

Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council
Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2023

Call to order at 6:50 pm, pledges said.

In attendance: Jessica- Best of Times, Ariel- Phantom Riders, Rachel- Phantom Riders, Andrea- Country Pride, Renee- Barrel Blazers, Dan- WSU Extension. Thundering Hooves was not in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Rachel, second by Ariel. All in favor. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie was absent from meeting. We did get an update about the Hairy Horse Show proceeds which were \$1834.00 and the Silent Auction which was \$978.00. There will be reimbursements to Andrea and Jessica this month as well.

Extension Report: Dan gave an update on Extension. In addition to the listed events on the agenda, Dan asked for possible volunteers for July 20th from 4-7 for help to decorate the Still Life building in preparation for Fair.

General Council: The council has awarded two scholarships for this year to Emma Spaulding and Briana Avesera. The Council has also been focused on poultry and rabbit health in order for those projects to be able to be shown at Fair.

Fun Activity: Andrea brought the goodies for root beer floats. Rachel will do July's Fun Activity.

Old business:

A: State Fair decorations- Andrea brought the example of the state fair boards. Everyone was in agreement that they looked much better. We will finish purchasing the remaining knobs and metal for the magnets to complete the remaining boards.

B: Save the Dates- Upcoming Prefair, July Ride Nights and Fair dates were reviewed.

For the July ride nights the order will be: gaming, performance, gaming, trail.

Andrea will make a flyer for the Tack Swap to be held during Prefair.

C: Awards- We briefly discussed who had completed public presentations with a Blue. Tracie has a list and Andrea will get so we can keep track.

D: Show recap- The Hairy Horse Show went well overall. Dan mentioned that he did not receive any concerned phone calls. Four youth will need to clinic again in order to bring their project to fair. We did have one parent that did want to approach the judge and Ariel reminded them any concerns would need to happen in writing. We do not believe this was a 4-H parent, but an open show parent.

E: Horse Council Purchases- As a council we talked about the need to replace some of our broken/worn out/aged/needed items at the May meeting. We have agreed on the need to purchase the following:

Printer & ink- due to age and inaccessibility of ink- \$150

Tripods- broken at last gaming show- \$50

Heavy totes- for storage of chalk- \$300

Show Numbers in 6 colors-\$100

Chalk has already been purchased. We discussed how to best purchase these items since we do not currently have a debit card on the Horse Council account. Dan recommended that Mason County purchase with reimbursement from the Horse Council at this time and then in the “off-season”, working with Timberland Bank to get debit card(s) for the signers on the account. Jessica made a motion, Rachel seconded. All in favor, motion passed to get debit cards on the Horse Council account.

Patrick from the Posse stopped in and talked with us about the Posse supporting the program by paying for our special ribbons and awards for record books. Andrea will email the paid invoice to Jessica for the ribbons to give to the Posse for reimbursement.

New Business:

a: Fair Planning- The theme for fair this year is “Red, White, and Moo”. We will be decorating with our theme colors. Jessica encouraged us as a group to purchase items on sale as we will be decorating both the arena area and barn ends. Andrea’s dad is working on our daily activity announcement board for the arena. We will also display any educational posters that may be tri-fold style or extra in the arena office area as well.

Packets were reviewed for fair expectations, barn assignments, and volunteer opportunities.

The Open Gaming Show on Saturday 8/5 will be sponsored by the Grays Harbor Mounted Posse. We agreed to help as parents, not as 4-H volunteers. There was talk about our non- working arena timer lights and how we could work toward a replacement. Renee has volunteered to take Fair Portraits for donation to start the fundraising. Andrea will make a flyer for advertisement.

b: Walk/Trot Gaming- Walk/Trot Gaming has been added as a class for Prefair and Fair. Those in Walk/Trot Gaming will need to stay below a lope in class, even when coming home. If their horse tries to lope, it must be brought back down to a trot within 5 strides. If they continue to lope, they will be moved up into the W/J/L section for both gaming and performance if they are participating in both.

C: Gift for announcer- We talked about getting a gift for David Wyatt for announcing for us this year. Jessica will do some investigating and we also will include some 4-H swag.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next meeting will be July 10th, 6:30 PM