

Draft Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council Meeting Minutes from 11/2/2015

I. <u>Call to Order</u>: 6:32 pm by Clayton Carrell (President)

Attendance: <u>Barrel Blazers (</u>Olivia Cain and Maddie Spencer); <u>Best of Times (</u>Denise Schupbach); <u>Black Hills Gold (</u>); <u>Country Pride (</u>Darcy and Grace Potts, Nichole Witt, Connie and Kres Brown); <u>Cowgirls Unlimited</u> (Jill Schrader and Chelsie Nicklas); <u>Denim & Diamonds</u> (); <u>Galloping High Riders (</u>); <u>Live to Lope</u> (Cara Fredrickson, Cheyenne Deal); <u>Sea Horses (</u>); <u>Silver</u> <u>Spurs (</u>); <u>Thundering Hooves (</u>); <u>Wild at Heart</u> (Betony Simpson, Peggy Williamson); Tracie Hansen, <u>WSU Extension</u>.

- II. <u>Previous Meeting Minutes</u>: Approved as written, motion by Peggy W., seconded by Jill S., and approved by the group.
- III. <u>Financial Report</u>: Current balance is \$4807.08 with one outstanding bill.
- IV. <u>4-H General Council Report</u>:
 - **a.** Panhandle discussion about the horse arena and riding facilities. They would like to see the horse facilities used more.
 - **b.** Bingo attendance was down from previous Bingos.
 - c. Del's clover campaign was also very small.
 - **d.** Achievement Program: It was a very small program and few in attendance.
- V. <u>Extension Report:</u>
 - **a.** On-line system for enrollment and re-enrollment is up and running. If you need extra help with this system, contact Tracie.
 - b. 2 Volunteer Workshops were held in October and were well attended. More opportunities will be coming in 2016. New Club training will be Nov. 12th at the Extension Office. 5:30-7:30
 - **c.** Achievement Awards: Any unclaimed awards need to be picked up at the Extension Office.

- VI. <u>Learning Activity</u>: Jill presented a parts of a horse activity. Tape the parts of the horse on the real horses in a team competition.
- VII. Fun Activity:
 - **a.** Thank you Grace for the activity.
 - b. Olivia has volunteered to lead the fun activity for December.

VIII. Old Business:

- **a.** Hairy Horse Show: Possible dates are Jan. 16-17, Feb. 20-21, May 21-22. Nichole is requesting to offer judges \$150.00 per show for performance and \$100.00 for gaming. Motion by Darcy and Kres seconded, approved by the group. Shows will have a daily high point this year, but not a series high point. With 2 day shows, we will be able to offer more classes. We will continue discussion on high point awards. We will need a Gaming Show manager for the Hairy Horse shows.
- **b.** Gaming superintendent, still need the position to be filled.
- **c.** Equine Seminar at Elma Feed: This was a great opportunity provided to educate horse owners on how to better feed horses and supplements.
- **d.** Erin Randall Award: Cara has contacted the family. The family is still interested, but have never received "thank yous" and did not know if the award was still going. We will continue to look into this award.
- e. Del's Clover Campaign: Was small and not well advertised. One horse member did take her horse on Saturday of the campaign and educated the public about her project.

IX. <u>New Business</u>:

- a. Clinic Requirements: Our current clinic requirement is a new horse/rider combo needs to clinic 1 time. Discussion to keep this system or re-institute new horse/rider combo 2 clinics and returning horse/rider combos clinic 1 time a year. Denise S. motioned, Grace seconded that all new horse/rider combos must successfully pass 2 clinics to be able to compete at fair and existing horse/rider combos who have successfully passed a clinic and/or competed in the prior year will be required to successfully complete 1 clinic to be able to compete at fair. Motioned passed unanimously. Darcy will update the clinic form and present it at the December meeting.
- **b.** Volunteer Hours: We do want to continue with the 4 volunteer hours. We will continue to work on refining this process. Peggy will continue to log the hours.

- c. Treasurer's Request: To create a checklist for Show Managers and include an insurance documentation reporting piece. Also, getting change prior to Hairy Horse Show dates. We will continue discussion in December.
- d. Checklist for Show Managers: Do we have a checklist for show managers?

X. Other:

Showmanship discussion ensued. There are strong opinions supporting pros and cons of keeping showmanship for gaming and performance separate or combine them as one class. We will table this discussion for the December meeting. Leaders please take this back to your clubs and encourage members to attend the December meeting.

Herdsmanship: Discussed a different process for judging herds at fair. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2015; 6:30 p.m. Extension Office, Elma

All are welcome to attend and participate! This is your voice for our horse program!