

Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council  
Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023

Call to order at 6:36 pm, pledges said.

In attendance: Jessica- Best of Times, Sandy- Best of Times, Kendra- Best of Times, Ariel- Phantom Riders, Rachel- Phantom Riders, Donna- Phantom Riders, Sequoyah- Phantom Riders, Andrea- Country Pride, Daniel- Country Pride, Terri- Barrel Blazers, Kyleah- Barrel Blazers, Tracie-WSU Extension. Guests were Raelene and Sally.

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

Treasurer's Report: The end of July statement balance is \$3651.55. The outstanding check(s) currently are for State Fair expenses.

Extension Report: Tracie updated us on the current Extension calendar. Nominations for Awards and Year pins information is due September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Club Kick off event is scheduled for October 19 at 6 PM- "Nacho Average Club Kick-off". Please plan on bringing a topping to share.

General Council: A reminder that the 4-H year will start October 1!

Fun Activity: Andrea did a fun activity with a Dicebreakers game. Next month Rachel will provide the fun!

Old business:

A: State Fair Decorations- State Fair boards are complete and items have been purchased. The last of the clamps are arriving this week.

B: Recognition and Awards: The buckles for the two Outstanding Gamer recipients have been ordered from Molly's and are being made currently.

C: Possible Education Opportunity- Terri spoke about the possibility of having a few openings with Steve Rother the evening before his clinic starts here at the Fairgrounds. She is waiting for confirmation on how many participants he can have.

D: State Fair Preparations- Jackets have arrived and look great according to everyone. The vendor was very easy to work with. Ranie sent a message to the club leaders today with tips and reminders of what to bring that would be helpful.

New Business:

A: Schedule and plans for the new year- The tentative plan for the upcoming year is to return to the Hairy Horse Show model. The council plans to host 2 "HHS" as a series in addition to Prefair as clinic opportunities. We also would continue to have the Evening Ride Nights as an opportunity for the youth to get out to practice with their peers.

Lots of ideas and topics were introduced as things we would like to start to incorporate or bring back including: tack checks, judging, additional educational opportunities (feed, vetting, tack, etc.), adding additional classes. The need for additional volunteers was raised and discussed and Tracie encouraged that parents/family/community members to complete the volunteer information.

B: Annual Financial Summary- Tracie reminded the group that it is the time of year for the finances to be reviewed by an outside club/group. Carrie from the General Council has volunteered to review and that was approved by the council as a whole.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm

Next meeting will be October 2nd, 6:30 PM