

Northern District 4-H Horse Council Meeting
Northern District Office, 2322 Blue Stone Hills Drive, Harrisonburg 22801

August 7, 2013

Called to order at 7:06pm

Public Announcements

- none

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of \$14,505.89
- Front Royal showed a net of \$1800. We had one returned check with a corrected fee, expenses were a little over \$2,000 for center fee, judges, and other smaller expenses.
- Kids with scholarships must contact the Treasurer, Doug Fidler, in order to use their scholarship money for a 4-h event. They cannot tell the event secretary to collect from our NDHC treasurer. Deadline for new scholarships is Dec. 31, 2013. Allowable budget per county is \$100.

Old Business:

- The Front Royal June 15 District Show - the center is fine with having the show again next year. There were 56 riders qualified for State. The dressage judge donated a copy of his book, Freely Moving Forward to the NDHC. It is currently on loan in Prince William Co.
- The NDHC does have a resource library and all available publications are listed on the website with loaner information as well.
- There was a good turnout at July 13 Ranch Horse and Western Pleasure Clinic at Greg Ralph's facility in Catlett, VA. There were a total of 17 riders, with 6 skills tested, and several used this clinic as a qualifier for state.
- A report by Carrie Swanson on the 50 mile Horsemaster ride. Lots of fun, one thunderstorm, 13 riders, 5 kids, 8 adults. She might have a training ride in the fall to introduce riders to information about the Horsemaster trail ride.
- Conference phone purchase report: there was no auction available within this time frame of researching a purchase. Carrie Swanson will see if we can get a decent purchase of one through the Extension Office resources.
- Info was sent back to IRS on questions regarding our paperwork submission for the 501(c)(3) status – we are waiting a further report on the status.

New Business:

- NDHC will supply 3 keeper trophies for State – hunter showmanship junior and senior trophies and the hunter large pony senior rider. Bertha will make the purchase.
- NDHC has in the budget to give \$200 for the State show hospitality room. We encourage all clubs to donate as well.

- Bertha needs volunteers for the Friday Hippology test. Please email her at berthadurbin@earthlink.net if you can help.
- Southern Regionals had great success with our Northern District 4-hers! Bertha Durbin chaperoned the teams. Results will be posted online at http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/programs/anscience/horse/Events/S_Regionals/southern_regionals.html - Bertha reports the following:
Also on a happy note - the Virginia kids did remarkably well at Southern Regionals.
Hippology - Team A, was first Overall - Rachel Dominquez, Hunter Liles, Delaney O'Donnell (1st place Individual), Michaela Yowaiski
Team B - fourth Overall - Casey Brown (7th place Individual), Abbey Strickland (3rd place Individual), Sarah Moran, Julia Hartman.
Horse Bowl - Team B, was fourth Overall - Casey Brown, Hannah Ho, Ellen Jordan, Abbey Strickland, Mariah Cassidy
Horse Judging - Team A fifth Overall - Hannah Ho (9th Individual), Ellen Jordan, Sarah Moran, Julia Hartman
Public Speaking - Jordan Ruffner, First
Team Presentation - Eli Worth Jones, Abby Worth-Jones, First
All of these kids, except Hunter Liles and the Team Presentation kids were from the NORTHERN DISTRICT!
- There was some discussion of using the Front Royal 4-H center for future ND knowledge contests. The facility lends itself to lodging and food plus a large room for contests.
- We are seeking a location for the ND Horse Judging Contest, hoping for a Dec. 7th date.

The next meeting is at the Fauquier Co. Extension office in Warrenton, 7pm on Oct. 2
Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold
