



Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council
July 1, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present: Brian Missildine-President, FarraLee Walseth-Burnett and Andrea Conley (Country Pride), Denise Schupbach (audio) (Best of Times), Peggy Williamson (Wild at Heart), Rachel Tuttle (Phantom Riders), Renee & Emmie Spencer (Barrel Blazers), Gwen Carrell (Live to Lope) and Tracie Hanson, WSU Extension.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Brian Missildine, President.

Pledge of the Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited by those present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

FarraLee reported the current checking balance of \$10,094.09. Expenses to be paid include poop scoop from prefair, shavings, mounting block and there was one NSF check and one stop payment check. There was discussion regarding the process for handling the NSF check. Denise mentioned that in the past, a letter was sent to the person with the amount due including bank fees and that they would be a cash only registration for hereinout. Laws around NSF checks are very specific. The stop payment was due to the horse being lame and not completing the show.

III. EXTENSION REPORT:

- Happy July!
- Tracie provided her quarterly report.
- The important dates for submitting materials were reviewed.

IV. GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT:

- The superintendent's picnic was well attended.
- Horse camp went very well.

V. FUN ACTIVITY:

Andrea Conley did the fun activity > Two Truths and a Lie.

VI. HORSE SHOWS/CLINICS:

1. Evening clinics:
 - a. The evening clinics went very well, it was suggested to have more volunteers available to help keep the riders busy.
 - b. It was suggested that one more evening clinic be held in July. Charlene could do a gaming section and Rachel could do a performance section. Denise will check on an evening available in July.
 - c. Gwen suggested that due to 2020 WAHSET scheduling, we should procure two or three dates per month for evening clinics next year in May, June and July.

2. Prefair:
 - a. The number of riders each day was reviewed and there was a brief discussion on the riders that did not pass the prefair clinic.
 - b. Gwen asked the council to review the intermediate and junior gaming times that had been previously submitted. It is evident that the one or two faster riders in those two age divisions cause the result variance to be significant. Most of the intermediate and junior riders will receive a white ribbon at fair if the current times are used. There was a motion made and seconded to allow Gwen to revise the junior and intermediate times and present a new gaming times and ribbon placing to the executive board. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. There was discussion regarding the amount of coaching that happened at prefair.
 - d. There was discussion regarding the prefair registration fees. The dialogue included the different between preregistration and waiting to register. There was concern presented about those not able to pay and what plan was implemented a couple years ago for those that cannot pay the full price.

3. Clinic Spreadsheet:
 - a. Special thank you to FarraLee for putting together the spreadsheet.

VII. COUNTY FAIR:

- a. Special events: Brian reviewed some of the special events that are happening at fair including the cake decorating contest whereas the decorated cakes will be auctioned off the Cowboy Breakfast.
- b. Premium Points for White Ribbons: The entry sheet will be modified to accommodate the new change.

- c. Connie Brown will be contacting 4-H members and interviewing them for the General Council and asking them "How Country Feels?" which is the fair theme.
- d. Katie Gunter from Barn Bums will be the 2020 state fair coordinator.
- e. Stalls: Educational displays will need to be set up in the Lundgren Barn as well as any 4-H in Action events. There was a request the Charlene (Over the Clover) be in a stall next to Jaime. The council agreed to the request.
- f. Western Dressage: Denise reported that Tom Gwin confirmed that Western Dressage will use Test 4 and English Dressage will be Test 3. This will need to be communicated to the Dressage judge, Amanda Wilgenburg.
- g. Another note on Dressage. We will need to add dressage to prefair since prefair equitation class placement carries over to fair.
- h. Fair judges: Judges Amanda and Heidi have been procured. Heidi will need a motel room after all. A second judge for oral reasonings will need to be arranged.
- i. For judging, we will need to have eight walk-trot-canter performance horses available from the barns.
- j. Gwen will pick up the fair entry forms on July 15 at 5:00 p.m.
- k. The vets decision at vet check is final. There will be no exceptions or negotiations.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Blue Ribbon Kids. A nomination form will need to be created and copied for fair.
- 2. Award Nominations: Important that clubs review nominations for the Snooks, Randall and Zembal awards. Nominations are due on July 15.
- 3. Awards: There was discussion if Mason County clubs have their own awards or are they included in the awards available such as Record Books, Snooks, Randall and Zembal. Tracie will confirm.
- 4. International Flags: Brian noted that we need to have flags made.
- 5. Upcoming Meeting. The next meeting doing business will be in September at which time we will be discussing nominations for officers and bylaws.

IX. ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.