

Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council
Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2023

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

In attendance: Jessica- Best of Times, Evelyn- Best of Times, Rachel- Phantom Riders, Donna- Phantom Riders, Melody- Phantom Riders, Andrea- Country Pride, Renee- Barrel Blazers, Tracie-WSU Extension.

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

Treasurer's Report: We did not have the current statement on hand but there were no expenses for the month of October.

Extension Report: Tracie updated us on the current Extension calendar. Reminders were given that re-enrollment is due for returning members by December 1. Also, annual financial summaries and club packets are also due on December 1.

General Council: The Celebrate our Kids event was held this past Sunday. Lots of youth from the Horse Project received awards.

Fun Activity: Jessica hosted the fun activity for November. We had groups of two build spaghetti and marshmallow towers. Evelyn has volunteered for December's fun activity.

Old business:

A: Recognition and Awards: Congratulations to Emelia Conley and Harley Quimby for receiving the Outstanding Gamer awards at the Celebrate our Kids event. They both loved the buckles purchased by the Horse Council.

B: Possible Education Opportunity- Reminder that the Steve Rother clinic is coming to the fairgrounds. Terri was not at the meeting to provide an update.

C: State Fair Jackets: The last jacket is supposed to be picked up this week then we will make the deposit for the parent portion.

D: 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. Amy (?) our judge for fair has chosen the April Hairy Horse show to judge as well and contracts have been sent out for her review.

ii: Evening Ride Nights- We were planning on holding these dates July 15-18, but those are now the dates for 4-H camp. We plan on changing the ride nights to July 8-11. Reminder: These nights are for extra practice here at the fairgrounds with peers. These are not clinic dates.

iii: Additional Educational Opportunities: We discussed instead of holding a committee for Safety/Tack that we will be inviting parents/leaders to the February Horse Council meeting for education on correct tack following the guidance from the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

E: Conex reorganization/ roof project- Dan and Andrea reorganized the Conex and added a unit to hold the trail poles. There is more space to move items around as well. Dan will be gathering a list of items that will be needed to build the roof.

F: Showmanship Clinic- Jessica spoke about having a couple of Showmanship clinic opportunities this winter. She is contacting the Fair office to see what dates may be available for the Cow Barn. Finally Farm Paints was also brought up as a possible clinic location.

G: Additional horses at Fair: Andrea spoke with Jennifer Leach about having additional horses at Fair. As per the October meeting and minutes, you would need to declare your qualifying horse and enter that horse into the State Qualifying classes. For Gaming, you would need to declare your horse before the first night of Gaming at Fair.

New Business:

A: GHC Fair

I: Dates: The fair will be held this year July 31- August 3. Haul in would be July 30. Jessica stated at the meeting that it was mentioned that next year the fair may be even earlier, so be prepared.

II: Exhibitor Guide: Jessica has started putting together a rough draft of the Exhibitor Guide. We plan on adding Judging back in this year as an optional class that will be held the evening of haul-in like in year's past. The tentative schedule would be:

July 30: Haul-in (2-6pm), Judging (optional 6-8), Horse Project meeting (8pm)

July 31: Showmanship (10 am start), Fun and Games, Gaming (4pm start)

August 1: Western classes (10 am start), Groom Squad (Seniors), Working Pairs/Rancher, Trail classes (evening)

August 2: English classes (10 am start), Gaming (4pm start)

August 3: Open Gaming Show- hosted by Montesano Equestrian Team(?)

August 4: Haul-out? This has not been stated yet...

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Next meeting will be December 4th, 6:30 PM