



Equine Welfare Committee Meeting
May 8, 2023
Minutes
12:00 - 1:00 PM MDT

Call to Order Christine Rudd
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM MDT.

Roll Call Christine Rudd
Present: Christine Rudd (Chair), Ellen Rankins, Holly Sundmacker, Leanne Nieforth, Miyako Kinoshita, Bethany Baxley, Brigid Ripley, Morgan Kinnear (auditing)
Staff: Danielle Seybert, Programs Coordinator, Rain Yates, Education Coordinator
Absent: Christie Schulte-Kappert, Emily Kieson (Co-Chair), Sharon Butler

Minutes Approval Christine Rudd
Minutes April 2023
Motion: Holly Sundmacker
Seconded: Sharon Butler
Corrections: No corrections noted.

Reminders! Christine Rudd
E-Tip Due - July 15th - Leanne Nieforth

Upcoming Strides Articles:

- August 1 - Sharon Butler
- November 1 - Leanne Nieforth and Emily Kieson

Volunteer Curriculum Christine Rudd
Once this is received from the PATH Intl. staff, it will be shared with the committee for revisions.

Charter
Current charter is listed in the 2023 Google Drive folder. Committee members were asked to review and make notes of any edits/changes they would like to be addressed.

Equine Behavior and Welfare Education/Curriculum Development Christine Rudd
Committee received the go ahead to build the outline of this curriculum.

End Goal: A series of modules on equine behavior and how behavior is related to welfare applicable to EAS centers (in session and outside of sessions).

Ideas:

- Impacts of management methods on physiology and behavior
- Language we use around horse behaviors and how language impacts perception: Colleen Winkelman (Linguistic Anthropologist at Texas Tech)
- Different behavior categories
 - Commonly misunderstood behaviors? (ex. Pawing)
 - Mild vs major discomfort behavior (tail swishing vs bucking)?
 - Confusion behaviors?
 - Subtle behaviors as precursors for major behaviors
 - Facial expressions - equine grimace scales
- Talk about each behavior within the context of the EAS arena
- Volunteer training
- Weight limit
- Tack fit
- Physical health concerns
- Stress management both inside and outside of sessions
- Positive associations with horses – spending time in proximity of horse/unstructured time

Action Items

Christine Rudd

Review the current charter and share ideas for changes in the Google Document.

Committee members to review the categories created for the equine curriculum development and determine which category they would like to contribute.

Next Meeting

Christine Rudd

June 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM MDT.

Adjourn

Christine Rudd

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM MDT.