

Northern District 4-H Horse Council Meeting
Orange, VA
April 3, 2013

Public Announcements

- April 27 – Rainbow Therapeutic Fun Show fund raiser – see NDHC website for flyer to donate or advertise.
- April 27 - Therapeutic Riding of orange co., fund raising fun show at Elmwood Farm Equestrian Center. see NDHC website for link to more info.
- Piedmont Expo April 6th at Kelly's Ford in Remington, Hippology contest, 12 and under is free. Lots of educational activities. See website for link to more info.

Meeting Called to Order – Vice President, Michelle Roszell called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

We passed around a sign-in sheet. Everyone was asked to go around the room and introduce themselves and state the county they represented. Additional items were called for to be added to the agenda: Add Oct. 5 State Show at Doswell, VA

Minutes from the Feb. 2013 meeting were reviewed and a motion made and carried to accept them as they are. They were e-mailed and posted on the web.

Treasurer's Report:

- Project book scholarships, expenditures of \$70.
- 12 counties participating in book scholarships - these should be claimed by end of year.
- Please let Bertha know **well before the event** deadline so it can be sent in directly to the event.

Old Business:

- ND Hippology on March 2 – happened at Frederick Co. and it was well attended. Thanks to the organizers of a well run contest! all that were there qualified for State Equismartz.
- ND Horse Bowl on March 9 – there were 7 junior horse bowl teams. All teams were invited because state hadn't filled up their quota for teams. 3 senior teams qualified. Thank you to all the organizers and judges for a fast and very smooth contest!
- ND Horsemanship skills test – March 30 at Bertha's went really well. Tested 23 kids and it went like clock work and it finished early. There were 4 examiners and some trainees. The March 16 test at Lucky Bits and Spurs we delayed by a day because of rain and ½ of the riders were able to come, and another test was rescheduled for April 7 at an indoor in Catlett. There is 1 spot available.
- State Fair Show – was not able to get refund from last year's state show at Doswell. Drill Team will happen this year on Oct. 5th. That day will be shared with the new Ranch Horse Competition as well. The following day Oct. 6th will be a 4-H Fun Show. Drill ride requirements hope to be posted around May 1. Check back on the NDHC website for more info. There will still be a Drill Team Exhibition class at the State 4-H Horse Show (Sept) on Sat. night.

New Business:

- June 15 show – Doug Fidler needs evaluators and help for the dressage ring setup and a gate person. It will be the same dressage judge as last year.
- Equismartz update: we had some scoring problems but results have now been posted on the State website. There was a good turnout and Northern District kids did really well and had a good time. New ribbons were sent out in the mail.
- Horsemaster trail ride is coming up June 23-27. Applications are due April 19th and that is posted on the NDHC website.
- Reviewed all other dates on the agenda with no further comments.
- Discussion of how to improve phone conferencing. Doug Fidler will look into the polycon service and devices needed for NDHC to own.
- Discussion on Skill Evaluations - We speculate that more dates will show up for May as leaders see the need for their riders. Club Leaders are responsible for arranging and contacting Julie Williamson. Dates must be approved by NDHC and posted on the NDHC website. See the NDHC website for the application process. State anticipates adding Level 3 and 4 next year with the intention that those passing level 3 and 4 may ride any horse at the state level without further testing. Please pass your thoughts, comments and suggestions to Celeste Crisman for the State Committee to review.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting is June 5, 2013 at the Faquier Co. Ext. Office.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold