

2005 HOA Annual meeting, Camp Hitaga...Walker, IOWA

Curtis George opened the meeting with a beautiful prayer

Annette Gonzales gave the membership report. We have 168 active members at this time.

Della gave the Treasurers report 2763.73 start up, add 1,477.00 deposits, subtract 2,969.73 in expenses = balance of 1,271.03.

Reminder to all REGISTER YOUR HORSES, AND SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We have 440 horses registered

Report by Mary Phillips and the nominating committee. Vik and Tom were elected by acclamation for another term as President and Vice President.

Annette gave a report on the Mt Taylor Mustangs

Discussion about how and why HOA was started. A result of some research being done in the early 70's by Jeff Edwards and Bob Brislawn. It changed hands a couple of times and was eventually purchased by John Fusco. John turned over the HOA foundation herd to Vik to manage and HOA was incorporated as a for profit organization. Bylaws were created and are available on the website for review. John Fusco's efforts were recognized as being a significant influence on the preservation of the Colonial Spanish horses. With his acquisition of HOA and movies such as Spirit and Hidalgo, he has really turned this preservation effort around in a very, very positive direction.

Vik Ives, discussion was held on Strain Clubs. It is critical that these are defined and reported so they can be included in a book being published with this information. There are 17 recognized strains. What is required is the "History" of each strain, along with pictures. You must also provide criteria for inclusion within the specified strain. For example what % blood is required to be eligible for the specific strain? What abilities and type requirements are needed to qualify for that particular strain? We will very soon be publishing a book that will include the strains that are formally submitted. It will be a one of a kind book on all the Colonial Spanish horse strains. It is imperative that we collect the information and get these documents completed as soon as possible.

Florida Cracker horses have been accepted in HOA

Discussion was held on responsible breeding. Mentions on importance of breeding "great to great" versus based on History or Lineage. It was also mentioned that it is important to realize that people are coming along with claims that they have original horses. We need to be aware of this.

Annette Gonzales presented this years "Presidents Award" which went out to Penny Hatke for her diligence in attending all the meetings come rain or snow, and for being the only member who has accomplished falling off her horse 5 times out of the 6 meetings that HOA has had. (Hmm come to think of it I don't remember her getting on a horse this year at all Hehe)

Meeting adjourned and onto our Auction!!