

Northern District 4-H Horse Council Meeting
Fauquier Co. Ext. Office, Warrenton, VA

August 6, 2014

Called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance - By phone: Hannah and Rose McDonald from Frederic Co., Sam McDonald from Shenandoah Co. and Treasurer, Doug Fidler, Loudoun Co.. In person attendance: Cindy Puryear, Eleszabeth McNeel, Anna Rij, Carrie Swanson, Michele Roszell, Berth Durbin, Sandy Arnold, Linda Brown.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance \$14,738.15. Porta-potty hasn't cashed check yet from Front Royal Show. District shows had a net of about \$1200. Some scholarships have been paid out. One refund on a horse entry because of a death of a horse. Some bad check fees totaling \$150 that he is trying to get resolved. Sponsorships are up this year. None were recorded from last year's shows.

Old Business:

- Northern District Front Royal show – all went well, no issues. Dressage judge will be moving out of the country and so we need to seek a new judge. We only had 6 riders for dressage and it took several hours to setup and manage for so few riders. Many dressage riders were at the previously held dressage clinic in Spotsylvania Co. Sandy will look into the options for use of a dressage ring and / or purchasing one or renting one and finding a judge or arranging for a fix a test type of clinic separate from the District Show. Skills tests went well. 78 qualified horse / rider combos. It was discussed and suggested that we would like to see state committee reconsider a full retesting of Level 2 skills test for a full comprehensive test of the combo for a new day for reasons of safety concerns noticed this past year.
- Southern Regionals Hippology placed 5th and 6th, Judging Team A was 3rd, Team B did not place, Horse Bowl – Team B 6th and Team A did not place. Hunter Liles placed 1st in reasons. Presentations – Delaney and Ellie placed 7th in their team presentation, and Delaney also earning 3rd high point in Horse Bowl individual. Another kid presented too. Many of our riders won several ribbons. Hunter US was 150 entries – and VA riders earned 1st, 2nd and 5th. Libby Arnold won her 1st level dressage class. Briana White won gaited overall. Morgan Strickler made every final class and Ryan Gobble placed in gymkhana. Rose and Hannah McDonald posted much information on Facebook.
- 50 mile ride was great. Actually it was more of a 54 mile ride which spanned over 3 days of riding. Four 4-h kids and one who aged out all rode. 4-Hers were Libby Arnold, Morgan Scott, Hunter Liles and Laurel. They enjoyed excellent rides and views and the horses all did fairly well. The weather was great. Lots of fun was had by all.
- Silent Auction for state show – if you have donations please connect with Rose McDonald and send her a Silent Auction form well before State so she can get the bid sheets ready. Forms are

on the State and District website. Please promote this to your county and clubs. Michele Roszell made a motion that NDHC will donate two 5 gallon buckets and invite the clubs within our District to donate one or two horse-related items to go in the buckets. Sandy will get the word out via email inviting all clubs within Northern District to participate in this way as a fund raiser for our State 4-H Horse Show. Eleszabeth McNeel 2nd the vote and vote passed. Cindy Puryear will be POC for this item at the State Show and will pick up two buckets. Donations can be brought to the State Show Office where we will have an labeled and obvious collection tub that says ND Silent Auction Donations for Northern District members to drop items.

New Business:

- Eleszabeth McNeel reported information for the State Fair Drill Team Exhibition at the State Show in September and she asked that exhibitors please email if they plan to do the drill team exhibition. The exhibition will be on Saturday night. Riders for this exhibition must be also already registered for the State Fair drill team rides as well. State Fair drill team competition entries are due on August 15th. Extension agents should have all entries by now. She has two of the three judges lined up.
- This year at the State Show in September we will recognize senior riders for the very first time and call it a Senior Stampede. This will likely be done on Friday night and riders will ride their horses around Waldron arena in front a large audience. Participants are asked to give a write up about their experience in 4-H that the announcer can read to the audience. The State Show committee will come up with some sort of recognition for the riders.
- Horse project book scholarship requests should be starting to come in from Extension Agents now through December 31. Please read about the scholarship information provided on our NDHC website. Sandy will send a reminder email out to all agents about this opportunity for all 4-H members within Northern District.
- Northern District Horse Judging Contest – Bertha says she'll host at her arena in Free Union, VA. Date would be Nov. 22nd, 2014. She needs help with volunteers - Rose, Anna, Sandy and Carrie volunteered. Please email Bertha if you are available to help on that day.
- Hippology, Horse Bowl and Presentations contests: We hope to have a potential date coming up in March before Equismartz. Carrie will look into the central location of Ruckersville for March 7 or 14th.
- Equismartz is March 27th, 28th, and 29th and will be hosted at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA (where the State Fair is held).
- It was discussed that it would be nice for Extension agents to access on our website a "State Show Selection Committee Checklist" in order for them to review clearly what is necessary for a rider to qualify for state show and state fair entries. Carrie will help put this document together for review.
- Carrie Swanson received a grant from the VA Horse Industry Board to present an educational program on proper deworming strategies and resistance to parasites. Next Thursday, on August

14th, you are invited to come listen to her presentation at 6:30-7:30pm, room A, Albemarle Co. office, 1600 5th street extended, Charlottesville VA . There is a follow up lab lesson regarding fecal egg counting on August 30th. 4-Hers who come to this lab will be required to present a poster at the newly formed Agri-Science poster contest at the State Fair in October. Carrie is also willing to come speak to clubs in the district about deworming strategies and the use of fecal egg counts. Contact Carrie Swanson for more information (horse@vt.edu).

- The State Fair is hosting a VCE and 4-H Centennial Extension Day on September 28th (the first Sunday of the State Fair) – they want counties to provide a manned promo table or display about their 4-H program which will be held in the new livestock barn. Various areas will highlight the many programs that extension has to offer. 4-H will have an entire area designated for the wonderful programs it has. Organizers are looking for hands-on, interactive displays/activities to showcase the program. If you would like to participate and showcase a program, please fill out the information below by Friday, August 15.
<https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1406036489181>

Meeting adjourned at 9pm. Thank you for all who called in and came.

Remainder of the 2014 Meeting dates are as follows:

October 1, 2014, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

December 3, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold
