

Northern District 4-H Horse Council Meeting
Orange Co. Ext. Office, Orange, VA

December 4, 2013

Called to order at 7:10pm

Attendance: (By phone) Debbi Garret, Doug Fidler, Kelly Cody, Karen Ampeh. At meeting: Linda Brown, Sandy Arnold, Cindy Puryear, Joanne Carroll, Eleszebeth McNeal, Bertha Durbin, Rose McDonald, Faye Strickler, Kim Mayo, Michelle Roszell, Carrie Swanson. Conference phone did not work so notes were posted on the NDHC website as the meeting was going, and callers were able to text in their questions.

Public Announcements

- FarmIDTag.com – see for id info tags for animals to find animals during natural disasters, etc cost. \$10(or look at netposse.com) per tag
- Equine Extravaganza – Michelle Roszell said the kids were appreciated for volunteering at this event.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of \$12,610.49
- Some expenses on the Don's John for the ND Horse Judging Contest and scholarships paid for the Eastern Roundup and Ribbons.

Old Business:

Carrie is going to follow through to see if extension is going to pay for the polycon conference phone. We will find out if we need the money that Michelle Roszell's club will donate (\$100).

NEW BUSINESS:

Rose McDonald is talking about hosting District show in Frederick Co. for May 10 or 17. Probably will be May 10th. Speed, western pleasure, ranch riding, hunter hack, gaited, games, trail, showmanship.

Michelle Roszell is saying that the Equine Extravaganza enjoyed having the 4-Hers there to help.

Eastern Roundup kids appreciate the councils financial support and the kids did really well!

Any corrections on the October minutes – 1) add that the Conference Phone – Carrie Swanson is trying to get her Extension office to pay for up to ½ of the expense and they may be able to make use of the phone. It would be housed at Carries extension office. 2) Fletcher arena congestion was only for the showmanship class on Thursday

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Rose McDonald's club will probably host a District show in Frederick Co. on May 10. Divisions will be speed, western, hunter, ranch riding, gaited, trail, and showmanship.

Bertha Durbin is tentatively considering hosting a District show on May 25th (Sunday), same format as her show last year. Divisions will be Hunter, Western, Minis for showmanship, Gaited (open pleasure division). Last year she qualified about 60-70 kids last year. This will also be a open show (VHSA show).

Doug Fidler has agreed to host the District show on June 21 at Front Royal with western, hunter and dressage divisions.

There is some talk about a possible District Show to be held on May 31st at Rosemont.

Northern District Contests are on April 12 and 26th.

Bertha Durbin would like to host a horsemanship skills clinic / testing sometime in early April.

Horse Bowl will be March 8 in Charlottesville - same format as last year.

District Hippology Contest will be March 1 in Frederick Co. along with the same horse judging clinic in the same format as last year and probably at the same place (the church).

Also announced was the listed date already on the District website - Jan. 11, 2014 - Stafford Co. Stablemates Hippology and Horse Bowl Contest.

The State Horse Show Committee will be meeting on Friday, Jan. 24th and Saturday 25th - First year members will likely be allowed to show at the State Show again this year so long as the entry numbers are low, but this will be determined again for certain at this meeting. More about the driving minis will be discussed at this meeting as well with regard to the horsemanship skills requirement process. Also level 3 and 4 will be discussed at this meeting – there is some discussion that there needs to be efforts in cleaning up levels 1 and 2 before we proceed with level 3 and 4 procedures. There is an open session on Friday for leaders to attend in the first hour to present or ask questions, however you need to let Celeste know that you are coming. Our District is well represented and will be presenting State Show concerns on our behalf – notes are posted on the Oct. meeting minutes. Further thoughts can be sent to Carrie Swanson by email to horse@vt.edu.

Comments about the State Fair Show: Eleszebeth McNeal says the drill performance was relatively small. The show went well and the ranch riding also went well and it was a lot of fun. We will revisit if we will keep doing drill. Entries are very low for the costume class. Some discussion was had about difficulty of the compulsory drill and the freedom of choice by riders to blend one movement into the next. All positive feedback about the contest, how it was run

and we thank the volunteers great efforts and time in putting this together for our kids. The Fun Show on the following day was a huge turnout, mostly because it was an open show sponsored by 4-H. They used two rings. We discussed and decided that our District volunteers would be happy to host the Fun Show next year.

Carrie Swanson mentioned that Terry McAuliffe has asked for 4-h's assistance at his inauguration parade with some sort of horse presence. It will be held in middle of January in Richmond. Send your ideas to Carrie Swanson, horse@vt.edu

Horse Judging Contest is this weekend - we have 66 entered 4-Hers. A variety of horses will be provided - 4 halter and 4 performance classes. We have volunteers for scoring, lunch and group leaders and there may be other opportunities to help as well. We are offering pizza to coaches and parents who want to stick around and not drive a long ways for food for \$4 per person but please let Sandy know by emailing her at 4arnolds@gmail.com.

Carrie Swanson announced that on March 29th the Piedmont Expo will be held at the Ag Enterprises on Rt. 29. There will be a tack swap and vendor tables are offered for \$25. There are many other activities and this event can have upwards of 400-500 people that walk through. She will keep us posted on this info.

Please email Sandy Arnold if you have any upcoming dates to announce for other 4-H contests.

A motion was made to approve the \$100 per county 2013-2014 horse project scholarship book by Michelle Roszell, it was seconded by Rose McDonald. All approved. We will also vote again on this for 2014-2015 at the Feb. meeting when the budget is presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm. Thank you for all who called in and came.

2014 Meeting dates are as follows:

February 5, 2014, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

April 2, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

June 4, 2014, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

August 6, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

October 1, 2014, Fauquier County Extension Office, Warrenton

December 3, 2014, Orange County Extension Office, Orange

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Sandy Arnold
