

Rescheduled meeting of

NORTHERN DISTRICT 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 6:30PM

Blue Ridge Café, Ruckersville

6:30pm-7:30pm Dinner

No public comments nor concerns were brought to the Council's attention.

The rescheduled meeting of the Northern District 4-H Horse Council was called to order at 7:46 PM. The regular meeting schedule was changed to accommodate travel for members of the Executive Committee.

Linda Brown, President, Michele Roszell, Vice President, Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary and Bertha Durbin, Treasurer, were present at this meeting.

No additions to the agenda were announced.

Minutes from October 2010 meeting were amended as follows: Old Business, Item 1. First line should read "State Committee informed us that scheduling will be changed to make it flow better for Pleasure horses and ponies." Minutes approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: (Ref. #1) Balance 12757.38; close out the year with 2200 in the our favor. Monies were paid to Project Books for the year. Requests from five counties requesting monies. Reminder to other counties before end of December to requests funds for project books. Scholarship money to counties is _____ and must be requested by end of fiscal year. Budget to be presented at the next meeting; awaiting final accounting. Ribbon inventory needed before next show year. Linda and Bertha both have ribbons. Clinic fees still not turned in from clinic near Middleburg and Warrenton. \$50 was donated to Camp Albemarle for use of their tables/chairs for the horse judging contest.

Old Business

- Northern District 4-H Horse Judging Contest- November 20, 2010, Spring Breeze Farm, Free Union, VA (Bertha Durbin). Thank you to Bertha for holding the contest. 84 participants with only 4 no-shows. Computer software was very helpful in scoring. April 2, 2011 is date for district hippology and horse bowl contest in Ruckersville. EquiSmartz date is April 8,9,10, 2011.
- Discussion of requirements of different clubs in our district. We need to get with our new district members before making decisions on these requirements. Common requirements are based on State Show requirements. Need a Committee to collect information (decided to gather information first, then form committee). Discussion followed about individual clubs/counties' requirements. Look to State for guidance. Send out note to members and clubs requesting their list of requirements. Utilize State-wide list serve. Carrie and Michele to start gathering/requesting information. Send Club and County to Carrie and Michele.

- Discussion of Horsemanship Skills program. Combined with district shows? Offer times for testing? Trained examiners to cover outside their district. Problem with examiners traveling long distances to qualify kids. In place for 2011?
- Discussed flashes from photographer in Waldren Arena.
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New Business

- Northern District Horse Show Discussion: Robin Wood offered Rivanna Run facility in Fork Union for a district show. Robin will help run the show. No charge for the facility. Computer, PA system, intercom, available. Share expenses for porta potty. Aileen and Robin will co-chair, with help from Bertha. May 7, 2011. Doug and/or Brad to let us know if they will run a show further up north.
- Budget for 2011 – next meeting.
- Sandy talked about Yahoo groups (list serve); NDHC set up just waiting for approval from Council. Message goes to group or personal email. Group will give more information and connecting threads of discussions. Sandy proposed setting us up; motion seconded to activate the Yahoo account.
- All officers up for reelection in February. Election committee – Michele, Sandy, Carrie. Carrie to discuss elections with new district members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Meeting Schedule: February 2, 2011 Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton