

Regular meeting of the

NORTHERN DISTRICT 4-H HORSE COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 7:00PM

Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

7-7:15 No time was needed for public concern.

Meeting was called to order by Linda Brown, President, at 7:08 PM. Michele Roszell, Vice President, Eleszabeth McNeel, Secretary, and Bertha Durbin, Treasurer, were present.

Additions to agenda: Clinics; Thank-you notes; new Cloverbud curriculum.

Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ref. Attch. #1; highlights of Horse Project Book Scholarships; Two clinics have not paid fees (Glenwood Park and Warrenton); Balance is \$12,767.92. Budget to be presented at next meeting. Discussion for new attendees about how the scholarship funds work.

Reading of Thank You notes from scholarship recipients.

Old Business

1. State 4-H Horse Show Discussion:

- Pleasure horses and ponies will be separated next year;
- Eq on the flat – everyone liked the pattern first;
- Change to score in showmanship (saved time and money) (need way to show score to kids who are waiting) (top twelve will come back for second pattern next year) (dressage didn't give points)
- Dressage classics: kids given verbal pattern which caused confusion (pattern should be printed in rule book). Junior and Senior requirements.
- Pleasure class split: should not have been pinned separately – done by mistake.
- Talked about getting Judges from out of state.
- Lunging area needs to be bigger.
- Silent Auction: up from last year.
- Contests: 2 more participants this year.
- Three trophies sponsored by NDHC – Senior and Junior Showmanship; and Champion Large Hunter Pony.
- Northern District Challenge Trophy won by ND again this year.

2. State 4-H Horse Fair Discussion:

- Small number of entries (3 teams in Compulsory and Freestyle; 1 in Color Guard; 4 in Pas de deux; and 2 in Novice). Judges from Texas, Tennessee and New York.
- Need to up the entries.

Bring drill back to State? Gymkhana didn't have the crowd. Parade of Champions of winners from State Show. Drill back to State and those winners come to Fair as a non-competitive demonstration. Discussion to continue.

3. Scholarship Program for 2011 – Will we continue \$100 per county for coming year and how will we work with the added counties?

Discussion about old and new districts – this year the monies are available for the 17 counties; will change next year.

New Business

1. Northern District 4-H Horse Judging Contest- November 20, 2010, Spring Breeze Farm, Free Union, VA (Bertha Durbin) Ref. Atch: #2. Discussed having a novice class for those first timers. This year's program will not change but clubs were encouraged to work with their members before coming to the contest.

2. Clinics: Julie is setting up standards and follow up on clinics. Approval from Julie before anyone can hold a clinic. Reminder about the \$5 per entry fee for NDHC. Some clinics didn't fill this year. Problem with a clinic regarding money which prompted letter stating clinics are not to be authorized at that location in the future. Judge was not paid. Discussed the idea of not qualifying kids who attend clinics that do not pay fee to ND Horse Council. Policy discussed when clinics are canceled.

3. Horsemanship skills in effect for 2011 State Show? Explanation of the program and the training necessary for examiners. Leadership conference in North Carolina last weekend in January.

4. Shows and clinics should be in the works by the December meeting.

5. Cloverbud curriculum: lesson program in progress for modules for this level of learning.

6. Discuss Dinner meeting and location for December meeting: Timberwood in Hollymead.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Calendar of Events-2010

- November 20, 2010, Northern District Horse Judging Contest, Spring Breeze Farm, Free Union, POC: Bertha Durbin

Meeting Schedule: December 1, 2010, TBD (alternate Orange County Extension Office);
February 2, 2011 Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton