

Regular meeting of the

NORTHERN DISTRICT 4H HORSE COUNCIL

Wednesday April 4 2012 7pm

Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

Public announcements-Clark Cty Fair Aug 13-18th, an invitation extended to all 4Hers to participate in clinics and a show

Warren Cty Spring Equine Expo April 15th-vendor spots still open, Also Warren will be hosting a drill team competition in October, more details to follow

Call to order@710pm

Officers present-Linda Brown, Michele Roszell, Bertha Durbin, Sandy Arnold and Joanne Carroll

Members present via teleconference-Robbie Morrison 4H agent from Albemarle and Rachel Lockwood from Clark Cty.

Additions to agenda-upcoming banking changes by Carrie Swanson

Legislative trail ride –call for 4H presence

Minutes from February 1, 2012 meeting approved

Treasurer's report-current balance \$12,157.93

Deposit of \$500 for use of the Meadows Event Park will not likely be returned.

See NDHC website for detailed treasurer's report.

Old business- Northern District Hippology and Horse Bowl Contest held on March 3rd was well run and attended.

Equismartz State Contest March 30-April 1 winners are posted on 4H site, congratulations to Libby Arnold, Top Jr in Horse Judging ,in attendance at our meeting. The new use of scantron forms for judging was discussed , the scorers cleaned up errors on the cards before scanning them. The possibility of all districts getting scantrons , ones that have software to score as well, may be in the future.

Update on ND Qualifying shows-May 12th show originally at the Meadows Event Park has been moved to Locust Hill-Thank you to Julie Williamson for finding the new location. Driving and Speed events were dropped from the prize list due to space issues. Therefore, a Driving and Gymkhana clinic, sponsored by Lucky Bits and Spurs of Fauquier Cty, has been approved. See website for details.

All other qualifying shows prize lists are posted on the website.

Perpetual trophies from the 2011 Rivanna Run show will be used at the Locust Hill show-reminders will be emailed soon.

New business-Since there will be no State Fair-there will not be a drill team competition this fall. A Drill Team Exhibition Class will be held at the State Show in September. Two teams will be allowed per District, a limit of 8 teams to show. If some districts have one or no teams, more than 2 from another district may be accepted. Elizabeth will have details out within the next 2 weeks.

At a state wide conference for extension agents last week, 4H agents were made aware of a national 4H issue of 501C3 status for banking accounts. To resolve this, agents were told that individual clubs would no longer be able to have their accounts. All accounting would be dealt with by Virginia Tech. The extension offices would be the ones to keep track of each clubs accounts. In some cases, invoices would be made directly to VT or in most cases leaders would be paying out of pocket and submitting receipts for reimbursement from VT, through the extension offices. All details are not out to the agents on this situation as of yet. Some states are handling this issue differently, but it is not known how at this time.

All leaders are encouraged to voice their concerns, including financial burden to leaders/parents for out of pocket payments, number of transactions per club per month/year, and loss of education of club treasurer on accounting. Contact Dr Cathy Sutphin Assc. Director of 4H @VT cmsutph@vt.edu

The VA Horse Council will have the Legislative Trail ride on May 12th @ Montpelier, it has been asked that 4H have a presence at this event. Volunteers would be asked to explain 4H and mingle with the congressman and their children.

Horse Project Declarations are due May 1

50 mile trail ride applications due April 6

The American Youth Horse Council symposium was held in Herndon March 23-25, one of our ND kids- Rachel Dominquez won \$150 for her placement in the Horse Smarts contest!

Meeting adjourned@ 844pm