

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

June 4, 2014

Called to order at 7:05pm

Attendance: (By phone) Dot Chaplin, Doug Fidler, Cindy Puryear (in person) Ana Rij, Carrie Swanson, Bertha Durbin, Julie Williamson, Michele Roszell, Sandy Arnold, Kelly Cody, Debbie Garrett, Sandy Diesterhoff, Faye Strickler, Morgan Strickler, Hannah McDonald, Rose McDonald

Public Comments: Brought up by Sandy Diesterhoff - skills test re: retesting situation and fees that were charged, and if there will be a "clean-up" clinic. Julie Williamson offered up her facility and the volunteers to run a clinic upon request. Please contact her for further information. Sandy Diesterhoff also would like to see drill team back at the state horse show. Discussion from the council identified the problems with scheduling, no warm-up area, many teams and EMT hours. There is an option for demo rides at state.

Minutes were approved as posted online and seconded.

Treasurers Report:

- Paid out for some scholarships and have a balance of \$12,325.15. He has collected from two District shows (May 10 and 25 shows). District shows are to send in a fee of \$5 per rider to Treasurer, Doug Fidler.

Old Business:

- Council Insurance discussion is deferred to next meeting.
- Bertha's show on May 25th qualified 56 riders from 9 counties. May 10th qualified about 40 riders and from 6-7 counties. \$160 collected from the skills testing at the Warrenton Show grounds (shown on the Tr. Report) will be disbursed back to those riders because there was no facility charge but there was a small fee used for porta potty. Kim Abel will distribute back to riders.

New Business:

There is a skills testing date added of June 11th on a Wed night. The June 21 show is coming up. Southern Regionals is July 29-Aug 2 (check dates) – with educational contest (on Tuesday) and a full schedule of riders going from all disciplines. We also just added June 29th for a skills testing at Calvary Ridge Farm, Haymarket.

Kelly Cody mentioned that all district show entries paperwork are different. Paperwork per show is to cover for show liability. All 4-h shows should ask for waiver and health history. Kelly also suggests that armbands should be worn. This will be brought up to the state show committee.

Rose McDonald – would like to get permission for a rider in to the June 21 show after the closing date because of certain circumstances. The show manager says no to late entries. This brings up the discussion of adding a late fee, number of entries limit and potential of adding a clinic at the end.

June 21 show details – 30 skills riders needing evaluating and 31 horses need to be measured. There is an exceptional entry rider – it is up to show manager what the show manager and parents want the rider to do. If they ride in a class, they get pinned as first as its own class and it can be turned into whatever type of class to make it safe for horse and rider. There are 84 combination horse / riders, up by about 20 riders from last year. If there is skills testing on Friday night, Faye S., Kelly C., Cindy P., Sandy A., Julie W. and Lindsay W. may all be able to help with testing – Doug will find out if any riders need to do this.

Faye Strickler questions whether we should do drug testing at the state horse show or not.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm. Thank you for all who called in and came.

2014 Meeting dates are as follows:

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
