

# Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council Minutes

## March 2, 2020

Call to Order at 6:33pm Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

1. Welcome Visitors and Guests
  - a. Roll Call to verify each club is represented
  - b. Donna Brewer, Phantom Riders
  - c. Tracie Hanson WSU Extension
  - d. Gwen Carrell, Thundering Hooves
  - e. FarraLee Walseth-Burnett, Country Pride
  - f. Rachel Tuttle, Phantom Riders
  - g. Jessica Quimby, Best of Times
  - h. Rainie Creamer, Thundering Hooves
  - i. Kevin Savage, Belfair Clovers
  - j. Alecia Savage, Belfair, Clovers
  - k. Peggy Williamson, Wild At Heart
  - l. Harley Quimby, Best of Times
  - m. Marikay Jester, Guest/Volunteer
  - n. Willow Wegmann, Guest/Volunteer
  - o. Andrea Conley, Country Pride
  - p. Emilia Conley, Country Pride
  - q. Via ZOOM: Amanda Paull, Olympic Riders
  - r. Via ZOOM: Kaylee Paull, Olympic Riders
  - s. Via ZOOM: Cheyanne Graves, Olympic Riders
  - t. Via ZOOM: Nicole Graves, Olympic Riders
  - u. Via ZOOM: Brandy Henry, Olympic Riders
  - v. Via ZOOM: Melissa Upson, Barn Bums
  - w. Via ZOOM: Rebecca Shipman, Olympic Riders
  - x. Via ZOOM: Emma Shipman, Olympic Riders
  - y. Via ZOOM: Kathy Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator, Mason County
  - z. Late Arrival @8:23pm: Olivia Cain, Barrel Blazers
  - aa. Late Arrival @8:23pm: Gina Cain, Barrel Blazers
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a. No Revisions requested
  - b. Gwen Motion for approval
  - c. Jessica Seconds
  - d. Motion Passes
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Expenses: Monthly bank fee
  - b. Balance \$8633.25
4. Extension Report
  - a. Adult volunteers need to update enrollment status in order to serve in leadership roles
    - ❖ Coming events listed below
    - ❖ Public Presentations has 2 opportunities one in Aberdeen at Tractor Supply and another before Bingo night at Elma Grange
    - ❖ Signups available online

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- ❖ Need to connect with a couple adult volunteers – after this meeting
- b. Upcoming events:
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> GH 4-H Council Executive Board Meeting
  - Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment Due for 4-H Fair Eligibility
  - Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 4-H Bingo Prizes Due
  - Apr 29-May 10<sup>th</sup> Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> GH 4-H Public Presentation Event at Tractor Supply Company Aberdeen
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> GH 4-H Public Presentation Event at Elma Grange
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> GH 4-H Community Bingo Event at Elma Grange, doors open at 5:30pm
- 5. General Report – Tracie
  - a. Met in Feb for a Cookie Decorating contest
  - b. March meeting will be Executive Board meeting
- 6. Fun Activity – Jessica Quimby & Harley Quimby – Human Knot
  - a. Next Month: Harley Quimby
- 7. Horse Shows/ Clinics
  - a. Clinic Requirements – Showmanship & two riding classes (in each discipline you plan to exhibit)
    - ❖ 1 horse can be used for both gaming and performance but must do showmanship for gaming & performance
    - ❖ 2 horses can be used 1 for gaming & 1 for performance, each horse must be shown in showmanship
    - ❖ 8 members from Shelton via Skype asked to clarify to clinic requirements – all those members are first time – Gwen repeated the requirements
    - ❖ Clinic requirements are valid for not only main horses but backup horses as well
    - ❖ Foal projects & Colt Training are required to do showmanship only – this is to make sure those animals have an opportunity to be in the arena & show that they are safe – but they are eligible for In-Hand Trail as well
    - ❖ Clinician must sign to pass the horse/rider to show they met clinic requirements
    - ❖ Driving classes will be added if needed to give those kids the opportunity to clinic
    - ❖ Washington State Shows are not clinic opportunities because they don't typically include a showmanship class
    - List of Clinic opportunities in the packet. If anyone is going to Lewis County for Performance, Gwen will need to know in advance so that she can be there to sign off the clinic requirements.
  - b. Hairy Horse Show Scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - ❖ Clinic and Registration forms are available in the packets
    - ❖ Pre-Registry is preferred, and additional savings are offered for early submission of registration – this will allow preparation for shavings & awards
    - ❖ Pamala Kind is in talks with Gwen to judge both gaming and performance
    - ❖ Input was asked of those present regarding the new pricing for pre-registry
    - ❖ Driving class is on the show form – no drivers in clubs at this time – Driving classes will be removed – if that changes then we will add those classes back in

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- ❖ After discussion regarding PreFair, it was decided to change the Admin fee from \$10 per horse to \$5 per horse
- c. PreFair Scheduled for June 27 & 28
  - ❖ Charlene will judge gaming
  - ❖ Gwen is talking with Becky Paulson to judge performance classes, she has not given Gwen a price yet
  - ❖ Draft Registration form in in the packet
    - Dressage pattern & Rail class will be added to the Registration form – Rail class will be after the bareback class
  - ❖ Prices were a big issue from last year – Gwen suggests Pre-Entry fees of \$70 for all weekend, \$30 for All Day Gaming, \$40 for All Day Performance & \$7 per class for pre-registry & \$5 for Admin fees
    - **Question:** why do we charge more for PreFair which is only eligible for 4-Hers – **Answer:** we have to pay for 3 judges and those judges are paid judges – Typically, Hairy Horse Show judges are cheaper or volunteered judges
    - Stall prices are set by the fairgrounds, not the Council, so we cannot adjust those fees
  - ❖ In the packet is a sheet that goes over how **State Points** are done and how pre-fair
    - If kids own their horse prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, some of their performance & Dressage classes are eligible to be used for State Points, those State Qualifying classes are eligible for County points as well
    - When we get to County Fair, then the Champion & Reserve points will count as 5-6 points. Those Champion & Reserve points from Pre-Fair do not count, only Blues, Reds & Whites
    - Ties are broke thru judging scores. If there is a judging tie, it is broken by Showmanship points.
    - Gaming Points are 5-4-3-2-1
    - Performance Points are 6-5-4-3-2-1
  - ❖ **Colt Training** is not noted on the Registration form – pattern class is not showing – that will be added in place of the Driving Class, since we don't have any Drivers
  - ❖ Currently, 3 Colt Training Projects expected for In-Hand Classes & 1 Colt Training Riding Walk/Jog
  - ❖ **PreFair Rules** is State 4-H Rules.
    - That means the kids are to do everything.
    - The only time anyone else can step in is to help smaller juniors or in safety issues, this can be a parent or adult or other 4-Her
    - Only Volunteers are to be on the dirt.
    - If there is a problem that's a time for volunteers & more experienced 4-Hers to step in.
    - No Coaching, no cussing, no drinking.
    - Riders cannot have cell phones when handling or on horse.
    - Parents can be a hitching post to hold horse but nothing more.

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- ❖ **Tack Check:** is not done at State. Last year we ran a Safety Check only. Exhibitors are still required to follow the 4-H Rules and may be disqualified from class. We are requesting that if something is noticed that it is addressed.
  - ❖ **Remind all parents that they are not to be on the dirt unless they are volunteering.**
  - ❖ County times Sheet from last year is in the packet. This will be updated before fair. This is based on the times averaged out from the last 2 years.
8. County Fair **“Truckin to the Fair”**, August 5-9<sup>th</sup>
- a. Club Expectations – Clinic Tasks, Fair Committees, Facilitating Show Events during fair
    - In Packets:
    - Horse Certificates are not required for Grays Harbor for your main horse
      - ✓ These are expected and required for the backup horse without going thru the appeal process and without losing points
      - ✓ Mason County requires the Horse Certificate
    - ✓ Cell phone policy
    - ✓ Tack & Clothing Requirements
    - ✓ Western/English Riding Pattern
    - ✓ Groom Squad
    - ✓ Awards
    - ✓ Jobs with Descriptions
    - ✓ Combined classes will be announced as soon as possible
    - ✓ Senior performance classes may be split to give all kids the best opportunity to show at their best and avoid issues – this will be a judges decision
    - ✓ All State Classes are pattern classes
    - ✓ Announcer 2 for Gaming is Computer work but may be asked to announce as well
    - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Announcer/Runner this is a fill in person
    - ✓ Gate Person, need 2 for performance. Gaming needs just 1 but it’s a big metal gate that needs to be opened fully and quickly & shut as soon as the horse is out of the way.
    - ✓ Paddock Steward, checks exhibitors in & are ready to go for Gaming. For Performance, this is staging in the inside of the arena.
    - ✓ Ring Steward/Scribe. Some judges want these positions both filled, some just need 1.
    - ✓ No Tack Checkers.
    - ✓ Judging Watchers for County fair. Keeps kids from talking & circle placements for classes & assist kids to fill out entry cards.
    - ✓ Rackers for gaming events, in case we don’t have a quad to groom the arena for Gaming events. 6 Rackers.
    - ✓ Trail Classes. Course Setters to reset the course
    - ✓ Back Up Timer – set aside for clubs with people with physical limitations
    - ✓ Trail Course Designer
    - ✓ Head up Judging, Vet Check, Groom Squad
    - ✓ Clubs will be assigned at June meeting. Kids need to volunteer at Pre-Fair.

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- Fair & PreFair Committees list is passed out for each club. – 18 spots available, 9 clubs. Each club needs to sign up for 2 committees. All clubs but Barrell Blazers are represented. Barrell Blazer representatives arrived at 8:23pm.
    - Committees were gone over with specifics of the Committee requirements, 1 by 1 and clubs volunteered for specific opportunities
  - b. Fair Requirements:
    - No Bite signs
    - Stall card with horse breed & age
    - Educational poster
    - Story
    - Halter & Leadrope on front of stall
    - Picture – if mounted helmet & boots & legal 4-H tack required
    - Judging & Showmanship required – All horses are subject to be used for Judging
    - Cannot drop classes after Tuesday night, if you drop after Tuesday night you could loose premium points. If horse or rider is injured or sick, discussions will make decisions
    - No Cross Entry.
    - Each club must be represented at Morning meetings. Adults only, no riders, no kids.
    - Groom Squad, Seniors qualify to compete at State. Showmanship judge will judge Groom Squad.
    - State Meeting is mandatory for both qualifiers and alternatives.
    - Any questions call Gwen.
    - Horse Certificates are strongly urged but not required.
    - Awards will be discussed as to whether those awards are for both Grays Harbor and Mason County. In the past, our Council was advised that Mason County has it's own awards.
    - Pre-Fair, everyone that rides at fair will need to either volunteer or have someone volunteer in their place. The only job that will not change for Hairy Horse Show or PreFair is Gaming timer.
  - c. Judges – Same judges as last year, Heidi. Will be looking for Dressage judge.
9. Old Business
- a. June Clinic Series
    - ❖ 6:30-8:30
    - ❖ Riders are encouraged to arrive early, be warmed up & ready to go
    - ❖ Cap of 15 kids per night, if kids arrive for 1<sup>st</sup> night, they are only eligible for fill-in on second night
      - Those kids will go on a waiting list and be notified after the clinic, if they are able to participate on the second night. If those kids are not cliniced, they will have first priority for 2<sup>nd</sup> night.
      - This is a more relaxed environment for kids to ride in, no competition.
    - ❖ Last year was \$5 per session, price will remain the same
    - ❖ Goal is to get the kids out & riding, another opportunity to clinic. It's not a money-maker for the Council.
    - ❖ May 4<sup>th</sup> will open up for pre-entries

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10. Other New Business
  - a. Rachel reminds all clubs of the BBQ/Potluck Saturday during fair. We will be hoping that as many clubs as possible participate.
  - b. Carrol Saul has horse tack, blankets & cart. She is hoping to rehome. She is in Ocosta & can be reached at 360-648-2434
  - c. FarrahLee – Proposed Operating Budget is handed around.
    - This is based on previous 2 years
    - There are opportunities to update State Decorations.
    - Gwen proposes we approve budget as written. Jessica seconds. Motion passes.
  - d. Show Manager need for Hairy Horse Show.
    - Rachel Tuttle volunteers to be Show Manager for Performance & Jessica Quimby for Gaming. Gwen Carrell will be the clinician.
    - Rachel suggests that one of our newer groups have a representative shadow Rachel & Jessica to start learning what is required.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm. Thank you for attending.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the WSU Extension Office.**