

Notes from the Prez:

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Kate and I spent Christmas with our family up in Michigan and rediscovered why we moved down here. It is cold up there!!!

We had our first Douglas County meeting of the year on January 4, 2011. The meeting was held at Frank and Mary Williams's house. Thank you, Frank and Mary for having us. The meeting was very well attended and some important decisions were made.

We had our usual great Pot-luck dinner and I have to tell you it is very hard to keep a New Years resolution concerning consumption of desserts with this group.

Our business meeting started right at 7:00 PM. First on the agenda was the horse show. We decided to have our annual show again this year. The date for the show is Saturday July 23. The show will be held at the Ava Saddle Club show grounds and the show will start at 7:30. The show will be a South-Central approved show and Julie Moore has agreed to be the judge.

The Show committee will be Steve Adams, Steve and Kate Assenmacher, Mike Hamby, Susan Whiteaker and Bob Voyles. The show committee met last Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> and is off to a good start. They will of course need your help so please mark July 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar.

We also approved joining the South-Central Horse Association (\$50) membership dues. Douglas County Fox trotters also voted to be a Co-sponsor of the Tri-County Youth Horse Show (\$100). The Youth show will be Saturday September 17. The show will start at noon and be held at the Versatility Arena at the Fox trotter Show grounds. We also agreed to join the Back-Country Horseman Association (\$40).

After some discussion and explanations of our insurance policy we voted to renew our insurance policy (\$750). We also voted to join the Ava Chamber of Commerce (\$30?).

As you can see it takes some money to run our club and the dues alone are not enough. That is why our horse show is so important. We make money on the horse show by getting sponsors for the show and on entry fees, spectator fees and food sales. We will need your help in all these areas!

Lastly we changed our monthly meeting day. Our meetings will be on Thursdays this year. Our next meeting will be at the Ava Subway. Dinner is on your own at 6:00 PM. You can order off the menu. We will have our own room connected to the shop. The business meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

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