

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

February 5, 2014

Called to order at 7:05pm

Attendance: (By phone) Rose McDonald, Faye Strickler, Hannah McDonald, Doug Fidler, Heidi Kovacs (Fauquier co.). Ana Rij, Carrie Swanson, Bertha Durbin, Julie Williamson, Karen Ampeh, Kim Abel, Cindy Puryear, Kim Mayo, Michele Roszell, Sandy Arnold, Linda Brown.

Public Comments:

- FarmIDTag.com – see for id info tags for animals to find animals during natural disasters, etc cost. \$10(or look at netposse.com) per tag. Michelle Showed the tag and more info on that.
- Horse Show Series at Autumn Olive Farm. Flyer handout – website is autumnolivefarm.com

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of \$13,042.70
- We disbursed \$880 in scholarships. \$1400 was requested by counties and only \$880 was requested for use.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Polycon phone paid for by Albemarle Co. funds, and we will borrow it as needed, Carrie Swanson will arrange for use.
- State Committee Report by Julie Williamson:
 - She reviewed with state all of our comments discussed at the previous meeting. Traffic flow between Fletcher arena, Moore and Waldron arena: weather was a big part of the problem. They will try to put the juniors back outside and hope for better weather. Concerns about tack in the hunter ring: according to USEF the judge may penalize for non conventional equipment and may use their discretion with this rule. Gate keepers will try to police as the best they can following the USEF rules. Paying for judges out of state is a budget issue, and it was discussed but we don't have an answer for that. Lunging: when adults see lunging in an area that is not allowed for lunging, please say something to a steward. Adult volunteers have the authority to stop the lunging. Wiley arena footing was discussed.
 - Horsemanship Skills – have been rewritten. Level 1 will be all ground handling. Level 2 will be all under saddle. Level 3 & 4 will not be handled this year and they are working on a driving skills test and a mini in-hand skills test. Minis can do

level 1.

- At state, minis will now have their own showmanship division. Classes offered will be showmanship, obstacles, jumping, driving (optional).
- 1st year members can come but they have to be 10 year old members - 9 year old 4-Hers cannot come to state. Horsemanship skills testing is still required. The only ones who are grandfathered on this requirement are those that have already shown that horse /rider combo at state.
- Equine Extravaganza now belongs to VA Farm Bureau and the State Fair. The next date will skip Nov. 2014 and be moved to March of 2015 and will maintain, in conjunction with Secretariats birthday (March 30) and those activities will come together. Equismartz may move to Richmond for 2015 could. It could possibly be March 27-29th. State Fair would like to support our 4-h horse program.
- Seniors in their last year at the state show – it will be called a senior stampede – they will have a recognition of kids that are aging out. They will introduce riders by county and have music.

State Fair – Bertha and Celeste discussed show with Glen Martin. Drill team competition will be the same as last year. It will be Sat. Oct 4, Fun Show Oct 5. Ranch horse will happen but not sure if it will be Sat or Sun. Another group will be doing team penning on Fri and Sat. Ranch horse classes might run in coordination with that group. Running in coordination with this other show will educate kids about this type of program and it might cross kids over from their show into 4-h. Drill team will only be a ½ day and looking at afternoon to fill with a crowd pleasing activity – maybe freestyle reining or dressage. Central District will be running the Fun show again on Sunday. Also discussion about show insurance will be looked into.

We have one more district show to approve:

Request for May 11 Qualifying Open Show hosted by Rockbridge Bit and Bridle 4-h club. They will have Horsemanship skills testing, with measuring available. This will be held in conjunction with the Hear the Beat Horse Show for the Therapeutic Riding Center. Classes offered will be hunter pleasure, western pleasure, and equitation classes. Julie W. moved to accept this show date. Michele Rozell 2nd it. Julie will finalize details with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Horsemanship Skills – changes are coming out soon by state about the new information. Evaluation sheets – please throw out the old unused evaluation sheets. Please request new sheets from Julie Williamson. None of the skills have been changed, but they have been reordered, and removed the emergency dismount. Proper show attire for their discipline will be required.

- To request new horsemanship skills dates please contact Julie Williamson and the application form is on the state site.
- Evaluation training – only the state committee members are able to do the training of new evaluators for Horsemanship Skills testing.
- There may be a possible agent training on “horse program 101” to be conducted by Carrie Swanson. State committee curriculum of important info that agents need to know.
- Budget – presenting a 2 year proposed budget. Doug will do some exploration on the tax reporting cost. A question was raised - do we need to increase the fees for the district shows and contests to generate more income? Do we fundraise? Changes reflected will add a line item in income from other contests, and to add to the Tax line an additional note of “fees / insurance”. We need to add a line for charitable donations to carry over from year to year per our purpose. Also add line item in budget that we’ve given 3 of the keeper trophies, the expense of these could be roughly \$60, that are provided by the ND for the state horse show awards. There was a motion to accept the budget by Michele Roszell with changes requested, 2nd by Julie Williamson.
- Communication – Sandy’s report on communicating with agents by email sent on Jan. 12 to encourage them to communicate with us about their clubs, leader contacts and opportunities for scholarships. She added all agent contact information on the NDHC website.
- Julie Williamson brought up a request to make a donation for Teresa McDonald (who lost her battle to breast cancer) to the IHSA scholarship fund. Julie made a motion, and Bertha 2nd the motion to give \$500. Motion passed.
- Rose McDonald needs help again with the silent auction. The form will be sent out in about a month so we would like to ask people to start thinking about this again for this portion of the state 4-h horse show.

Add dates to calendar – Front Royal Horse camp is Aug 8-10, Fairfax Co. 4-H fair Horse show is Aug 2-3, 2014 and Fauquier Co. Horse Show is April 12, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm. Thank you for all who called in and came.

2014 Meeting dates are as follows:

April 2, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

June 4, 2014, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

August 6, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

October 1, 2014, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

December 3, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold
