



Equine Welfare Committee Meeting
January 8, 2024
Minutes
12:00-1:00 PM MST

Call to Order

Ellen Rankins

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM MST.

Roll Call

Rain Wheeler

Present: Ellen Rankins (Chair), Leanne Nieforth (Co-Chair), Holly Sundmacker, Melissa Yarbrough, Sherry Butler, Alyson Galow, Nicole Hauseman, Brigid Ripley

Staff: Rain Wheeler

Excused: Laura Decou

Minutes Approval

Ellen Rankins

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Motion: Leanne Nieforth

Second: Brigid Ripley

No corrections were noted.

2024 Committee Items

Rain Wheeler

Updated Committee Charter

Volunteer Handbook and Signatures

Equine Welfare Virtual Conference

Ellen Rankins and Leanne Nieforth

Suggested Topics:

- Practical Application of Stress Management
- Equine Mental Stimulation outside of Class
- Veterinarian discussing Pre-Purchase Checks and Costs
- Influence of the Horse Leader on Equine Welfare
- Retirement & Euthanasia

Looking to host this in late summer of 2024.

Strides Articles

Ellen Rankins and Leanne Nieforth

Asked for volunteers to write the following issue columns:

- Spring 2024
- Summer 2024
- Fall 2024
- Winter 2024

Topics are to be determined.

eNews e-Tips

Ellen Rankins and Leanne Nieforth

Asked for volunteers to write the following e-Tips:

- March 2024
- June 2024
- September 2024
- December 2024

Topics are to be determined.

PATH Intl. 2025 Conference - Pre-Conference Proposal

Ellen Rankins and Leanne Nieforth

Committee Members think involvement in the Pre-Conference is a good direction for the committee to take.

Committee asked to brainstorm ideas of topics and possible guest speakers.

Social Media Presence

Ellen Rankins and Leanne Nieforth

Ideas and plan for release to be discussed during the February meeting.

Action Items

Ellen Rankins

Rain to send out the updated Committee Charter and the 2024 Volunteer Handbook.

- Committee Members to sign signature pages in handbook and return to Rain by February meeting.

Committee Members to reach out to possible contacts about writing Strides articles.

Next Meeting

Ellen Rankins

February 12, 2024 at 12 PM MST.

Adjourn

Ellen Rankins

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM MST.