

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

April 1, 2015

Called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance: Bertha Durbin, Carrie Swanson, Sandy Arnold, Linda Brown, Michele Roszell

By phone: Melissa Madagan, Erin Mitchell, Cindy McAlister

No public announcements.

Minutes were approved per posted online, moved by Bertha Durbin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin Mitchell.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance – We had incoming \$40 from the ND Horse Judging. Expenses for horse bowl ribbons were \$140 (not used and will use for next year) and for the teleconference microphones (the cords don't work so we have to look into the exchange) with a cost of \$115.84 plus shipping). For outstanding expenses, two project book scholarships were paid out for \$66 for Gracie and Cortney McDonald and a Southern Regional scholarship paid out for Morgan Strickler for \$40. Ending balance is \$13,238.72.

Old Business:

- Status of ribbons and state show keeper trophy orders. Bertha will send Sandy the pewter keeper order information. Could also see Ketterman's Jewelry in Leesburg.
- VA Sales tax exemption status – Linda will continue to pursue this information with Doug and Rose.
- The ND Contest was canceled and was not rescheduled because of the snow – we will carry the ribbons forward for use for next year.
- The budget for 2016 will be discussed at the next meeting
- Equismartz comments: Some clubs had a hard time not being able to get decent hotels or be able to attend other horse festival events. There was a fair amount of expense because of not having the best options for food close by. All felt the staff did a fabulous job with what they had to work with. The weather was a problem on Saturday with keeping kids warm and focused. Horse bowl went better than it ever had before. Some volunteers contestants had problems getting into gates at an early enough time to setup, etc. Stations on hippology for seniors: Morgan Strickler mentioned it was hard to see the questions for 20 seconds viewing around a crowd of other participants, so they are hoping for a better chance next time. Some contestants had a long distance to walk to give presentations, going from pavilion to Bold Ruler House. Scoring was on site so that was really nice. Scantrons were hard to read probably because kids had a hard time marking because they were so cold. Scantrons were cleaned up by help in the scoring room. Question: Can we carry over the horse judging scores from the scantron over to the horse judging portion of hippology, avoiding marking two scantrons for one class? It was mentioned that it would probably add a lot of time in the scoring room. Perhaps consider adding ID stickers to coaches while traveling with their horse bowl teams. It was nice for those running the contest in the small rooms to only have room for a coach. Regarding mixing with outside spectators, we should consider using signage on the arena and around contest areas to identify our contests, and somehow allow them to be more inclusive in participating as spectators. Could we have a more visible location for the speaking contests? Many enjoyed having the horse bowl finals in a common room for all to watch. Bertha will carry these comments back

to the state committee. State will re-evaluate the motivation and purpose after comments have been reviewed. Tech's goal was to reduce cost and locate the contest more centrally.

- Teen council membership discussion: a consideration to amend the by-laws to include teen council members, in order to achieve better participation and input from our 4-Hers, giving them an opportunity for leadership and participation at the District level. **Considerations:** Should there be an application process? Should we start this new membership at the same time the 4-H year starts? What requirements and guidelines would they have to meet? How often and in what manner? Are call-in meetings acceptable? How many teen members would be interested in participating? We will announce again that council membership is currently open to all parents, extension agents and leaders and we need their participation and input. The council should set up guidelines to answer these questions so teens know what expectations there are to being an active member and the reward for participation. This potential change in our by-laws will be voted on at the next meeting, June 2015. See previous minutes (Feb. 2015) for verbiage in specific changes to the by-laws.
- In order to distribute our NDHC news more readily, perhaps we can get a facebook page and / or instagram account setup, and perhaps have the youth and leaders post information here. Also it would be nice if we had an email archive or feed to access from the website so families can read past news.

#### New Business:

- The June 20 District show committee is looking for a club to run the concessions at their show in Front Royal. Please contact Jackie McClintic 540-338-9631 email: brio16@aol.com
- Mixed District Horse Bowl Team Question: Can teams mix district team members? Michelle moves that qualifying horse bowl and presentation events will be limited to only Northern District 4-H members. Carrie 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – dressage qualifying clinic in Nokesville will be posted on the NDHC website.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> skills testing clinic – hoping it will be at Four Oaks, with Erin Mitchell, Zions Crossroads.

#### **Upcoming 2015 Meeting Dates, 7pm:**

June 3, 2015, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

August 5, 2015, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

October 7, 2015 Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

December 9, 2015 Orange County Extension Office, Orange

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold

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INCOMING	EXPENCES	OUTSTANDING EXPENSES (Checks)	PENDING CREDITS
District Horse Judging fee Deposit by Bertha \$40.00	District Hippology/Horse Bowl Ribbons Check #129 for \$146.50	3/30/15 Golden Horseshoe Cortney & Gracie McDonald Scholarship for SR Check # 233 for \$66.00	
	2/4/15 MICROPHONE Debit for \$115.84	3/20/15 VA 4-H Foundation (Morgan Strickler) Scholarship for SR Check #232 for \$40.00	
	2//15 shipping for Microphones. Debit for \$11.79		
<hr/> <hr/> Total Income \$40.00	Total : \$314.13	Total: \$106.00	
	<hr/> <hr/> Ending Balance AS OF 4/01/15 \$13,238.72		
<hr/> <hr/> Northern District Hippology and Horse Bowl were cancelled due to snow storm.			