

# Oregon Horse Welfare Council

Helping People/Saving Horses

Hello to All,

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am ready for spring! I think the horses are too.

I wanted to send you all an update and some clarification on what's happening with the Oregon Horse Welfare council and the Oregon Hay Bank.

## **Oregon Horse Welfare Council:**

I guess one of the first things is that Scott Beckstead, who started the OHWC, has gotten his "sea legs" under him so to speak with his new job, and is now willing and able to step back in as the leader of the OHWC. I was very happy to be able to assist with keeping things going and the ever present logistical aspect of the organization, but let's face it; no one can lead this group like Scott can. So thank you to all who stayed with us, and put up with the transition.

We will be splitting the state into "regions" as planned. We will create four regions to start, North West, North East, South West, and South East, and then see if we need to adjust or add more as we go. The leadership of each region will hold monthly meetings, on their own, with delegates of each region meeting quarterly with Scott, and most likely myself. The OHWC as a whole will gather annually.

We do have a leadership team in place for the NW region, but we still need willing people to step forward for the SW, SE and NE

This gives the opportunity for each region to focus on equine issues that may be unique, or more important, in their area of the state. They can then bring a cohesive presentation to the quarterly meeting, where we will discuss how to best approach these needs, and what type of support the OHWC can provide.

We will be updating the OHWC website soon and wanted to say thank you to Valery Van Gundy for her tireless efforts to support that site and the OHWC as a whole. If you see Valery at the Northwest Horse Fair & Expo, be sure to give her kudos on her good work!

## **Oregon Hay Bank:**

The Oregon Hay Bank has had a very successful year, and is moving forward in the planning and execution of our goals. To that end, we, (myself, Linda Davis of the Equamore Foundation, and Darla Clark of Strawberry Mountain Mustangs), have decided it is time to take the next step.

The Oregon Hay Bank will become its own separate entity, apart from the OHWC, and file for Non-profit 501 (C) (3) status. As such, we will become a member of the OHWC, just like any other group or entity, but will no longer be a program of the OHWC.

Although we encourage volunteers in every part of the state for things such as hay storage, fundraisers, hay pickup and delivery, foster homes, site inspections, etc. **we will not be starting up separate Hay Banks** in various parts of the state. There is only one Oregon Hay Bank, run by a board of directors, with policies and procedures that have been well thought out and executed successfully for over a year now. All applications will continue to be distributed through us, and be returned to us. All Email correspondence needs to go through [oregonhaybank@gmail.com](mailto:oregonhaybank@gmail.com) , all phone calls should go to 541-671-0164 and all mail goes to 4880 Grange Road, Suite 84 Roseburg OR 97471. We are sorry for any confusion the change in organizational structure may have caused.

We had a wonderful offer from Heaven at Grey Click Equine Services, to build a website for The Oregon Hay Bank at no charge. Grey Click specializes in Equestrian Website Design to bring the best in design at affordable prices to the equestrian and ranching communities. This new website will be ready to launch soon, and is separate from the existing OHWC site, so please be watching for the announcement of its start up. ([www.oregonhaybank.org](http://www.oregonhaybank.org)) Thank you so much Heaven! You are a life saver!

Well, I think that just about covers it and I hope to see you all the Northwest Horse Fair & Expo on Saturday March 20th from 2:30 to 3:30 in the main Lecture Hall for our meeting and informational presentation.

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With kind regards

Julie