



Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council Meeting Minutes from 12/7/2015

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Clayton Carrell (President)

Attendance: **Barrel Blazers** (); **Best of Times** (Denise Schupbach); **Black Hills Gold** (); **Country Pride** (Darcy Potts, Nichole and Addison Witt, Shanie Cohen); **Cowgirls Unlimited** (Jill Schrader); **Denim & Diamonds** (); **Galloping High Riders** (Melody Worth); **Live to Lope** (Cara Fredrickson, Gwen and Clayton Carrell); **Sea Horses** (); **Silver Spurs** (); **Thundering Hooves** (); **Wild at Heart** (Peggy Williamson); , **WSU Extension**.

- II. Previous Meeting Minutes: *Approved as written, motion by Gwen C., seconded by Darcy, and approved by the group.*
- III. Financial Report: Current balance is \$4,478.33 with all outstanding bills up to date.
- IV. 4-H General Council Report:
 - a. Camp Counselor training is in process. Contact Rhonda Borden if you know of anyone in high school interested in being a camp counselor.
- V. Extension Report:
 - a. The volunteer education schedule for 2016 sessions is included below. Interested adults from Mason and Grays Harbor Counties are both welcome to attend any of the sessions, which will take place on Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. January date TBA - Volunteer Essentials, Mason County, February 11th - Club Volunteer Orientation, Mason County, April 14th - Volunteer Essentials, Grays Harbor County, October 27th - Volunteer Essentials, Mason County, November 3rd - Club Volunteer Orientation, Grays Harbor County
 - b. Annual club documents and re-enrollment forms are due in December. The initial Tuesday the 1st deadline has been extended to Tuesday the 15th, and club leaders have received an e-mail that includes the update as well as digital versions of the forms.

- c. We continue to work with club leaders and families who are enrolling through the 4HOnline system. There are currently 135 youth enrolled in the system as well as 32 adults. Many more are coming onboard every day!
- d. Since we will begin sending e-news blasts based on contact information in 4HOnline in January, 4-H families are strongly encouraged to re-enroll as soon as possible to continue receiving important information and updates.

VI. Learning Activity: N/A

VII. Fun Activity:

- a. None
- b. ? has volunteered to lead the fun activity for ?.**

VIII. Other/Old Business:

- a. Hairy Horse Shows: 3 shows are confirmed. Gwen has volunteered to be the Gaming Manager and Gina C. will shadow. Gwen created a show checklist for managers that should help the planning process. Nichole has the contracts for the fairgrounds, contracts include the bills for the HHS and pre-fair is free and she will pay for the insurance. \$20 prize limit for high point and \$15 for reserve high point awards.
- b. Gaming Superintendent: Still looking for a volunteer. This is an application process that has to be approved by the General Council.
- c. Showmanship: A short discussion took place regarding showmanship, to combine gaming and performance or leave them separate. Darcy motioned to leave showmanship as separate classes for the year. Gwen seconded and the motioned passed unanimously by the group.
- d. Herdsmanship: Short discussion took place regarding the herdsmanhip for fair. This is a club volunteer committee so anyone interested in making this better can volunteer their club to organize herdsmanship for fair.
- e. Erin Randall: There is money in an endowment in a 4-H foundation to make this a monetary award like it has been in the past. Cara has been in close contact with the family. Thank you for contacting the family and keeping this special award in place. The council will continue to generate ideas to make these awards meaningful and recipients will be encouraged to acknowledge these generous awards.

- f. Record Books: Peggy has been in communication with Posse regarding the awards for the books. They would like to award these kids at the end of the year at the banquet or at the County level and they can present at the awards ceremony at fair.

IX. New Business:

- a. 2016 Fair August 10-14: Through the Years, this year's theme. Colors are candy apple red, turquoise, yellow and white. They would like the different departments to make displays to show projects over the years.
- b. Pre-Fair and Fair Judges: Gwen has found a Kim Gigglio for pre-fair to judge both days, but will require \$225.00 per day, .50 per mile and hotel. Cara F. moved and Jill S. seconded motioned and it passed by the group. Fair judges: Gwen is in contact with a judge for Kim Gigglio dressage, gaming judge, and Deb Hoines for judging and oral reasons, Steve Bryson showmanship and driving, Patti Burns English, Kathy Marcotte western. Gwen motioned, Darcy seconded and motioned passed to offer these judges contracts for fair.
- c. **Mandatory Meetings: March 7th and June 6th ALL clubs need at least 1 representative at these 2 meetings.**
- d. July 11th will be the July meeting since July 4th is on Monday.
- e. Binders: Gwen is interested in creating a binder that has all of our "unwritten" expectations. Looking for a volunteer to work on this. Darcy will work on this.
- f. Pavilion rental: Denise is looking into booking the Pavilion during Christmas break during the day. She was wondering if others are interested in sharing the cost. All leaders in attendance were interested.
- g. Volunteer Hours: These will be scheduled in 2 hour increments vs. per event. Gwen motioned, Cara seconded and motioned passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next Meeting: January 4, 2015; 6:30 p.m. Extension Office, Elma

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