



Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council Meeting Minutes from 3/3/2014

- I. Call to Order: 6:31 pm by Brian Missildine (President)

Attendance: Clayton, Jamison, Charlene, and Gwen Carrell, Brian and Rebecca Missildine, Darcy and Grace Potts, Nichole Witt, **Country Pride**; Jill Schrader, Karissa and Madison Waber, Sarah Aiken, **Cowgirls Unlimited**; Kathy Brady, **Black Hills Gold**; Gina and Olivia Cain, **Barrel Blazers**; Linda Ellis, **Wild at Heart**; Carol Saul and Wendy Bodwell, **Sea Horses**; Denise Schupback, **Best of Times**; Kari Baretich, **Thundering Hooves**; Tracie Hansen, WSU extension.

Great to see 8 clubs represented at the meeting!

- II. Previous Meeting Minutes: *Approved as written, motion by Gwen C., seconded by Carol S., and approved by the group.*

- III. Financial Report: Current balance is \$3,964.81. Jill still waiting for a bill for Hairy Horse #2 from the fairgrounds. Profit from HH#1 is \$589.74 and estimate for HH#2 is \$640.00. Carol S. has completed the financial read out through 2013. It is available at the Ext. Office for anyone interested.

- IV. 4-H General Council Report:

- a. Food booth was the main topic. Looking into a co-op with DECA. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, the general council welcomes input.
- b. Basket Bingo will be March 15th, 7:00 at the Brady Grange. **Prize basket donations, baked items, and volunteers** are ALL needed to make this a successful fundraiser for General Council.

- V. Extension Report:

- a. Super Saturday was a successful even with a variety of workshops and over 60 participants from 7 different counties. Thanks to everyone for making this event so great.
- b. Clover campaign is coming to the Monte Del's April 23-May 4th. It is a fundraiser and a great way to promote 4-H. Encourage your club members to participate in this great event. 4-Hers will also have the opportunity to do their public presentations. More information to come.

- c. Volunteer training opportunities will be held at Mason County on Thursday, March 13th and in Elma on Thursday, April 10th. If you have anyone interested, please have them contact Tracie Hansen.

VI. Learning Activity: Parts of a western saddle.

VII. Fun Activity:

- a. Thank you Grace P. for leading the game, "I have never....."
- b. Denise S. has volunteered to lead the fun activity for April.**

VIII. Other/Old Business:

- a. Hairy Horse Show #2 updates and debrief: We had 44 participants. More volunteers are needed to make the shows run smooth. **Leaders please encourage your clubs to send volunteers to the March 30th show.** These shows are our fundraisers for Pre-Fair, Fair, and end of the year awards.
- b. Taxes: see financial report above.
- c. Donated saddle: Carol S. is still working finding it a home.
- d. Clinicians: Anyone interested in becoming a clinician for the schooling shows to clinic new riders, horses, and/horse-rider combos, please talk to Gwen C. Must be able to judge a rider/horse combination as safe to show at fair in performance, gaming, and/or driving. Must be able and willing to articulate to leader, parent and rider why they did not pass the clinic. It is a very daunting task to tell a rider they did not pass the last clinic and they cannot go to fair. Must be very familiar with the PNW guide and our county rules. Must be fair and impartial. **Thank you Kathy B. for volunteering to become a clinician.**
- e. It was moved by Gwen C. and seconded by Jill S. to allow the Horse Council to rent the Cow Arena for \$50.00 for Saturday of Pre-Fair. Motioned passed and **Clayton C. will book this for the Performance day of Pre-Fair.**
- f. Brian will not be at the next Horse Council Meeting. Clayton will run the meeting.

IX. New Business:

- a. Rule Consistency with other shows, Karissa W. Karissa asked about the gate rule that was implemented at the gaming portion of the Hairy Horse. The gate needed to be closed prior to the judge granting the course to the rider.

Show managers addressed the issue. Gwen C. referred to the 4-H manuals and the safety standards outlined in the manual. Discussion ensued regarding the safety of riders, horses and gate keepers.

Solutions were presented by the attendees:

- 1.) Prior to the gaming show, have the judge meet with the riders to remind them of the safety rules of 4-H, set clear expectations and answer any questions.
- 2.) Add rules to the back of the premium to educate our youth. Not all rules can be included so a disclaimer would be present to refer to the 4-H manual for ALL rules.
- 3.) Encourage riders to focus on the judge and his/her flag so they know if they have been granted the course or not.
- 4.) Have more than one person on the gate due to the fact it is so heavy.
Madison W. volunteered to attend the March 13th meeting of the Fair Board to request a lighter gate or repair the current gate so it is more manageable.
- 5.) Leaders present the rules and safety expectations at a club meeting so riders know the rules.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Next Meeting: April 7th, 2014; 6:30 p.m. Extension Office, Elma

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

**Bolded items can also be found in the attached table for "Action Items."

Action Items	Person Responsible	Completed Date
Someone to lead fun activity for the April meeting.	Denise S.	
Present an educational activity to be used at future 4H meetings.	Darcy P.	
Ask Fair Board to replace or repair heavy gate to help with gaming events.	Madison W.	
State Fair decorations returned and accounted for. Tack boxes have been returned. Still missing muck carts, buckets and decorations.	Clayton C.	2/22/2014 All Returned!
Fair Gaming judges contacted and secured	Denise S.	
Book cow arena for Pre-fair	Clayton C.	
Pre-fair and Fair Performance judges contacted and secured Fair judge is confirmed. Deb Hoines will judge performance for the 2014 GH fair, including dressage.	Gwen C.	1/26/2014
Colt Training Project Revisions researched, presented and approved	Gwen C., Nichole W., Grace P.	