

Regular Meeting of the

Northern District 4-H Horse Council  
Wednesday, April 1, 2009 – 7:00 PM  
Orange County Extension Office – Public Meeting Room, Orange, VA

Linda Brown, President, Michele Rozell, Vice President and Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary, were present.

No time was requested for Public Comment. The meeting started at 7:05.

Introduction of attendees.

Additions to agenda: Financial request for Southern Regionals; History of age requirements; Coordination of county requirements to meet State requirements.

Minutes from the February 4, 2009, meeting were read and amended as follows:

Old Business – 5. Report on the Rose Mount District Show (a) One of the items up for discussion is whether or not to change the show date from June 7th (Sunday) to June 6th (Saturday). Should read “June 6th (Saturday) to May 30 (Saturday).”

10. (d) Loudon misspelled (Loudoun).

Approved as amended

Meeting Agenda Calendar of events typo – should read “May 30 Qualifying Show at Rose Mount”.

Treasurer’s Report: Bertha Durbin, Treasurer, was not in attendance. Balance \$9,185.38, as read from email.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer Horse Leader’s Conference at Smith Mountain Lake: April 3-5.
2. Updates on District Qualifying shows: Rose Mount (May 30) - online (correction for year noted 09 not 08); Speak Easy Farm (May 2), (82 entries). Discussion followed. Carrie to check for perpetual trophies for district shows. All Showmanship classes to follow pattern from last year’s State Show.
3. Clinics: April 25 – Hunter Eq, Hunter Flat, Hunter O/F at Grovespring Farm. June 27 - Hunter Pleasure at Amber Hill Farm.
4. Discussion and report on State Contests, March 20-22 in Lexington, VA.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Website: log on to Google to set up file for receiving updates instantly. (Set up instructions to come.) Handout given for guidelines for web sites. Discussion of safety on the web followed.
2. State Show volunteers: discussion of organizing groups of volunteers.
3. State Fair Horse Show: suggestion made to appeal to districts for help in managing information booth. Discussion of volunteers needed.
4. Items for State Show Rule Book due May 1st.
5. Southern Regionals: financial request by 4-H members for attending and participating in knowledge contests. Discussion followed. Motion to financially support the First and Second Place winners of a State knowledge contest based on eligibility in Northern District was passed. Amount to be determined based on budget.
6. Discussion of age requirement for 4-H members. January 1 age was based on USEF rules. 4-H year is Oct. 1 – Sept. 30 to accommodate eight/nine year olds.
7. Discussion about accepting checks from VA Tech bursar’s office for payment at District Shows, instead of checks from Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ E. McNeel \_\_\_\_\_