

NDHC meeting February 3 2016

meeting called to order @7 pm at the Fauquier County Extension office in Warrenton

attending by phone: Shelby Koles, Susan Wolfe, Katy Define, Michele Roszell

Minutes of December 2015 accepted as read

Treasurer's report included monies from ND Judging contest and a \$50 scholarship
end balance \$14,255.82

Old business: ND Judging contest held Dec 19th -Bertha Durbin reported a good turnout with a very nice selection of horses. Thanks to Karen and Sandy.

ND Knowledge Contests are upcoming March 12th at the County office building in Charlottesville- volunteers are still needed for holding rooms for hippology and horse bowl, this is the qualifying contest for Equismartz, 6 qualify from speaking contests and 5 horse bowl teams.

Horsemanship skills dates so far:

4/9 Durbin farm in Free Union

4/9 Frederick

5/14 VA Horse center in Lexington in conjunction with qualifying show

6/25 Front Royal 4H center in conjunction with qualifying show

6/18 4 Oaks in Fluvanna

5/1 Catharpin Dot Chaplin

5/22 Lindon Farm Philmont

New business: State show committee meeting highlights

*horsemanship skills levels 3 and 4 will be online soon, testing will be at the state show. Sign up for skills as if signing up for a class. For seniors once passing 3 and 4 do not need test again. Juniors will need to test again if with a new horse. Judges from each division will test level 4 after equitation.

*Show fee increased to \$150, encourage kids to get sponsors

*elimination of trail class for gaited horses- changed to a versatility class

*re working rule book, including attire for disciplines

*expand Ranch horse show to whole day

*Southern regionals in Perry GA for foreseeable future, run by committees for each division

*Equismartz- HJ juniors will have 2 sets of reasons in the future

*hidden horseshoes-suggested clubs bring prizes

*50 mile trail ride to resume this year in a new location

*showmanship classes-each section will be split if more than 50 contestants-then 2 sets of ten ribbons- top five come back for championship round

*no electronic devices at contests

*idea of alumni classes as fundraising

*State wide 4H camp in the works

*Art contest-no frames this year-ribbons posted Friday night

*Sandy Arnold is working on a non horse owner record book

*volunteer hall of fame-idea for a picture board to recognize them

Budget review-part of budget to cover Eastern national roundup for horse bowl, hippology and speaking contests. It was suggested to add to the budget \$20 scholarship certificates to winners of district contests-a unanimous vote to add \$240 for this cause.

The 2016 budget was accepted as discussed.

For 2017-\$2600 was budgeted for project book scholarships -\$100 per 26 counties-motin to approve by Colleen Chaplin and seconded by Dot Chaplin, all approved.

Meeting adjourned @825pm

