

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

June 3, 2015

Called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance: Linda Brown, Sandy Arnold, Cindy Puryear, Rose McDonald, Debbie Garrett, Faye Strickler, Morgan Strickler, Carrie Swanson, Dot Chaplin, Colleen Chaplin, Michelle Dionne (Fairfax Co.).

By phone: Michelle Roszell, Cindy McAlister, Eleszebeth McNeel, Joanne Carrol, Debbie Tribble from Highland, Bertha Durbin.

No public announcements.

Minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance – \$12,891.07. Nine scholarships were paid out. The treasurer's report showed an equipment refund. Southern Regionals. Rose has checks to deposit from the Frederick county qualifying show, Prince Wm. Co dressage clinic and Fauquier Co. barrel clinic. Thirteen counties out of 28 had agents submitted requests for scholarships (these were due by Dec. 31). Northern District approved 3 open shows and 4 qualifying clinics.
- Old Business:
 - District Show – Frederick Co. – 33 4-Hers qualified and 56 horses. 18 horse / rider horsemanship skills done, and it was a lot to take on. Kelly Cody and Eleszebeth McNeel were testers. It was a good show and hot day, and all was packed up and done just before a storm hit.
 - Bertha's District show – it was a good turnout and a great day. They qualified 62 horse rider combos and the \$310 check is in the mail to Rose.
 - A Report from Bertha was given on the Lexington show - Many skill evaluations, about 20 and perhaps about that many that qualified at the show as well. Linda Swenson is the POC. Bertha and another person did the evaluations.
 - Sandy reported on the dressage qualifying clinic – they had 15 qualified horse/rider combos. It was a good day, and 6 riders were skill tested.
 - Dot reported on the barrel clinic – they had 13 qualified horse / rider combos.
 - The upcoming reining clinic has 5 riders signed up.
 - The Ranch horse clinic – we discussed that this is not a qualifying clinic however it was posted online as a qualifying clinic from an email that was misinterpreted as such. There are 7 kids signed up for this with none paid so far.
 - We are adding a cleanup clinic for the same date as the ranch horse clinic, to be held at Julie Williamsons' farm. Skill testing will be available as needed. Riders who need this opportunity will have to email Julie to enter.
 - The state show keeper trophies were ordered by Sandy and she had them mailed directly to state show trophy organizer, Ronnie Marshall.

- Teen council membership discussion: Rose thought it would be a great idea. Linda recommends a motion that we need teen representative. Sandy moved that we adopt a non-voting member teen council representation to give them recognition from the horse council. Rose 2nds it. Bertha yes, Michelle yes, Eleszebeth yes, Joanne yes, Cindy yes, Debbie (no reply over phone) and all at the table vote yes in the room. A committee is formed to identify the description of obligations to teen council representatives. The Co-chairmen are Cindy Puryear and Sandy Arnold, and serving on the committee are Debbie Garrett, Michelle Roszell, and Dot Chaplin.

New Business:

- Southern Regionals – we have many kids representing there as riders and in all of the contests. It is coming up at the end of July, 7/28-8/2/2105
- There will not be a 50 mile horsemaster ride this year. Perhaps there might be a small group day ride at some point later in the year though.
- The Horse Camp at Front Royal is coming up for August 9-13, for riders ages 9-14 and they can bring their own horse. Registration is here: <http://www.nova4h.com/calendar/horse-camp>.
- The request for VA tax exemption papers are being submitted by Rose.
- Silent Auction – Michelle suggests that donations be brought to the next northern district meeting in August. Cindy Puryear will provide the muck tub as the holder for Northern District items. A large tack trunk was also suggested by Michelle Dionne. Morgan shared a story about a filled tack trunk that was live auctioned off at a large Quarter Horse show. Our District will challenge each district to do the same, fill a bucket or trunk. Please bring your items to the next Aug. meeting in Orange.
- New leader Michelle Dionne had a question about how to qualify for the Eastern National Roundup and Sandy, Carrie and others helped her understand the process.
- Some were wondering if the concession need was filled for the Front Royal show. Cindy McAlister from Loudoun said that she would reach out to groups around Front Royal. Cindy Puryear will ask the food challenge group in Prince William Co. All other positions and volunteer spots are filled and ready for the show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42

Upcoming 2015 Meeting Dates, 7pm:

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