

Northern District 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting

Warrenton, VA

February 6, 2013

Public Announcements

1. Michele Roszell introduced the www.coursera.org classes to everyone in the room. These are free, college level courses offered by a diverse group of colleges and universities around the planet on a wide variety of classes. They currently have one on Horse Nutrition from Scotland that started 28-JAN-2013. Discussion involved that our 4-H kids could complete this one and any others and submit the letters of completion along with their college applications to show that they are interested in learning and have been interested in a wide variety of things.

Meeting Called to Order - Linda Brown called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

- As both of our secretaries were not able to attend, Michele Roszell volunteered to take minutes that will be forwarded to the Secretary for publishing.

Additional items were called for to be added to the agenda:

Please add the dates of June 17-20 to your calendar for State 4-H Congress.

President Linda Brown read two Thank You notes from Julia Winger – for support to go to Eastern National Roundup. Abby Rinker – scholarship money thank you.

Minutes from the December 2012 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:

- Bertha Durbin, Treasurer, had the budgets for both 2012 and proposed budget for 2013.
- We reviewed 2013 budget and compared them to the 2012 budget. We had one County that had project scholarships that we are going to pay out so there is another \$100 that will be added to the current \$1200.00.
- Keeper Trophies – we donate 3 per year. If anyone wanted to donate these keepers that would be helpful. There are other categories that could use keeper trophies so if someone wanted to donate them talk to Julie Williamson and she can give you more information on who to contact – Ronnie Marshall.
- Motion to approve the budget as it is made, seconded. Voted on and Approved.

Old Business:

Northern District Qualifying Shows:

We have two shows scheduled. Doug Fidler's in Front Royal and Frederick County's Open Show.

Bertha Durbin has made the Hoof and Woof's regular open horse show an Open qualifying show. May 26, 2013. The address is 4841 Free Union Road, Free Union, VA - Hidden Fox Farm.

Julie – talked to Rosemary Thomas who said she will allow us to use her June 30th show as a qualifying show – for certain classes only. There will also be a place to measure and some horsemanship skills maybe. This one is in Culpeper.

Question - Will anyone have driving and Speed? Not now – they can apply for doing a clinic.

We need a Dressage Clinic and Reining Clinic.

The last possible date for a clinic or show is July 6-7th. Entries are due the week of July 8th.

How do we get registered as a Horse Measurer? Usually at the State Show we have a time to teach people to measure.

Julie Williamson must review and approve all horsemanship skills events and qualifying clinics. See her for approval.

So with all of these shows we will have our 4 District Shows.

New Business

5013c – we did get the letter from the IRS and said they have received our application. We are to operate as is and they will send a letter when it's approved.

State Committee met – and we will have their report.

1. For the State Horse Show – they are allowing 10 years and older who are in their first year of 4-H who were registered with their county by January 1, 2013 to go to States this year. Not 9 year olds, but they are hoping that this will increase the numbers. Waived the 2nd year requirement for right now. All of the other rules are in place. Once the numbers climb, then this will be removed.
2. State show went well, no injuries. Southern Regionals has made some changes and we are making the same changes.
 - a. Changes will be to Keyhole race. It is gone and some other race will take it's place.
 - b. Our hunter equitation classes will be on the rail – no patterns – except in classics the judge can change it.
 - c. In English/Saddleseat there are changes that will broaden our options.

- d. Reining – there will be clinics around the state to help teach. There will be a qualifier at the State show as in the Trail Class. If the rider cannot make the cut, they will have a chance to move to another division.
 - e. Please pay attention when the schedule comes out – these qualifiers will be on Thursday.
 - f. Freestyle reining will be on Friday evening. This will be the last activity of Friday evening.
 - g. Gymkana will be split like last year. There were positive reviews from last year.
3. State Fair – we have no dates yet
 - a. we are adding a Ranch Horse Division – it is a National Ranch Horse Association. Southern Regionals has a Ranch Horse Division. We will have 3 classes – Showmanship, trail and another but there will be no cattle. This will be in Richmond, not Lexington.
 - b. You can do both Lexington and Richmond. Drill Team championships will be back to Richmond, but keeping an exhibition at the state show.
 - c. There will be a fun show. We do not have these dates but they are not supposed to be back to back with the State Show.
 4. There will be Photo and Art Contests – there will only be creativity – Jr and Sr. contests.
 5. For Showmanship = we have been giving savings bonds so we will be giving gift cards in the full amount. American Express or something like that.
 6. No silent auction last year – so they are going to bring it back – someone is heading it up. We are looking for something on line ahead of time and then there will be the last days at the show. Another group did this and raised \$10k. Not just things but services. Some people are donating baskets of stuff – like chocolate, horse related, car care, school supplies, etc.
 7. Saddleseat – read the rule book for any changes.
 8. Discussion the size of the arena used for Dressage. They really meant for it to be a smaller arena.
 9. Horsemanship skills testing – This is required this year for all new horse/rider combinations. Any 4-Her that plans to show with their same horse from previous years are grandfathered in to the program and will not have to take the tests.
 10. Photographer’s booth next year – we will have the rules there and the people taking pictures will need to follow them.
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 11. Application for the Clinics/Shows. This application is on line.
 12. Skill Evaluators. They need to evaluate horse/rider combinations that are not in their county/local area.
 - a. We can have more than one evaluator at an event.
 - b. The horse/rider combination needs to be the exact one for the State Show.
 - c. They need to be evaluated before the entry on the State Show application is completed.
 - d. Shows can charge for the evaluation to cover the expenses of the evaluator.

- e. Evaluating is not a qualifying event. You still have to attend a qualifying event.
- f. We will post dates for evaluators on the list serve and the website as to when there is more training, or evaluators needed.
- g. All evaluator forms need to come to Julie Williamson.

13. Election of Officers:

- a. We agreed to move the written secretary and web secretary back to one position.
- b. Bertha would like to retire as Treasurer. She is willing to train for the first year and let go of the reins when the new person feels able.
- c. The list of officers for the 2013-2015 year was presented and approved. They are:
 - i. President – Linda Brown
 - ii. Vice-President – Michele Roszell
 - iii. Treasurer – Doug Fidler with a one year transition from Bertha
 - iv. Web Sec/Written Sec – Sandy Arnold

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm