

RESCHEDULED Regular meeting of

NORTHERN DISTRICT 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 12, 2010, 7:00PM

Madison County Extension Office, Madison

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. Linda Brown, President; Michele Roszell, Vice President; Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary; and Bertha Durbin, Treasurer, were present.

Public address: No items were provided.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Minutes December 2, 2009 Meeting: Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary. No additions or amendments were made to the minutes. Accepted upon motion.

Treasurer's Report: Bertha Durbin, Treasurer. Balance of \$9,438.73; Expenses were reported for medals for upcoming district shows, Danish ribbons for district knowledge competition, as well as deposit for district show at State Fair Grounds. (See attachment #2). See attachment #1 for project book scholarship requests.

Old Business

- Update on Horse Judging Contest: Postponed due to weather. 100 entries refunded. Tentatively rescheduled for Fall 2010.
- Update on Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest – Carrie Swanson and Kim Mayo: Numerous entries already turned in to Kim. Volunteers needed. Scheduled to be held March 6 at Ruckersville Elementary School.
- Discussion on Northern District Horse Shows and review of Prize Lists. June 19 at State Fair Grounds. Aside discussion about Side Saddle entries (need clarification from Celeste) and trail. Four Oaks Farm will offer a qualifying show since the indoor was destroyed at SpeakEasy Farm. This show will take place on May 8th. Attachments #4 and 5.
- Discussion of ribbons available for qualifying shows.
- Back numbers discussed. Southern States to donate for Four Oaks Farm show.

New Business

- Feedback from State 4-H Meeting (Bertha and Linda): Copies of items presented by Linda Brown to the January 15, 2010 State 4-H Meeting were provided to the members. The following items were discussed in more detail: Entry fee for State increased to \$125; Horseman skills program presented and will be introduced at the State show 2010; Ring monitors for State show discussed; Gymkhana moved to 4:30 on Saturday; Pleasure horse classes (Suggestion was made to swap ponies to East and large horses to Wiley); ring monitors; State Fair show; substitutions for horses/ponies changed to 10 AM Thursday; Showmanship (no Danish, use AQHA point system)

- New District Boundary Changes and Impact on planning for next year. District changes to include reducing total number of districts from 6 to four were discussed. There will be some consideration as to number of qualifying shows with a suggestion to increase next year from 2 to at least 3. Discussed changes incorporating larger area of district
- District Qualifying Clinic Updates: 2 approved on May 1st – information on State website and District website; Additional clinics planned include a Side saddle on April 6 at Four Oaks Farm; Hunter Pleasure and Showmanship either in April 17 or May 22 at Liberty Hall.
- EquiSmartz (new slogan for educational knowledge contests) April 9-11 at the Horse Center in Lexington.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58.

Calendar of Events-2010

- March 6, 2010 Northern District Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Ruckersville Elementary School, Ruckersville, VA
- March 19-21, 2010: AYHC Conference – Lexington, KY
- April 9-11, 2010: State 4-H/FFA Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Bowl and Presentations, VA Horse Center, Lexington, VA
- May 1, 2010: Northern District Dressage/Hunter Qualifying Clinic, Glenwood Park
- May 1, 2010: Northern District Qualifying Driving and Gymkhana Clinic, Lucky Drive Ranch
- May 8, 2010: Northern District Horse Show – Four Oaks Farm, Palmyra
- June 19, 2010: Northern District Horse Show – The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA (State 4-H Fair Grounds)

Meeting Schedule: April 7, 2010, Orange County Extension Office; June 2, 2010, Fauquier County Extension Office