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

**November 3, 2022**

**at the IHop at Cortaro and Hwy 10**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

1. **Quorum** was established. Those present were:

Kathy Dirkschnieder , Kathy Coswert, Chandra Chance, Wendy Davis, Melody Davis, Olivia McNall, Jeff Mcnall, Cathy Hauck, Elizabeth Pennell, Regina Tiedmann, Linnea Truby, Colten Truby

1. Review and approval of **last year’s minutes** – minutes were approved.
2. Kathy D will be sending out renewal emails this week. Register by 11/15 for discount.
3. Summery of **last year’s activities** –
   1. We have been meeting 2-4 times per month.
   2. Most of those meetings include both riding and HM instruction
   3. Riding instructors have been Kaitlyn Dirkschider and Manuela Propfe. HM instruction has been done by Kathy Cowsert, with occasional outside speakers, like vets
   4. We have had several D1, D2, D3 and C1 certifications.
   5. One member attended Show Jumping Rally. Two members participated in the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Project.
   6. Five members attended Camp
   7. Tried a new thing for the summer months – indoor field trips (Vaquero’s tack and concussion testing).
   8. Fundraising: Cash donations, Amazon Smiles, Fry’s Community Rewards, Disney ticket raffle
4. **Treasurer’s Report** –
   1. Total Funds balance $14487.78, but that includes money from Camp that will go to the Region
   2. Bank balances include BMO -$2093.77, Wells Fargo - $10170.24, Savings - $130
   3. Outstanding bills include $240 to Kaitlyn , & $195 for Regional dues and $500 for Camp support
   4. **Available funds $4250**
   5. Peer Review was completed.
5. **Other Financial**
   1. Dues will continue at $40 / month or $440 / year if paid in January
   2. It was pointed out that the Club pays the Regional dues of $65 / member.
   3. Most parents would like to be sent a bill (or email or text), so they know what they owe
   4. It was agreed that the $100 Camp credit would be applied to the bills of those who went to camp, to cut down on check writing.
6. **Financial improvements for 2023** –
   1. Manage funds with QuickBooks, in addition to the USPC system
   2. Establish independent checking account to manage camp funds. – Kathy D will discuss at the Regional Meeting.
   3. Use Zelle for payments?
7. **Officer elections –**
   1. DC – Kathy Dirkshneider
   2. Secretary – Chandra Chance
   3. Treasurer – Linnea Truby
   4. Asst. Treasurer – Cindy Hanson
8. **Other Chairs -**
   1. Chandra will also help with scheduling.
   2. Chandra will also be responsible for DiamondBack’s website. She and Cathy H will meet shortly so Cathy can show her how to keep it up to date.
   3. Wendy will be in charge of PR, especially the Facebook page
   4. Regina will try to organize fundraising with Jim Click
   5. Kathy D will organize fundraising with Rodeo parking
9. **Outside HM and Instructor ideas for next year** –
   1. Longeing with Kate Hauck (will need to be scheduled soon, as she is leaving the area)
   2. Western instructor Jeff Cook
   3. More meetings with Manuela
   4. Have Manuela talk about Conditioning
   5. Chiropractor and/or Masseuse
   6. Teeth Floating
   7. Prepurchase exam
   8. Cathy H pointed out that most Vets and Farriers are required to do some community service, and are glad to come out, as long as they aren’t asked too often.
10. **Meeting Days –** we will try to return to Thursdays.
11. **Rallies and Events –**
12. Regional events will be firmer after the Regional Council meeting this weekend
13. Regional Show Jumping Rally in Phoenix, in the spring.
14. Quiz Rally May 7th in Phoenix.
15. Central Champs in St Louis June 5-11 (no one from DBPC will go)
16. Eventing Rally in Tucson in March? We would have to organize it. Cathy H organized it last year and said it wasn’t a big deal. She will send out directions on how to do it.
17. There will probably be a Regional Dressage Rally also
18. **Certifications** – Emma would like to finish her D3. Olivia and Colten would like to work towards their D3. Melody would like to take her C1 Laila would like to take her C2, and maybe her C3. Lauren wants to finish her C1 and might want to take her C2.
19. **Other** –
    1. Kathy C reminded older members to check the National website for scholarship opportunities
    2. Also, doing a Research Project for the Annual meeting is fun, and can be done virtually
    3. For those who don’t know, DiamondBack has a website: https://diamondback.ponyclub.org/

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.