



**Wild Horse Advisory Board  
Agenda Packet**

**February 16, 2017**

**Call to Order**

- A) Approval of Agenda

**Approval of Minutes**

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

**Administrative Reports**

- A) Quarterly Report from the Corolla Wild Horse Fund

- 1) **Corolla Wild Horse Fund Quarterly Report**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- A) Advisory Board Member Comments
  - 1. Corolla Wild Horse Fund
  - 2. Currituck County
  - 3. North Carolina Division of Coastal Management
  - 4. Currituck National Wildlife Refuge
  - 5. Citizen

**Announcements**

- A) Next Meeting Date

**Adjourn**

**Communications**

- A) Reports



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Currituck Outer Banks Wild Horse Advisory Board  
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### **Action 1D:**

Corolla horses offsite being supported by the CWHF: All offsite horses receive routine veterinary care and farrier care. Attending veterinary practice: Dominion Equine. Farrier: Nora Tarpley; Trainer: Nora Tarpley; Resident caretaker: Stacey Dailey; Herd Manager; Meg Puckett.

1. *Amadeo* – 19-year-old blind stallion. Health and body condition optimum. Handled and enjoys human interaction. Haltered and leading around farm, will begin trailer training so he can be used for outreach this spring/summer.
2. *Noel* – 8-year-old mare. Favors left hind leg. (Had a fractured femur). Noel is used for education.
3. *Buster Brown* – 9-year-old gelding. Body condition optimum. Used for outreach and education. Working under saddle.
4. *Felix* – 4-year-old gelding. Body condition optimum. Preliminary training started. Has had a saddle on his back. Companion to Noel.
5. *Roamer* – 12-year-old stallion in optimum body condition. Haltered and leading around entire farm. Vaccinated and had teeth floated at the end of December. Beginning trailer training and will be taken out for education the spring.

### **Horses in the wild:**

Population: 66 (2 colts (Zone 4); 2 fillies (Zone 2 and Zone 4) *Note: Although only 66 horses were observed during the aerial count, the CWHF is certain that the population range is closer to 85 – 95. There was significant flooding throughout the north beaches that we believe impacted the horses' normal travel patterns. In addition, a rainy summer created greater than usual vegetative cover.*

### **Deaths and removals since November 17, 2016 census:**

**Deaths: None**

**Removals: None**

**Removals between February 16, 2016 census and February 16, 2017 census:**

- 4 – 6 week old orphaned colt – July 2, 2015 (see August 18, 2016 WHAB report)

- 10 – 12 year old bay stallion, September 12, 2016. (see November 17, 2016 WHAB report)

**Action 1E:**

- Herd Manager has been consolidating and correlating wild horse records in an effort to have the most up-to-date herd information and dynamics readily available and easily interpreted. This includes harem associations, photographs of each horse, common locations, etc.

**Action 1H:**

- Nora Tarpley is working with the horses at the rescue farm 15 – 20 hours per week. Each horse has specific goals according to their age, size, and physical ability.
- Training equipment was ordered to fit the horses and they are all currently being worked under saddle. Each horse is also now standing politely in cross ties for grooming and vet/farrier procedures.
- Each rescue horse currently at BDEC is an excellent candidate for outreach and education. They are all being worked regularly in hand and also loading on/off trailer.
- Hay and grain are routinely purchased from local suppliers. Hay is being purchased 100 bales at a time. This amount lasts for approximately two months. Hay is being fed in slow-feeder nets to encourage natural grazing behavior and extend the length of time it takes each horse to finish their hay.
- The roof of the storage building was fixed and is now leak-proof. The shipping container on the property has also been sealed and is now available for hay storage as well.
- Land around the storage shed and house has been cleared and trees trimmed to prevent further damage from storms and to allow for better drainage. Driveway was recently graded. Sand was added to low spots around the farm as well as the run-in sheds.
- Klaudia South met all the requirements outlined in the CWHF adoption application and adopted orphaned foal Phoenix at the end of November. She also owns a 10-year-old Corolla gelding, Dune. Phoenix has settled into his new home and is doing great.
- Received a call on December 20, 2015 that filly “Orlanda” had been separated from her mother and was on the south side of the fence at the road terminus. KM was able to herd her back into the refuge and reunite her with her mother. Fence was then reinforced and repaired.
- For several weeks in December there were reports of two black stallions that had gotten through the fence at the state line. MP observed evidence of horses on the Virginia side (hoof prints, manure) but never saw the stallions. CWHF Sanctuary Patrol officers also monitored the area. No evidence of damaged fencing was ever found and two black bachelor stallions that frequent that area were later seen back on the North Carolina side of the fence. It is assumed they swam back around during low tide.

**Action 1K:**

- 46 mares were contracepted in 2016. 5 foals were born. 4 foals remain in the wild (2 colts and two fillies). In 2007, 24 foals were born.
- Meg Puckett will attend PZP certification class at Zoo Montana from February 28 – March 4. Goal for spring 2017 is to contracept all mares age two and three and all mares that have had at least two foals or are over the age of 10.

**Action 2A:**

- KM has sent two e mails to count attorney (January 2017 and June 2016), Ike Mcree regarding adding the use of drones as a form of harassment to the Wild Horse Ordinance and discussed it as an agenda item at the August 18, 2016 Wild Horse Advisory Board meeting. To date there has been no response.

**Action 4E:**

- The fencing at the road terminus was repaired and reinforced by MP and Roy Hamilton in December.
- The fence on the NC/VA line (beach only) is monitored weekly for any damage.
- The NCNERR fence is walked routinely to check for damage from fallen trees and limbs.
- Excess sand is routinely removed from the cattle guard at the road terminus.

**Action 6A:**

- MP is developing a FAQ to be posted on the CWHF website and social media accounts that will answer some of the most asked questions received from visitors during the summer. It will include information on what to do if there is an injured horse, who to contact for different scenarios, etc. This FAQ will be available for tour operators, rental companies (**Action 6E**), and the county to distribute.

**Action 6B:**

- MP will be taking an ambassador horse to Children at Play, the children’s museum in Kitty Hawk, on March 23 for a free public program.
- MP will be taking an ambassador horse to Museum of the Albemarle’s “Day on the River” program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade Pasquotank County schools.
- MP has been working with Black Pelican restaurant in Kitty Hawk to set up a series of “Meet A Mustang” programs on site for the spring/summer.
- CWHF Facebook page has nearly 73k ‘likes’ and each post reaches approximately 60k people. Page is updated at least every other day.

**Action 6D:**

- MP provided history and information about wild horses to Jennie Turner for tour operators training video.
- MP contacted Lori Meads, educator at Museum of the Albemarle, in regards to the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and offered any CWHF assistance or involvement needed/appropriate.

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