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Re: District 5 Organizational Meeting

Dear Member:

On behalf of the Wisconsin State Horse Council, I would like to welcome you to attend the first organizational meeting for District 5. The meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Hearty Platter Restaurant (in the Kwik Trip Travel Plaza), 310 E. McCoy Boulevard, Tomah.

This letter is being sent to all current member of the Council who live within Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood counties.

The Council has already been active in District 5 through grants for development or improvement of equine trails; funds to help programs that assist people with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding; scholarships; and as a voice on legislative matters that affect the horse industry in the state. Through a recent reorganization effort that created five Districts through out the state, the members of each District now have a better opportunity to become directly involved in the Council.

Each of the five districts will become a smaller version of the state-wide Council. Local members will be able to address local issues with the backing of the larger organization. Each region will elect its own officers and select directors to send to the state-wide Executive Committee meetings.

At the March 3rd meeting, I will provide information on the Council and its role in the state's equine industry, explain how the council is organized, and start the process through which District 5 will select people to represent the area's concerns, including access to trails, zoning that affects ownership or use of equines, lobbying for changes in laws, or other issues.

I am from this District myself and it's been wonderful to see how enthusiastic people have been about these changes in the Council. I've enjoyed meeting members in the process of helping to set up this first meeting. It really seems that people are excited about the opportunity to be more involved and help make a difference in their own area.

Due to the timing, there will not be announcements in the papers, so please share word of this meeting with friends who may not yet be members of the Council. Information is also available on our website at www.WisconsinStateHorseCouncil.org. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting!

Sincerely,

Joe Parr
Wisconsin State Horse Council