

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

October 1, 2014

Called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance - By phone: Eleszabeth McNeel, Michele Roszell, Rose McDonald, and at the meeting, Anna Rij, Carrie Swanson, Berth Durbin, Sandy Arnold, Debbie Garrett, Linda Brown.

Minutes were approved as corrected. Anna moved to accept the minutes, Michele seconded.

Treasurers Report:

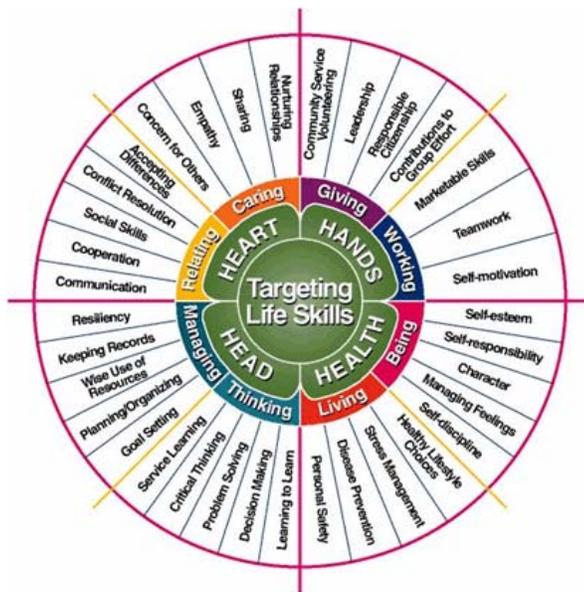
- Balance \$13,962.63 Paid out scholarships, hospitality room and trophies sponsored for state. Some income from outstanding checks.

Old Business:

- Planning on the Northern District Knowledge Contest to be at Nathaniel Green Elem. School on Rt. 230 in Standardsville, VA. We have the cafeteria, library and classrooms to use that are comparable to the one last used at Ruckersville. It is two miles to fast food. We are scheduling it for March 7th with snow date of March 14th. Contests will be hippology, horse bowl and horse presentations (district contests for horse presentations don't happen before Equismartz so we are offering a contests here). Bertha Durbin will do the horse bowl portion. Rose M. will ask Hannah to see if the VT students can come up with a test for hippology and will let Carrie know. Bertha has offered her scantron for scoring. Michele Roszell will be there to volunteer. If you can volunteer please contact Sandy Arnold.
- State Show Committee Checklist – Sandy will ask agents to submit their requirements and this info will be posted on the District site as a resource for other counties, members and new club leaders to see what is required and how other counties organize members for state.
- Scholarship requests – reminder was sent out to all agents on Sept. 30, 2014 with an attachment of the certificate. All requests for scholarships and names of 4-H members need to be identified by Dec. 31, 2014.
- Anna Rij reported about the VCE centennial celebration at the State Fair. About 25 counties were represented. Anna offered a mini hippology contest and a stockmans contest. The military club showed a suicide prevention. Jamestown was also represented. About 500 people came through to see the displays. Jamestown, Prince Wm. Co. (Sandy and Libby Arnold) and Spotsylvania Co. (Cindy and Calah Puryear) were also represented with a horse display to educate kids on horse markings, crafts were provided and Libby represented 4-H as an Ambassador.

New Business:

- State Show comments: Debbie Garrett had a question about Gymkhana – is it possible to switch back to keyhole instead of doing the stakes race? Answer: State is trying to keep things similar to what they see at Southern Regionals, giving riders the opportunity to compete in the same type of contests found there. Secondly she asks, with numbers dwindling, is it possible that a kid could bring a second horse? Answer: Carrie explains this is the scheduling conflict with rider / horse combinations. State cannot guarantee those conflicts between divisions and classes. Lastly, should Drill team riders have the same qualifications as State Horse Show riders. Answer: Safety is our number one concern and Horsemanship skills are required for participation at the state level. District shows also provides the opportunity for horse/rider combinations to experience a larger horse show situation. Record books are also required because 4-H encompasses the life skills circle.



- Other state show comments: seemed like everything went really well and schooling was good. We all thanked and appreciated all of the volunteers that worked many and long hours. Doug said a couple horses showed on Friday in hunter pleasure had horse nose nets. Sat. the judge asked them to be removed. Has there been a ruling change on this? Answer: No. USEF addresses this in chapter 8 rules of artificial markings and appliances are prohibited and state defers to the judges as a final decision. Sandy thanked the dressage chairman for having the use of a whip for showmanship clarified, since there has been much confusion about this for the past few years, especially because there are no specific dressage showmanship rules made by any governing body, so rules defer to those for English showmanship. The explanation from the judge that the use of the dressage whip may only be used as a prop and not as a crop.
- Two 4-Hers sent in Thank you cards for their keeper trophies that NDHC donated. Madison Bonner and Macy Berg's thank you letters were read in the meeting.

- NDHC requests that all District Shows dates be submitted at the Dec. 3rd Dist. Meeting, contacting Linda Brown, President.
- There will be a Skills Testing on April 11 hosted by Bertha Durbin. More info to come later on the NDHC website.
- We will consider seeking a ribbon and trophy committee to place orders for contest and state keeper trophies depending on the needs that arise out of the Dec. 3rd meeting.
- Officer elections are coming up for Feb. 2015. Carrie Swanson will organize an election committee.
- We will have a potluck holiday dinner prior to the Dec. 3rd meeting. Please bring a dish to share. It will be at the Orange Co. Ext. office, beginning with the potluck at 6pm, meeting to start at 7pm.
- The District Horse Judging Contest will be Nov. 22nd. Entries are due by Nov. 11, 2014. Organizer, Bertha Durbin, needs volunteers. Check the NDHC website for the volunteer list and please let her know what you can do.
- Eastern National roundup is Nov. 7-9, 2014. NDHC supports 4-h members going by giving \$100 to each participant for travel expenses. We know there is a hippology team of Abby Strickland, Mariah Cassaday, Chelsea Bickley but there are others as well that we will support.
- Rose McDonald's report on the Silent Auction at the State Show: tables were rented at \$20 each and she found a sponsor to cover the cost of the tables. The auction raised about \$5K. Thank you Rose for putting in so much effort to help support the State show!
- NDHC would like to put a retirement gift together for Celeste Crisman, State Ext. Horse Specialist who has served us for ten years. Anna Rij will put a scrapbook together on behalf of NDHC. We ask that all 4-H Clubs submit a 12x12 scrapbook page representing their 4-H Club members and messages to Celeste by Dec. 3rd (the next NDHC meeting). Mail to: VCE / Caroline 4-H, c/o Anna Rij, P.O. Box 339, Bowling Green, VA 22427
- Skyline Riders is hosting a fun show Oct. 25th at 7pm at the Warren Co. fairgrounds with lights. Info will be posted soon on the NDHC site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Thank you for all who called in and came.

Remainder of the 2014 Meeting dates are as follows:

December 3, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold
