

Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council
Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2023

Call to order at 6:35 pm, pledges said.

In attendance: Jessica- Best of Times, Sandy- Best of Times, Kendra- Best of Times, Harley- Best of Times, Evelyn- Best of Times, Ariel- Phantom Riders, Rachel- Phantom Riders, Donna- Phantom Riders, Melody- Phantom Riders, Andrea- Country Pride, Megan- Country Pride, Terri- Barrel Blazers, Kyleah- Barrel Blazers, Tracie-WSU Extension. Dan- WSU Extension. The guest was Raelene.

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

Treasurer's Report: The end of September statement balance is \$3227.29. The expenses for September were for State Fair supplies and the Outstanding Gamer buckles (\$424.26).

Extension Report: Tracie updated us on the current Extension calendar. A reminder was given that the Club Kickoff event is scheduled for October 19 at 6 PM- "Nacho Average Club Kick-off". Please plan on bringing a topping to share.

General Council: The new 4-H year began October 1. This is also National 4-H Week!! Celebrate our Kids event is scheduled for 11/5 at 1 PM for awards and pins.

Fun Activity: Rachel's fun activity this month was to write down the WORST ideas for 4-H. 😊 Next month, Jessica will do our fun activity.

Old business:

A: State Fair Decorations- Now that we have been with a full group to State, we know that we will need more decorations. At the minimum, we will need to make more black panels for the stall fronts. The zip ties seemed to work the best to keep the grommets panels attached to the stall doors and we will need to purchase more for next year.

B: Recognition and Awards: The buckles have arrived and were shown to the group. They have been given to Tracie for safekeeping until the Celebrate our Kids event in November where they will be awarded.

C: Possible Education Opportunity- Terri is still waiting for more information about this possibility and will update the group as soon as possible.

D: State Fair Preparations- All but 2 jackets have been picked up and paid for. Once the remaining jackets have been taken care of, we will make the deposit.

E: Schedule and plans for the new 4-H year:

i: Dates: Hairy Horse Show dates have been scheduled for April 6&7 and May 11&12. Prefair is scheduled for June 29&30. These will be the 3 clinic opportunities this year. We plan on having the silent auction at the May show. Jessica has sent an email to the Fair judge letting her know the dates of the Hairy Horse Shows so she can choose which or both to judge.

ii: Evening Ride Nights- We plan on holding these dates July 15-18. These nights

are for extra practice here at the fairgrounds with peers. These are not clinic dates.

iii: Additional Educational Opportunities: We talked about needing more volunteers/chairpeople at the last meeting for having clinics for tack safety and judging. Everyone involved directly in the horse project at this meeting said they would be willing to help in some capacity. Both Terri and Rae said they would be interested specifically in the Safety/Tack committee and Melody, Donna, and Rae said they would be interested in the Judging committee.

New Business:

A: Election of Officers- Discussion was had about the past rotation of officers. There were no new nominations or volunteers for the currently held positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary. Raelene was nominated for treasurer and was voted in unanimously for the Treasurer position. The officers for the Horse Council for the 2023-2024 year will be Jessica- President, Rachel- Vice President, Andrea- Secretary, Raelene- Treasurer.

B: Conex Update- Dan spoke about the need for a roof for the Conex. He had patched a leak during the summer, but unfortunately due to the area being concave, the water gathers, and the patch did not fix the issue. We talked about possibly getting donations from local businesses. Dan will sketch up a plan and create a supply list and then we will have a better idea of the budget and project needs.

C: Showmanship Clinic: Jessica will be arranging a couple of showmanship educational clinic opportunities. As soon as she has more information, she will let the group know.

D: Additional horses at Fair- Continued discussion was had about the best way to have the opportunity to have multiple horses at fair. The group came to a consensus that hosting Open 4-H classes would be the best way and then having your “declared” qualifying horse be in qualifying classes. Andrea volunteered to connect with Jennifer Leach with the State Equine project as a resource to verify what we would like to do is allowed. She will report back to the group as soon as she has more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm

Next meeting will be November 6th, 6:30 PM