

NDHC meeting June 1 2016

meeting called to order @7pm on the grounds of the Fauquier County Extension office in Warrenton attending by phone: Rose McDonald, Katy Define, Cindy McAllister and Michele Roszell

Minutes of February 3 2016 meeting amended to read, horsemanship skills cancelled at Catharpin location on 5/1-will be rescheduled at a later date and the 50 mile trail ride will be on June 19-23 at the Wakefield 4H center

Treasurer's report: Current balance \$14,555.82/ 5 scholarships totaling \$190 were given out/a \$325 deposit from qualifying shows was made/ \$265 deposit from the Hippology and Horse Bowl contest

Old business: A Fix a test on April 9<sup>th</sup> qualified 15 at Spring Breeze farm in Free Union, each rider enjoyed 20 minutes with the judge in the wind and cold  
The May 14<sup>th</sup> qualifying show at Frederick saw 33 qualified regardless of the storm and rain, largest classes averaged 20 riders in Ranch and Hunter disciplines  
The show in Lexington on May 15<sup>th</sup> qualified 44 riders  
39 riders qualified at the May 21<sup>st</sup> show in Warrenton-super wet conditions kept the jumps at 2'

Skills test offerings

June 4<sup>th</sup> Spotsylvania-FULL

June 18<sup>th</sup> Fluvanna 4Oaks

June 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Front Royal 4H center

July 3<sup>rd</sup> White Post

-watch website and emails for more info

Note: mini skills test is just level one, there will be a move toward driving as a skills test

New business: The exemption still holds for a senior with a new horse -see state show rule book page 6 letter e.

Supplemental treasurer support was discussed and decided not necessary, was only difficult when working on tax exempt forms

Horsemanship skill Levels 3 and 4 are being written up now and include a written test in Level 3 stressing nutrition, vaccines and diseases. Level 4 includes riding skills specific to each discipline. The riding portion will be during an equitation class. These levels will be on par with upper level Pony club. These skill levels will be tested at the state show this fall-the riders will sign up for the testing as for a class at the show.

Silent Auction- a Facebook page will be started with auction items posted, it was suggested for each club to nominate a member to reach out to businesses in their area for Silent Auction donations

Libby Arnold motioned that a \$150 donation be made to Rex Brown , injured in a horse accident. Rex has been a volunteer farrier at the state show and the 50 mile trail ride. Bertha Durbin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Libby also made all aware that silent auction donations are needed for a fund raiser to build a center for a 4H club in Senegal. This will take place at 4H Congress on June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned @816pm