

Regular meeting of

NORTHERN DISTRICT 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 7:00PM

Orange County Extension Office, Orange

7 – 7:15 pm Time for Public Comments and Concern: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by the President, Linda Brown. Michele Roszell, Vice President, Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary, and Bertha Durbin, Treasurer were in attendance.

Changes to agenda: State Show and State Fair added to Old Business.

Minutes from the June 2, 2010 meeting by Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary, approved as read.

Treasurer's Report by Bertha Durbin, Treasurer. We have \$13,050.51 to date (Ref. #1; Ref. #2). Comparison of 2009 to 2010. We are making money on shows, extra ribbons left over so order will be less next year. Ribbons for Horse Judging will also carry over. Project book scholarships: need to explain procedure to agents so that we utilize all of those monies. Request for State Show money was too late for this year. Discussed donation in memory of Connie Collier. Bertha proposed a donation to the VA Tech Horse program in Connie's name. Motion seconded and carried to donate \$250 to the Tech Horse program. Discussed plaque for Connie to be kept at the Horse Center. Kings Customs recommended. Eleszabeth to follow-up.

Old Business

- Report on Northern District Horse Show held June 19 at Meadows Event Park (Bertha Durbin, Eleszabeth McNeel) Qualified 83 horse/riders; good feedback on the facility; new showmanship scoring was easily mastered; Volunteer groups were incredible; all in all good, safe show.
- Qualifying Clinics-9 total-- Report requested on fees still due to the Northern District 4-H Horse Council made payable by the clinic organizer. Have received fees from five shows. Marty suggested proposing guidelines due to canceling. District needs to issue rules and guidelines. Suggest entering qualifying show as well as a clinic in case clinic gets canceled. No standard set in place for qualifying clinics and shows. Should be cleared up once the Horsemanship Skills Program is in place.
- Progress on State 4-H Horse Show Qualification Guidelines and Eligibility for our new district (Carrie Swanson). Discussion ongoing but others approached would like to put off discussion until after the State Show. Possible to extend scholarship monies to new district the first year? Number of counties increasing, but the \$5 fee should cover additional expenses. Certain items need to be determined at the State Meeting in 2011 before implementing. State decisions have to be determined before we can proceed on the district level.
- Horsemanship Skills Program Update (Bertha Durbin). Final draft has been sent to committee members. Risk management is easier for those implementing the program. Need to train the evaluators which hopefully will happen this fall/winter.
- Update on Southern Regionals: State of Virginia was well represented. It was hot! Long and hot! Very large classes and long wait. 1st in reining, 1st and 5th in dressage, 7th and 10 in 1st level dressage, top ten in western horsemanship finals, 2nd in Jumpers, 9th in halter, 12th in halter, 2nd HUS, 5th in working hunter, 7th in Eq on flat, 2nd pony working hunter, top ten in showmanship, 3rd and 5th in Hippology, (9th overall, 7th written), 3rd individual horse bowl, 5th individual horse bowl, 8th team and 6th team presentation. Results will be posted online.
- State Show: silent auction? Carrie to ask if we are having one. Donation for hospitality? Ring monitors – post EMT number at each gate; safety patrol; Samantha to pursue idea of Twitter for schedule at State; Kim talked about the photography contest; more organized for showmanship (signs to direct); need new judges from out of state;
- Reminders about volunteers for State Fair

New Business

- Scholarship Program Guidelines Next 4-H Year within New Northern District – discussed above. Will continue \$100 per county for this coming year? Will discuss in October meeting. 2009 Scholarship monies for project awards must be claimed by Jan. 1, 2011. Scholarship monies for 2010 project books will continue for the old district for this project year. Motion to do so carried.
- Horse Judging Contest Discussion - Reschedule to the Fall/Winter. Nov. 20 possible.
- Discussion on adding a meeting location in or near Harrisonburg for the newly expanded Northern District Horse Council – on hold.

Calendar of Events-2010

- September 16-19, 2010: State 4-H Horse Show- Lexington, VA
- September 25-26, 2010: State 4-H Fair Horse Competition, Doswell, Va

Meeting Schedule: October 6, 2010, Fauquier County Extension Office; December 1, 2010, Orange County Extension Office; February 2, 2011, Fauquier County Extension Office

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.