

Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council
Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2023

Call to order at 6:25 pm, pledges said.

In attendance: Jessica- Best of Times, Ariel- Phantom Riders, Rachel- Phantom Riders, Andrea- Country Pride, Tracie-WSU Extension.

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

Treasurer's Report: The past month's expenses were \$2715.00 and the balance as of the end of June bank statement was \$4934.14. There is still the deposit from Prefair to be completed. There will be reimbursements to Andrea and Jessica this month as well.

Extension Report: Tracie updated us on Extension happenings. Summer camp is underway this week. The calendar from now until fair was shared.

General Council: The council has been busy with preparations for the fair. The ever-popular Cowboy Breakfast is making a return this year and it will be breakfast burritos for \$5. They will have delivery available as an option as well as pre-orders.

Fun Activity: Rachel brought goodies to share with everyone... old school graham crackers and frosting!!! Jessica will plan our August fun activity.

Old business:

A: Evening Ride Nights- July 17-20, 6-8 PM. Order of go will be Gaming, Performance, Gaming, Trail/performance. There will be showmanship practice every night. This is for 4-H youth only. The cost is \$5 per horse.

B: State Fair decorations- We will finish purchasing the remaining knobs and metal for the magnets to complete the remaining boards after fair is complete.

C: Prefair recap- Prefair went well this year. One rider will plan on clinic-ing during our ride nights due to inability due to injury.

D: Awards- We briefly discussed who had completed public presentations with a Blue and those youth who will be turning in record books for Versatile/Outstanding awards. We should have between 7-10 youth qualify. Once we know the number of qualifiers, we will shop for buckles at Centerville. Additionally, the medals and Zembal award are scheduled to arrive this week. The rest of the fair ribbons are counted and are in Extension office storage.

New Business:

a: Fair Planning-

- I. Ranch riding- We added a W/T pattern for those youth that want to participate.
- II. Horse certificates- We reviewed the horse certificates that had been here from last year. Clubs will turn into office ASAP.
- III. Fair Entry-Exhibitors- All Horse Project exhibitors are signed up in Fair Entry!!!

- IV. Premium Points- This year we will assign premium points for the top 4 classes + showmanship.
- V. Vet Check- The online form will be available this week to choose your haul in time. Haul in is 2-6 pm, with the 4-6 pm time frame being for pre-arranged later arrivals.
- VI. 4-H Showcase- We have scheduled July 29th at 1 PM for barn decorating time for the 4-H Showcase. If you have photos that need to be printed, please send to Andrea. She will also get some copies of what Pam Pelan took at our earlier shows for display.

B: Gift for announcer- We talked about getting a gift for David Wyatt for announcing for us this year. We decided to get a \$75 gift certificate to a restaurant.

C: Equine Massage at Fair- Andrea was contacted by Nicole Swigert about offering equine massage therapy by donation only during the Fair. It was recommended that she may need to contact the Fair office as she could be considered a vendor.

D: Possible Education opportunity- Andrea mentioned that there will be a horsemanship clinician here at the Fairgrounds in November and in the past, he has offered a clinic time the night before his main clinic for 4-H youth at a discounted rate. Andrea asked if it would be alright to get some more information about this being a possibility for youth in our area this time and what those details may be. The council did not have any concerns so she will get some information.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Next meeting will be August 21st, 6:30 PM