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# The OBR Voice



Outback Riders of Wisconsin – Oconto County

## Happy 2010

*May your new year be filled with peace, prosperity and happiness! May your days be filled with good health, great friends and wonderful trail rides!*

### Wishes for You...

*Happiness deep down within*

*Serenity with each sunrise*

*Success in each facet of your life*

*Family beside you*

*Close and caring friends*

*Health, inside you*

*Love that never ends*

*Special memories of all the yesterdays*

*A bright today with much to be thankful for*

*A path that leads to beautiful tomorrows*

*Dreams that do their best to come true*

*Appreciation of all the wonderful things about you*

## First Things, First!

The Outback Riders Horse Club would like to **WELCOME** our New Members: *Amanda Sefcik-Rotter & Eric Ritter from Cecil, Julie & Jackie Sopko from Cedar Grove!*

**OBR Membership:** We are thrilled to report that our 2009 membership included over 75 members. We look forward to seeing all

returning members. *Looks like a great start for 2010!* Thank you again to all who signed up to volunteer for an "OBR special team".

Membership dues are **\$15** for an Individual and **\$20** for a Family. All new and returning members **MUST** complete a 2010 membership form when turning in all moneys.

This will keep us updated on all current contact information and your interests.

**Please pay dues by the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting** to ensure you receive a newsletter and ballets to vote for the 2010-2011 officers.

**Let's make 2010 another successful year**

## Coggins Test... why?

Equine infectious anemia. Does that term ring a bell? How about Coggins test? EIA—also known as swamp fever—is what the Coggins test look for.

Okay, so what? Is it as important as your veterinarian makes it seem? **Yes**, it is.

No horse ever recovers from EIA; the retroviral infection persists for the horse's life, and no effective vaccine or treatment has been found. The blood test that detects the virus was designed by Dr. Leroy Coggins, a prominent veterinary virologist.

Your veterinarian must fill in forms with details including all the horse's identifying marks, such as white markings and areas where the hair grows in whorls. Transporting a horse within the state without a negative Coggins test is illegal. Most states require a negative Coggins test before a horse may be transported across state lines. Many competitions and sales require a negative Coggins test for all horses entered.

Positive horses must be destroyed or isolated for life, and all potentially exposed horses must be tested.

Although this disease is sometimes referred to as equine AIDS, the description is not accurate. The virus of EIA is only a distant cousin to the HIV virus that causes AIDS. The EIA virus is spread through the blood of infected horses, and infects only horses. Biting insects, especially horse flies and deer flies, carry the virus from horse to horse. Reusing needles when injecting one horse after another can spread the virus.

**Reminder:** **NEGATIVE** Coggins is required for OBR Events

## January 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Gwen Karies is the keeper of the Outback Riders Scrap book.

If you have photos, articles, or funnies to add for 2009 Please contact: (920) 412-8870

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**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!**

Ali & Kayla

Meeting was called to order by President Jackie Novitski - 19 members attended.

### OLD Business

Thank you to the organizer of the Winter Round-up! 51 Guests were in attendance

### NEW Business

Membership Bylaws will be discussed and voted on changes for the 2011 year. This Vote will take place at the March Meeting.

*Club membership change made by majority vote:* we are

committed to our cause and appreciate all the hard work done by so many members. The incentive to earn your Free Winter Round-up Dinner will be as follows: members must log 6 hours attending club meetings and log 12 participation hours.

### OPEN POSITIONS

President, Secretary, and Web Master are open for 2010. The election will be held at the March Meeting. Ballots will be available to print via OBR website and sent in the February Newsletter.

**Treasurer Report** by Cindy Couillard.

Balance as of 10/20/09  
\$2987.74

Winter Round Up expenses are paid.

OBR received \$100 trail improvement donation from the Ledgeview Riders Club. A HUGE Thank You was sent to them for their generous support.

### OBR CLUB MEETING!

**DATE CHANGE**  
Monday, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>  
Chase Town Hall at 7pm

## IN PURSUIT OF PROGRESS

OBR has established teams to help structure and document club happenings. We hope to encourage participation of all club members to join a team. Not only will you earn club hours- you'll be directly involved in OBR's success!

### DEONATIONS TEAM

*Team Leader Glenn*

All requests for charitable community donations MUST be submitted in writing to Glenn then presented to the club members.

### FUN TEAM

*Co-Team Leaders Carrie and Patty*

Pack-A-Lunch Rides are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month starting in May!

**Dates:** 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, and 10/10

9-Mile Club Weekend is scheduled Aug. 20-22 Details Coming Soon!

Club Open House – could be a Pig Roast this year???

**Any other FUN suggestions?**

### PARADE TEAM

*Co-Team Leaders Krissi and Gail*

Oconto June 12th  
Suamico June 20<sup>th</sup>

Both the above parades are currently included in the club insurance policy. Each event costs \$150

### RAFFLE TEAM

*Team Leader Tammy*

Discuss will be held to run the Raffle with the Annual Show or a different event for 2010

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Trail Cleaning

April 24, 2010

May 1, 2010

Meet at the OBR Trail Head

9am Rain or Shine

*Please make the Trail Team aware of any areas that need special attention!*

## IN PURSUIT OF PROGRESS cont...

### WINTER ROUND-UP

Team Leader: TBD

### SHOW TEAM

Co-Team Leaders  
Alan and Gail

Need to research the commitment of help, set a budget, than confirm a date. The show has been tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of August and advertised in the Oconto County Magazine.

### TRAIL TEAM

Team Leader Carol

Trail Team met 12/2/09 at Carrie Quatsoe's home – 11 attendees

*Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 2/4/10 6:30pm Patty's home*

\*Kathy M & Amanda B are updating the trail map with GPS info, campsite locations, and misc improvements.

\*Please report any areas of the trails that need special attention for cleaning or trail marking to Carol Reinhard, as she is our trail log keeper.

Any trail maintenance such as brush or garbage pickup, done on the trails should be reported to Carol. This information is vital for the trail grant completion form due to the state.

\*Gwen is researching signs used at UnderDown for Machickanee.

\*The road names will be added to the trail markers located at the crossroads. The trail map kiosk and mounting block currently at the ski trailhead will be moved to the new lot.

\*The campsites located in the parking lot will be cleared of brush to enable the campers to be off the gravel and in the woods.

\*Our hope is to have the support of all OBR members at TRAIL CLEANUP in April & May! The Outback Riders Club has a well established reputation in our community and beyond. Let's keep moving forward with the trail projects, keep the trails open and available to the public, and be proud of what we've accomplished!

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On Jan. 6, 2010 Patty & Gwen attended the Forest, Parks & Recreation/Land Information Systems Meeting for Oconto County. OBR was number 19 of 26 on the agenda.

Outback Riders Trails  
Patty Wisneski from Outback Riders Horse Club requested approval to complete additional improvements to Machickanee Trails. The Club is seeking to apply for grant from Wisconsin State Horse Council to put in a well at the Trailhead

area. Also requesting to set up an information kiosk and make an exception to reduce fee for 1 night primitive camping at Trailhead Area and perhaps also Brehmer Road site. Discussion held. Vote carried unanimously.

\*The County has agreed to support our request for a water pump installation at the trailhead in the Machickanee. Patty has received two estimates from local companies - both are in excess of \$5000 to complete.

\*The Subcommittee also understood the county would be responsible for annual testing of the well.

\*The Subcommittee further voted to install some type of method for single night camping permits at the trailhead for the two campsites there, and the site on Brehmer Road. They also voted to decrease the fee for single night camping to \$10.00.

\*Glenn has donated a fire ring for the Brehmer Road camp site. Thanks Glenn!

The Next Forest, Parks & Rec. Meeting - Feb. 3, 2010 @ 8:30 am

#### *Who can attend?*

Outback Riders was commended for keeping Machickanee Trails clean. Horse and Cross-Country Ski Clubs fill up two large dumpsters *plus* every spring when doing trail maintenance.



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*Guess who my mom is?*



**PROGRESS** cont..

**W**ELCOME TEAM

*Team Leader Patty*

Welcome Team met  
12/10/09 – 3 attendees

After the discussion at the November meeting, only one suggestion was given regarding the increase in dues for members who do not participate in OBR meetings or events.

The current by laws require any change in membership dues to be determined at the November meeting, and since that meeting has past any changes in dues will need to wait until 2011.

The Team has come up with a number of suggestions that should be voted on by the membership. The incentive for 2010 will be a free dinner at the Winter Round-up.

Attendance at 6 meetings and 12 hours of volunteer participation at events

Meetings are either the OBR monthly meetings or the Team meetings.

Volunteer participation at events include: trail cleaning, club show, open house, raffle ticket sales or any other events sponsored by OBR.

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Call John Telford is in need of round bales! Please call 920.834.2576



*Riding Season is just around the corner!*

**The Mean White Carrot**

Worming is a necessary evil, as we the responsible horse owners know -but how many of us dread the day we must ask our equine partners to swallow paste out of the “mean white carrot”. Yes, some of you may use a daily wormer in pellet form, others may create elaborate treats to trick your horse into ingesting the icky paste, some may use a surprise tactic or end up wearing more wormer then your equine friend eats... been there? I saw this product in the latest Smart Pak magazine. What an interesting concept. Maybe for two of the recommended rotations, your horse could happily munch on his morning grain and enjoy a tasty treat that is so vital to his continued good health!

Something to look into ~AB



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