

February 6, 2019

The Northern District Council was called to order at 7:15pm by President Linda Brown at the Madison, VA at the Perl Building.

Phone attendance: Heidi – Fauquier, Kristy McMann- Loudon, Ashley – Culpeper, Emily – Prince William, Michelle Dione – Loudon, Jackie McClintic – Loudon, Heather Bridgman – Fauquier.

In Person: Faye Strickler – Frederick, Linda Brown – Madison, Michelle Rozelle – Fluvanna, Bertha Durbin – Albermarle, Carrie Swanson – Albermarle, Rose McDonald – Frederick, Hannah McDonald - Frederick, Lynn Define – Albermarle, Lisa Beckwith – Caroline, Arlene Ryalls – Fluvanna, Kimberly Buonomo – Albermarle

Minutes were reviewed. Correction of the “W” in show verses “E”. Also Skills for Senior rides will be up to State TBD.

Minutes were accepted by Michelle R and Rose M.

Minutes are on council website if you wish to view others.

Rose read the Treasurers report. Starting balance \$14,755.54 ending balance #15,000.89

Motion was made to accept the treasurers report as read.

### **Old Business**

**District hippology** – 9 counties attended – one stayed at home due to the weather. 80 Participants. They rolled the contest quickly so all attending could get home before the weather got really bad.

Suggestions – more signs outside of building telling where to go

Sr team problem was brought up. It wasn't so much the problem that was of concern but the talk afterwards to the participants regarding “Happy Juice”. It was recommended to use persons other than coaches to create team problems.

Another concern was the Jr test – Use only Junior references. There were some questions on the test that were from senior references.

Another concern was the room is not quiet enough for participants taking tests.

Great praise was given to Michelle D for hosting and moving the contest in order to get the participants back home.

Horse bowl – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Culpeper – Carver Center

Communications contest – Green County – March 30<sup>th</sup>

A question concerning the communications contest was brought up regarding some counties being on spring break and some contestants may be on vacation with family. Can they skype the whole presentation? Kim B will check and see if Green County would have internet capabilities. If they skype

they are automatically last. Kim is also looking for judges. She will let us know what she finds regarding the service in Green county.

**Skills** - Feb 18 – Overlook Farm – Purcellville – Michelle D is hosting

April 27 – Frederick County Fair Grounds – Winchester – Golden Horseshoe hosting

May 4 – Albermarle – Bertha is hosting

June 1 – Lexington –

June ?? – Richmond – Lisa Beckwith hosting

Measurers need to be at each Skills testing.

**Trail clinic** – Heather from Fauquier asked if Lucky Bits and spurs could host a Barrel/trail clinic – That is on her own, but is not a qualifying clinic or show

**Trail class sign off** – minis are separate – All persons going to State horse show must have this form signed off on. This paper must be presented with state entries.

Ashely from Fauquier is having a skills test of May 11 at Touchpoint Farm Culpeper

A question was presented what are the rules for Seniors and skills testing. State will determine those rules. They will post when available.

March 30<sup>th</sup> Evaluators Clinic in Williamsburg – Contact Sandy Arnold

**Project Books** – Only \$850 of the 2800 allotted has been claimed.

Please put on list serve for district - \$100 per county

**Front Royal trophies** – The trophies will be held until another 4H only show is created in the Northern District. Jackie has the information of who currently has these trophies from the last show. Bring or mail them to Linda Brown and she will store them.

2019 elections – all officers remain the same as there were no nominations

Linda Brown – President

Michelle Rozelle – Vice President

Faye Strickler – Secretary

Rose McDonald – Treasurer

Carrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm

February 21, 2019 announcement and clarification regarding Communications contest:

The Northern District 4-H Horse Council received several requests from youth who cannot attend the ND Contests on March 30<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the EquiSmartz Presentation Contest. After a long a discussion, the council has agreed to the following:

- **Youth who give their presentations at the Northern District Contest on March 30<sup>th</sup> in Greene County will be given first priority for the slots to go on to EquiSmartz.**
- If there are empty slots in any of the Northern District public speaking categories for EquiSmartz (meaning not enough entries from the District Contest to fill them), then the remaining slots will be filled with youth that have competed at a county contest and submit the scorecard from that contest to the district. (Youth can scan and email them to me at: [horse@vt.edu](mailto:horse@vt.edu))

Please keep in mind that your best shot at getting in opportunity to go on to EquiSmartz is to go to the district contest! We are only offering another alternative because missing out on the state contest also means losing a shot at Southern Regionals and Eastern Nationals.