

ROUGH DRAFT Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2013

I. Call to Order: 6:34 pm

Attendance: Brian and Rebecca Missildine, Gwen and Clayton Carrell, Darcy and Grace Potts, Country Pride; Jill Schrader and Tracey Baker, Pegasus Riders; Kathy Brady, Black Hills Gold; Wendy Bodwell and Carol Saul, Sea Horses; Kyrsten and Leslie Taggart; Denise Schupbach, Best of Times; Tracie Hanson and Dan Teuteberg, WSU Extension

II. Previous Meeting Minutes: *Approved as written. Motion by Gwen, seconded by Brian, and approved by the group.*

III. Financial Report: Current balance is \$2,308.83, which does not include supply reimbursement to Kathy Brady and judges' reimbursement from fairgrounds. With the transition of officers, an audit will need to be completed. Carol recommends that another county review the documents once she compiles them.

IV. 4-H Council Report:

- a. Window Display Contest is underway!
- b. Year Pin Requests have been submitted.
- c. Record Books are due on Monday, October 14th
- d. Basket Bingo fundraiser to be hosted by General Council at 7 pm on October 12th at Grange in Brady. Still need 10 baskets, which can be delivered to the event on Saturday or to the Extension Office Friday the 11th.
- e. Food Booth discussion will take place at upcoming General Council meetings. Please come to share your perspectives.
- f. Grays Harbor & Thurston County Councils are coordinating the hospitality room at 2013 Forum.
- g. Del's Fall Clover Campaign is underway October 9-20th. Connect with Gwen or Tracie to set up a club presentation time.

V. Fun Activity

- a. Thank you to Gwen for leading the fun heads or tails activity!
- b. **Grace has volunteered to lead the fun activity for November!**

VI. State Fair

- a. Logistics discussion and update:
 - > Grace shared that the event was very educational
 - > Discussion about was to encourage youth to participate in the judging event at the state level.
 - > Denise suggested shirts recognizing members of the state judging team.
 - > Gwen suggested incentives of food or vouchers for the rides.
 - > Further discussion needed at future meetings.
 - > A thank you card should be sent to the State 4-H Fair Horse Superintendent, who is retiring after volunteering in that position for 15 years.
 - > Discussion that sparkly "bling" on western shirts is not specifically addressed in the current version of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide (PNW 574).
 - > Reminder that appropriate/allowed bits has been clarified in the current version of the 4-H Horse Contest Guide (PNW 574). Specifically, snaffle bits for horses over 6 years old.
 - > **Please share this information with club members and confirm it at upcoming tack checks.**
 - > Discussion about asking exhibitors to exit the GHC Fairgrounds arena mounted, which is what happens at the State 4-H Fair. Safety concerns about exiting mounted have been minimized now that the gates open by rolling to one side.
 - > Discussion that some horses from Grays Harbor County had issues with colic from the water at the State Fair. Reports were shared about recent changes to the water system at the State Fair facility.
 - > **Dan to ask state 4-H staff for additional information about water system during an upcoming conference call.**

- b. Decorations: Any changes or additions need to be made next year?
 - > A volunteer needs to connect with Sylvia about returning the State 4-H Fair decorations to the storage unit.
 - > A committee should be established to create an inventory system of State 4-H Fair decorations and other equipment to be used as each section/group transitions to and from the State 4-H Fair.
- VII. Colt Training:
- a. Form a committee for revision.
 - > Since there are no state policies to review or adopt, the **current Grays Harbor guidelines have been attached for review at the November meeting.**
 - b. Volunteers needed for this committee.
- VIII. Review fair schedule for changes
- a. Jill would encourage modifying the trail schedule to start in the morning as a way to expedite the scoring of the class by the judge.
- IX. 2014 Fair Judges
- a. Tracey recommends that the Council begin a dialogue about having superintendents research and find judges for the Horse Council to approve. While the president has helped with this responsibility in the past, more direct communication between the superintendents and judges would be helpful. Now is the time to begin connecting with potential judges about their availability for spring and summer.
 - b. Dan and Tracie shared that WSU policies do not allow WSU staff or volunteers to sign contracts. The WSU contracts office recommends submitting contracts for review and approval three months in advance.
 - c. **Dan to connect with the Fairgrounds staff about the WSU contract policy and if the Fairgrounds staff would be willing to handle the contracts with judges for the fair event.**
- X. Animal Appeal
- a. Form a committee to review current policy.
 - > Since there is also a county policy that applies to other animal species, this committee will need to propose changes to the policy and communicate closely with the General 4-H Council.
 - b. **The current Grays Harbor guidelines have been attached for review at the November meeting.**
 - c. **Gwen, Denise, Jill and Tracey volunteered for this committee.**
- XI. Points
- a. Form a committee for review
 - > Discussion about the differences between the point system for gaming and performance disciplines.
 - > Discussion about forming a committee to review concepts and present a proposal.
 - > Gwen suggested that the guidelines be kept in place for the 2014 year to provide consistency.
- XII. Election of Officers
- a. President – elections to continue at the November meeting.
 - > Discussion about options for multiple people sharing the president role.
 - > **Please consider applying for a leadership position for the new 4-H year.**
 - ** Position descriptions attached for review.
 - b. Secretary - *Gwen nominated Darcy, which was seconded by Brian, and passed by the group.*
 - c. Treasurer - *Gwen nominated Jill, which was seconded by Darcy, and passed by the group.*
- XIII. Other Business
- a. Gwen suggested that dates be proposed for Hairy Horse Shows to reserve the space and to begin securing judges.
 - b. Gwen suggested ordering jackets for the members who qualify for year-end awards (Versatile Horseman and Outstanding Gaming). Thirteen youth have met the preliminary award

qualifications, and final numbers will be determined by the number of those youth who submitted their record books. Jacket prices are estimated at \$35 each, which would total approximately \$455 if all thirteen youth qualify.

> Gwen empowered to act on this.

- c. Initial discussion to consider incorporating open class events into the horse project events at the County Fair as a fundraising opportunity.

> Further discussion needed at the committee level.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2013; 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tracie Hanson, Pro-tem

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