

4-H HORSE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2014
Bestfoods, Siler City, North Carolina

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Dr. Mike Yoder welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Dr. Yoder began with an update of the EHH website. He reported that the new web portal would be up and functioning around the first or second week of April.

Next, Dr. Yoder made the recommendation that Standard Operating Procedures be developed for managing the educational events conducted by the 4-H Horse Program. SOPs would allow for a level of consistency to be maintained not only on a state-wide level, but on a district basis, as well.

Dr. Yoder also reported that bylaws need to be researched and developed for the State 4-H Horse Program Advisory Board. A full board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the State 4-H Horse Show. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria at the conclusion of the Games Division. At this meeting, a financial report will be presented.

Dr. Yoder then turned the meeting over to Lori Stroud, the 2014 Advisory Board chairperson.

Lori asked each District to report on the status of their member to the Executive Committee. It was determined that the West, North Central and North East Districts would need to nominate a new member, due to the fact that their current member had completed their three year term. At that time, the Districts were given five minutes to convene and discuss their nominees. The following nominations were made from each district:

West- Colin Corbett

North Central- Jessica Holland

North East- Lissy Newton

These three nominees will join existing members Laura Harper (from South Central) and Lori Stroud (from South East).

From the new representatives, an in-coming chair needed to be selected. Bill Crouse made a motion to elect Lissy Newton and Kim Foushee seconded the motion. The group voted and it passed to accept Lissy as the in-coming chairperson.

I. Reports:

a. Horse Bowl Contest

b. Hippology Contest

The second phase of Hippology (the judging portion) was discussed at great length. The current rules stated that contestants would judge the first 4 performance classes. In keeping with what had been taking place in recent years, Debbie Hollowell made a motion to amend the current rules that the "Hippology contest classes will be at the discretion of the officials, and may include halter classes." It was voted and passed to accept this amendment to the current rules.

c. Northeast District 4-H Horsemanship School

It was reported that a Horsemanship Clinic would be conducted on April 13, however this event was no longer a 4-H sponsored event.

II. Up-coming Events

a. State Horse Judging Contest

- i. April 26, 2014. Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC
- ii. Volunteers are in place. May need more help with tabulations (see attached).
- iii. Meal provided by FFA
- iv. Reasons rooms TBD. There was discussion about the location of the reasons portion of the event due to the fact that FFA would be remaining on the grounds. Dr. Yoder reported that he would talk with Jason Davis with NC FFA to see if they would be willing to accept the 4-H reasons scores for those youth competing in both FFA and 4-H. If they agreed to accept the scores, the group voted in favor of 4-H giving their reasons on the NCSU campus (Riddick Hall).

b. District Activity Days

- i. North Central District April 12
- ii. South Central District May 3
- iii. Southeast District March 29
- iv. West District May 3
- v. Northeast District March 22

c. Horsemanship Camp (Camp Millstone)

- i. Dates: June 15-21
- ii. Jessica Hlebak has agreed to serve as horse program coordinator.

- iii. New fees
- iv. Concerns regarding facilities?- It was mentioned that jumps are needed at the camp. Scott Dickerson and Wayne Moore were both mentioned as potential suppliers of jumps.

There was a discussion concerning potential instructors and junior leaders. The following recommendations were made for instructors:

Hunter 1- Nan Guldenschuh

Hunter 3- Wayne Moore

Western 1- Roger Moore

Western 2- Jessica Hlebak

Kristen Kaus (as needed)

The following were recommended as junior leaders:

Summer Brown (Chatham County)

Sarah Campbell

Julie Dickerson (Chatham County)

Megan Matula

Hannah Sather (Wake County)

Nan G. reported that she had several potential candidates in Orange County. Junior leader applications are due to Dr. Yoder by May 1.

d. State 4-H Horse Show

- i. Dates: July 9-13
- ii. Judges:
 - 1. Western Division: Jackie Starnes - Confirmed
 - 2. Hunter Division: Jimmy Lee and Jordan Burton were recommended
 - 3. Saddleseat Division:
 - 4. Non-Trotting Division:
 - 5. Dressage: Mary Hunt to hire. Chris Hamilton has been hired for Sunday and Thursday.
 - 6. Games Division: Rebecca Owens - Confirmed
 - 7. Trail: (Western judge- Jackie Starnes)
 - 8. Adaptive Riding: Bill Crouse
- iii. Photographer: Billie Lewis - confirmed
- iv. T-shirts: Stoneyfork - confirmed
- v. Farrier: Chris Young confirmed (via Richard Isley)
- vi. Shavings: Travis Alford

- vii. Sponsors- A list of potential sponsors was made by the group. Individuals agreed to contact specific businesses and individuals. Dr. Yoder is going to draft a sponsorship letter, which includes the break-down of prices, and email that letter to all those that expressed an interest in contacting sponsors.

Additional State Show Discussion:

Hotels- A list of hotels and their fees were shared. It was reported by Dr. Yoder that the state office is still working on obtaining additional hotels, including the Wyndham.

Swap Shop- Lori Stroud reported that the shop will be operated using a bar-code, web-based tagging system. In order to operate the software, a strong internet connection will be required. Kim Foushee reported that she has a device that can be used for this purpose, during the show.

Schooling- Candace reported that she needs the email addresses of those individuals that agreed to serve as schooling supervisors. She would like to work out the schedule via email. In addition, it was suggested that each district approach its members to serve as schooling supervisors.

DQP- It was suggested that if we use a WHOA certified judge for the Non-Trotting division, the association will provide a DQP for the show.

Mounted Shooting Exhibition for Opening Ceremonies- Kim and Julia Foushee have the contact information for the group that performed last year.

Show Dedication- Jim and Donna McKinney

Steward- The following individuals are certified show stewards and agreed to be "on-call" during the show: Candace Norman, Nan Guldenschuh, Laura Harper, Matt Downs, Lissy Newton, Bill Crouse, Marlo King

Games Ribbon and Ring Crew- Terry Temple volunteered to be in charge of both of these items.

Adaptive Riding- Pam Holland asked if another county or group would be willing to provide the champion awards for this division. The Rockingham county Kountry Kids have historically provided the awards. Nan Guldenschuh volunteered the Orange County Hilltoppers 4-H club to provide these ribbons. Nan will coordinate with Pam on the number of ribbons needed.

Social Committee- Karen Jones and Kim Foushee volunteered to help Lori in the Hospitality room.

Awards- Bill Crouse made a motion and Lisa Mackay seconded to award director's chairs for reserve champions. Richard Isley volunteered to contact Schnieder's about ordering these.

Junior Sportsmanship Award- Karen Jones will check to see if Linda Hatfield is still willing to sponsor this award. If not, Orange County 4-H agreed to sponsor.

EMT- Nan Guldenschuh will contact Western Wake EMTs to serve as our show EMTs.

Vets on Call- Julia Foushee reported that in the past, she has contacted area Vets prior to the show, and asked for their willingness to be on call for the show.

Ranch Horse Division- There was discussion whether or not to add Ranch Horse classes to the 2014 NC State 4-H Horse Show. Due to the fact that several Districts had already published their 2014 Show Entry information, it was voted to postpone adding the division. Next, there was discussion to offer a Southern Regional qualifying spot to a youth that would like to represent NC. Kim Foushee made a motion and Amanda Baucom seconded to add a Ranch Horse Southern Regional slot to the existing slots (such as Reining and Roping). After the motion passed, additional discussion was held concerning how the slot would be filled. It was voted that youth were to write a letter to the Advisory Board describing their achievements and why they would like to serve as NC's Ranch Horse Division representative. As in the past (with the slots for Reining and Roping), the Executive Board will review all submitted letters and make the selection.

e. Southern Regional Horse Show and Competitions

North Central District offered to provide timers.

Nan Guldenschuh agreed to contact and secure EMTs.

Artistic Expression Contest:

Lissy suggested and it was approved to modify the existing Artistic Expression Entry Form into one form (with checkboxes) in lieu of separate entry forms for each contest. The Creative Writing Entry forms will remain separate.


Program Enrollment Fee:

A discussion was held regarding the \$25 Program Enrollment Fee. 2014 marks the third year in the three year trial period for the fee. Pros and cons of the fee were discussed, at length. It was determined that a committee would be formed to conduct a feasibility study on different program fee options. The Committee will prepare a report and a list of options to be voted on at the July Board meeting. Committee members are:

Lisa Wallace, Ann Furr, Heather Tart, Lisa Mackay, Amanda Baucom, Morgan Maness and Jessica Holland.

After a list of upcoming dates were reviewed, Marlo King made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rachel Dominessey seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori L. Stroud