

Northern District 4-H Horse Council Meeting

Faquier Co., VA

June 5, 2013

Public Announcements

- Michelle Roszell – books behind bars – see flyer attached at end of minutes.
- Linda asked the question if we should we consider making a network of horses for sale with the intention of marketing to our own 4-H families – discussion concerns were about the management of information and volunteers' time.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of \$12,615.36
- Expecting income from 2 concluded Qualifying Shows (59 qualifiers from Bertha's show & 70 from the May 11 show).

Old Business:

- Bertha's Qualifying show on May 26th: reported over 100 entries – 59 qualifiers – great day. No mishaps. Bertha brought a check for Doug for those that qualified.
- May 11 Qualifying show: 70+ qualifiers and it was a rainy drizzly day. Richard Toms was the judge. A check will be sent to Doug for the ones that qualified.
- Horsemanship Skills test: gathering comments
 - Continue to remind 4-Hers and leaders that they need to refer to the state site for the skills information
 - Consider recommending a minimum number being tested for an evaluation to happen
 - Testing level 3 & 4 will probably be offered at the 2014 State 4-H Show
 - Should we consider a pre-pay, no refunds or penalty fee for no-shows?
 - Comments about duplication within each test
 - Considering riders that don't need to canter gaited horses, and what division they enter at state – will it have cantering in the division that they enter?
- Online Declaration – we would like to see a final immediate online review upon our entering data. Or post a list for leaders to check a little further ahead of time before the final posting.

New Business:

- June 15 show – they have 77 riders entered. Still seeking trophies from Amanda Foot, Darla Pond and Ivy Sandberg. 21 riders will be at the skills testing.
- Purchase of a new phone for NDHC. Research shows a \$200-\$500 cost on Amazon. Michelle Roszell's club, Fluvanna Rising Riders will donate \$100 toward cost. Cindy Puryear will watch Rasmus.com for office supply sales for a month to see if any auction deals pop up before we

make a final purchase. Motion was to approve purchase a phone for \$350. Vote passed.

- IRS is still working on processing March 2012 requests and ours was turned in Nov. 2012. We are still waiting approval.
- Rose McDonald stated we are needing donations from each club for the silent auction at the State 4-H Horse Show. Please spread the word.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold

INFO BELOW PROVIDED BY MICHELLE ROSZELL, FLUVANNA RISING RIDERS LEADER DURING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Books Behind Bars – Charlottesville, VA

Contact is Kay at 434-295-3377

- They have a book storage facility on Harris Street where they collect donations for prisoners.
- Inmates write them a letter requesting up to three books on a particular subject. The helpers would read these letters, search through the books they have on hand and try to fill the order.
- They attach the books and the letter together by rubber band and they are driven to the jail.
- The books become the personal property of the inmates. Once they read them, they can donate the books to the prison library or give them away as a gift to others, including family members.
- The inmates are allowed 3 books at a time – over how many months was not clear.
- This place is open when they have volunteers to help. Now that UVA is out for the summer there are not many volunteers. Kay would like to ask for help from the youth groups over the summer and into the school year if they are interested.
- She says they have placed over 1 million books through this program.
- Many of the Books Behind Bars programs have a web page or Facebook page but this one does not.

If anyone is interested, then please contact Kay and set up some time for letters to be answered.