



Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council Meeting Minutes from 8/17/2015

- I. Call to Order: 6:35 pm by Peggy Williamson (Vice President)

Attendance: **Barrel Blazers** (); **Best of Times** (Denise Schupbach); **Black Hills Gold** (); **Country Pride** (Gwen and Clayton Carrell, Darcy Potts); **Cowgirls Unlimited** (Jill and Sidney Schrader and Chelsie Nicklas); **Denim & Diamonds** (); **Galloping High Riders** (); **Live to Lope** (Cara Fredrickson); **Sea Horses** (Carol Saul, Wendy Bodwell); **Silver Spurs** (); **Thundering Hooves** (); **Wild at Heart** (Peggy Williamson); Tracie Hansen, **WSU Extension**.

- 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 \$4,607.71. Fairgrounds rental for Pre-Fair and July Clinic are still outstanding.
- IV. 4-H General Council Report:
 - a. Meeting later this month.
- V. Extension Report:
 - a. All reports and feedback from fair have been very positive.
 - b. Any blue ribbon Still Life Exhibits that want to be entered in the State Fair can be dropped off to the Extension office by September 3rd.
 - c. October there will be club kick off events: Mandatory meetings for club leaders and educating the clubs on the new enrollment process. More information will be coming.
 - d. Teen rally is coming in the fall.
 - e. Youth Mental Health First Aid Class is coming Saturday, August 29th
 - f. Saturday Oct. 10th is Bingo. Monday, September 14th is planning meeting at 5:30 at the Extension office.
- VI. Learning Activity: N/A

VII. Fun Activity:

- a. The group shared 1 positive fair experience.
- b. Denise has volunteered to lead the fun activity for October.**

VIII. Other/Old Business:

a. Fair Debrief:

- a. Superintendent shift: Gwen will do overall superintendent and have show managers for each day. Denise will continue to be the gaming superintendent.
- b. Showmanship: Discussion will be held regarding having 1 showmanship class per age division vs. gaming and performance. Please discuss it with your club and be ready to share back at our October meeting.
- c. There was lots of positive feedback from leaders.
- d. Over the Clover show went well: Will continue to work on “perfecting” this part of the show. We made \$500.00 from this piece. Suggestion was made to add a high point award in the future for the Over the Clover exhibitors.
- e. Vet Check: Need to confirm Vet time to ensure the correct time was given.
- f. Volunteers: Shifts went well. Just a reminder that if the schedule goes on break, the volunteers need to come back after break.
- g. Trail: Need to purchase 2 small tape measures for resetting the trail course.
- h. Horse Cert and Clinic Requirements: We had issues this year with a horse arriving as a replacement horse that did not have a Horse Cert. on file. Discussion needs to take place with putting some SOPs onto paper to make things easier.
- i. Tying Horses in Stalls: We need to develop a standard on expectations for tied horses.
- j. Judging: Exhibitors were very willing to let others use their horses for the judging contest. This all went well. Might need to start taking attendance for judging. Cara F. will make rider numbers for judging participants to wear. Motion was made to cover any costs she incurs by Denise, Seconded by Darcy motion passed.
- k. Awards: Discussed replacing the Erin Randall award with a different one for the intermediates. Cara contacted the family, but did not get a response. Chelsie N. suggested another idea for intermediate. We will continue to

discuss. Discussed making a tri-fold to educate the exhibitors on the 3 major awards.

- l. Key Race: Denise suggested creating a key race template out of PVC pipe.
- m. Round Robin: We will continue to look into being able to send 2 exhibitors from each age division (Gaming Grand and Performance Grand)
- n. Discussed inviting Mason County horse kids in some aspect to help fill our barns and give Mason County kids a true fair experience.
- o. 4-H open show: Seemed to be a success. We need to be on the Fair Board Agenda soon to get the show for next year. We would like to keep this show as a fundraiser for Horse Council.

IX. New Business:

- a. Election of a new President and Secretary will take place in October. Please send nominations in by Sept. 25th to be voted on at the October 5th.
Nominations for President:
Nominations for Secretary: Darcy Potts

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2015; 6:30 p.m. Extension Office, Elma

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