

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Meeting Location: Virtual

Meeting Attendees: Kimberly, Karen, Christina, Jasmine, Jessica, Crystal

Meeting Regrets: None

This meeting was called to order at 8:05p.m. EST.

Welcome / Introductions

New members had a chance to chat. Everyone has been pre-acquainted prior to meeting.

Agenda Review / Additions

No additions or corrections.

Main Discussion Topics and Action Items

1. Horse Updates

Kimberly provided an update on all horses currently in New Start's program.

Gananoque foster, one adopted and down to two. Unable to take more at this time. Ms Lis M now back to turnout after 6 month stall rest due to torn DDFT. Not 100% sound but much more comfortable and happy. Topgun Lady currently does not like different bits, teeth are good so looking at trying a hackamore bitless.

Peterborough foster, Justdowhatyoucando not holding weight well so looking into further to see if teeth need to be done, or if it is pain related. Douceur Derable prepped to have teeth floated but struggling with hind suspensories. Now on sanctuary care to keep comfortable. Most likely will not make another winter comfortably and will re assess quality of life as time goes. So Cute Hanover is still pregnant but not ready to foal, looks to have been a miscommunication at the sale about her foaling date, but it is giving her a chance to get much better nutrition into her system.

Campbellford foster, Vette Man has been adopted and moving on the weekend to his new home. Will move Lynx into paddock with Lyons Rock, who is still paddocked separately due to recent gelding. Once She Butterfly is at foaling stage, then the geldings will be moved to paddocked with the full herd, so the small paddock can be foal turnout. Looking at moving Beauty Delight and/or Rose Master M C into care, to prep for adoption and some under saddle work. May need to hold a spot for Charlotte's Star if a foster home is not found before February 1st. Spicey Victor veterinary assessment, as previously discussed.

External horses; EL Miss Aces and Funny Magic both need homes quickly. Push for homes.

Windsun Rain in a foster to adopt situation. Have a few more weeks before needing a final answer or posting for adoption. Looks to be on track for an adoption by the foster home, she is fitting in well.

Dealing with the situation of the ungelded and unhandled 12 year old stallion in the Brockville area. Animal control is involved as the horse is taking down fence lines. Have a placement to go to, but need to

have the property owner cooperate, or someone with a tranq dart to assist in getting the horse onto a trailer safely and moved. Is a Standardbred, just not registered. Owner is in late 80's.

2. Financial Position

Currently have just under \$2,400 in funding. Owe \$770 veterinary bill. Have two major specialist veterinary bills coming. February foster care bills are also incoming.

Lynx - will need tooth extraction, looking at likely \$1,000+

Lyons Rock - booked to University of Guelph for February 13th for cardio testing.

Three trailering bills coming for rescued horses - Cowboys Like Us (paid by owner), Caicos Bay (half fundraised), and Charlotte's Star (still need funding).

3. Stallion Auction

Currently have two stallions for advertisement. Both with reserves. Have calls out and some pending conversations that will be wrapped up by Friday to begin fundraising and marketing for. Will not be a huge fundraiser but is going to get the foot in the door. Karen spoke with Winbak who was very insightful and helpful. Many syndicates picked auctions to donate to back in November. Will prepare for 2025 early. Good learning opportunity!

4. Can-Am

Sponsors have been secured, still more coming. Need to look at ordering marketing materials - more business cards, t-shirts and Standardbred Aftercare decals. Jessica will pick up all materials from Kimberly prior to Can-Am. Steph has also offered to create and print promotional cards for senior horses to encourage sponsorships and adoptions. Golden oldie's need love too!

5. Maritimes

Christina has taken the lead, as the Maritimes contact. Focusing currently on the fundraising efforts for Mr Bob Lewis, who is currently quarantining in Michigan after being at risk of shipping for slaughter. Is returning to the Maritimes post-quarantine, to his old groom, who is spearheading the fundraising efforts. Discussed the need for more past connections who want New Start assistance to get their horse home from these situations, to be more actively involved like this caretaker, in the fundraising efforts. Extreme fundraising is causing burnout with New Start volunteers for these situations, so need to evaluate closely going forward - especially with many horses now turning up in Maritimes and Ontario auction sales.

6. New Form - Boarding Agreement

Kimberly brought forward a proposal to create a new boarding facility agreement that is signed between a facility where an adopter will be boarding their adopted horse, and New Start. See many other adoption programs have one. Will increase the safety for adopted horses. Need arose, after a boarding facility reached out last week about a New Start horse that was abandoned at a facility by the adopter. The facility knew to connect immediately, but others may not. Kimberly will create a draft and send it to the Board.

7. Sponsorship/Donor Package

Team wants to look at creating a sponsorship/donor package that can be utilized in conversations with businesses and individuals to encourage monthly sponsorships of horses in need, as well as the donation of products or services that can be used for fundraising activities. Will discuss and form a subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm.