They were also urged to create their national logon profiles – lots of great information, including prep sheets and the actual test sheets. Go to : <https://www.ponyclub.org/>

1. **Fund Raising** – Easy ways to raise funds for the club are to link your Fry’s card to Diamondback Pony Club, or to use Amazon Smiles and choose DBPC as your preferred charity Signing up with the Scrip Program [www.Shopwithscrip.com](http://www.Shopwithscrip.com) raises even more money for the club, and can save you money too.

If any parent works for an organization that might be willing to sponsor DBPC that would be greatly appreciated!

We also have 8 Disney tickets to raffle – will probably wait until Disney reopens though. We might try a limited auction – agree only to sell, say 100 tickets at $20 each,

The question was raised – what is the money used for? Kathy answered that it is primarily used to pay instructors, but, funds permitting, it is also used to defray party of the Regional dues and subsidize Camp fees. A discussion of Camp (probably June 5-12 in St. John’s AZ) followed

Kathy mentioned that her budget for 2021 was generated assuming that we would have some of the same corporate sponsors that we’ve had in past years, but this may not be the case.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

*Sponsor’s application is attached*