

**TEWKSBURY EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES for  
Thursday, March 6, 2014**

The Tewksbury Township Equestrian Committee met on the above date in the Municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm, a roll call was held and a quorum was established.

**Present:** Loren Spiotta-DiMare (LSD), Ann Rotunno (AR), Patty Clucas (PC), Melissa Caikoski (MC), new members, Louisa Sargent and Brittany Desiderio

**Public:** No one from the public was in attendance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

LSD opened the meeting by announcing that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by the posting a copy thereof on the Police/Administration Building bulletin board, that a copy was faxed to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and that it was filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**Flag Salute**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

**Introductions**

All members spent a few short minutes introducing themselves and why they got involved with the Equestrian Committee.

**Publicity**

This month's meeting began with additional discussion over getting the existence of the Equestrian Committee out to the public. LSD will send monthly or bi-monthly articles and tips to the Tewksbury Times ... starting with a 'Tips' piece for both area riders and non-riders. The conversation included the frustration of most members of the committee and riders that we need more signs that read "Slow to 25mph When Horses Are Present". (As a note on the topic ... county roads need county approval for sign placement and township roads need township approval.)

The committee also discussed writing a press release for signs when we get them.

Additional rider/driver tips included: respect landowner property...walk when muddy, don't trot or canter; remind riders to use hand signals; remind drivers to NOT beep their horns when passing.

The committee agreed to move forward on replacing all photos in the Equestrian Committee brochure with local horses and riders after LSD confirmed that all current photo were simply taken from the internet. AR will reach out to Essex Fox Hounds for a 'hunt' photo, as well as, as the TTA if anyone cares to supply a nice photo from the water jump at CHFP. PC will reach out to Lois Kennedy for some 'driving' photos. All members agreed that the deadline for getting photos and brochure completed would be the next meeting.

## Space for Notes

### **Welcome Buckets / Welcome Letter**

The new residents at 141 Fairmount Road West aka Everbreeze Farm are Brian and Charlotte Bech-Hansen. AR and LSD will deliver a Welcome Bucket this Sunday. LSD will draft a Welcome Letter that will go to all new residents of Tewksbury that buy non-horse properties. (LSD will talk to Sally Ikes.)

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### **New Business**

#### **Email Updates**

BD suggested sending a monthly email of community information regarding horses and horse events. We need to ask Shana if there is a way we can do this. We will need someone to volunteer to do the email . . . perhaps quarterly. PC added that we would need to determine the scope of our emails and what notices would be emailed.

### **Equine Emergencies**

PC suggested we educate the Tewksbury Police so they know whom to call and how to handle a horse/rider accident. Review and table until next time as this need more discussion.

## Space for Notes

The next scheduled Equestrian Committee Meeting will be held on:  
Thursday, May 1, 2014 at  
7:30pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by motion of PC and seconded by LSD. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Rotunno  
Secretary  
Tewksbury Township Equestrian Committee