

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

August 5, 2015

Called to order at 7:02pm

Attendance: Linda Brown, Sandy Arnold, Carrie Swanson, Joanne Carroll, Bertha Durbin, Lindsay Williamson, Erin Mitchell, Michele Roszell

By phone: Dot Chaplin, Michelle Cribbs, Heidi Kovacs, Rose McDonald, Melissa Madagan, Kim Abel

At the start of the meeting Michelle Cribbs asked about a concern she had for a bit they use in games at state. Carrie Swanson addressed her concern about the specific bit and said she would pass on the question of the specific to the judge.

No public announcements.

Minutes approved as read.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance – \$14,973.49 with some outstanding checks and many scholarships were paid out. All monies have been collected from all the qualifying shows and clinics. Rose will provide Linda via email with a breakdown in detail of Northern District supported shows for the officers to review. Several scholarships awarded but not used are those in Fauquier Co., some in Fluvanna, some in Loudoun, one in Prince William, two in Warren, and one in Page. Rose will send a list to Linda Brown of those that haven't used their scholarships yet.

Old Business:

- 249 riders were qualified within the Northern District
- Bertha gave us a report on all the qualified shows and clinics – Frederick Co.: 45 riders, Hoofbeats: 31, hidden fox 62, Front Royal: 70, Barrel Clinic: 12, Dressage: 15, Reining: 5, Williamson's: 5, Four Oaks: 4. The Lexington area show helped many riders to qualify. Discussion came that we would like to have all district shows approved in December. Horsemanship skills and clinics should also have secured dates by then as well. Many skills dates were added later. We need to push to get those dates on the calendar no later than February so people can make choices on the dates. We all agree that earlier dates set would be helpful to all families. Those interested in hosting a qualifying show should submit a date to the council as soon as possible. The Feb. date would entertain any final dates for clinics and horsemanship skills. It would be helpful to list online guidelines needed for qualifying shows (location, facility, numbers that can be hosted, etc). **Bertha moved that we have all the proposals for district show s qualifying clinics and evaluation skills submitted in December, but no later than February. Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed.** Julie Williamson will continue to approve dates for qualifying clinics.
- District challenge for silent auctions - remind all club members to donate. Michelle is putting together 10 necklaces with 4 leaf clovers, horse necklace and some others. Lindsay offered to deliver items to Rose before state. Others may simply bring the stuff to state. Any personal donations – let Rose know ahead of time what that is to have the forms filled out ahead of time. Sandy will post the form online. Email horsemomrose@yahoo.com if you are bringing something. Please bring items as early as possible

on Thursday at the state show – pictures of items for personal items are also helpful and can be posted online ahead of time. A week prior to state is very helpful.

- Linda would like to appoint Joanne Carroll in place of Sandy Arnold for secretary through the remainder of the term until March 2017. Sandy will show Joanne how to get online and do the updates. She will send her the files and attendance records as well. Sandy has taken on the new position of 4-H Youth Equine Associate in Middleburg.
- We reviewed the budget set aside for ENR – amount is \$1000 – for the hippology team and horse bowl team. The did well SR. Horse judging is funded by state for roundup costs. We send \$100 per kid.
- Southern Regionals – kids did really well – great cooperation – excellent horsemanship – see the facebook page for winner information.
- Teen council membership discussion: tabled until the next meeting.
- Aug 29th CFC is sponsoring a hippology contest at a horse fair at the Fauquier Co. Fairgrounds. They are giving free tickets to 4-H leaders would like to do the contest. No pre-registration required. Information will be posted on the NDHC website and via email. It is from 9-4. Contact Lindsey Williamson at lwilliamson@cfcfarmhome.com and phone is 540-764-0004
- 4-H Clinic Aug 29 at Frederick Co. Fairgrounds – see NDHC website for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12

Upcoming 2015 Meeting Dates, 7pm:

October 7, 2015 Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

December 9, 2015 Orange County Extension Office, Orange

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold