

Grays Harbor 4-H Horse Council
Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2024

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

In attendance: Jessica- Best of Times, Evelyn- Best of Times, Harley- Best of Times, Ranie- Best of Times, Breeana A.-Best of Times, Renee- Barrel Blazers, Rachel- Phantom Riders, Donna- Phantom Riders, Andrea- Country Pride, Emelia- Country Pride, Raelene-Country Pride, Jessica- Country Pride, Tytan- Country Pride, Brenda- Country Pride, Anthony and Logan- Country Pride, Jenn- Country Pride, Jade- Country Pride. Mackensie B.- Country Pride, Wanda- Country Pride, Brandon- Country Pride, Sylvia- Country Pride, Mindy- Country Pride, Carmen- Country Pride, Darcy- Country Pride, Cora- Country Pride, Connie- Belmore, Cassie- Belmore, Tracie- WSU Extension, Dan- WSU Extension

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

Treasurer's Report: No expenses or income for February. Current balance is \$3620.79.

Extension Report: Dan gave a update on Extension. The April enrollment date is quickly approaching.

Upcoming Dates: Tracie gave a quick run through on the upcoming calendar. Basket Bingo will be held on April 7.

General Council: General Council has been working on the planning for an upcoming Bingo fundraiser.

Fun Activity: Jessica did a dice game icebreaker. Evelyn will do the activity next month.

Old business:

A: Schedule plans for the new 4-H year:

- i. Dates for Hairy Horse Series and Pre-fair are April 6 &7, May 11 &12, and June 29 & 30.
- ii. Evening Ride Nights will be held July 8-11 on the usual night schedule.

B: Conex- Dan gave an update. He has applied for a grant to help cover the costs of building a roof for better protection.

C: Showmanship Clinic- We held our first showmanship clinic and have one more scheduled for March 11. We had some brand new 4-H youth at the first one, which was great. Cashita, Phoenix, and Gus were great to practice with.

D: Finalized show/clinic registration forms- Forms have been updated and just need a correction. The link for the first Hairy Horse Show should be active tomorrow.

E: Safety/Tack meeting for parents, volunteers, and members- Rachel spoke and showed examples of acceptable tack and helmet wear for the upcoming shows/season. There is a new Washington State rulebook that was handed out to all club leaders.

E: GHC Fair:

- i. The fair dates are July 31- August 3. Haul in will be July 30.

- ii. Class schedule- Class schedule has been finalized.
- iii. Exhibitor Guide updates- Exhibitor Guide has been submitted to Tracie.
- iv. FairEntry updates- Tracie gave a brief overview of what Fair Entry entails for those who are new to the process.

New Business:

A: Judging workshops- We have four dates scheduled for upcoming judging workshops (March 17, April 21, June 9, and July 12). The first two will be here at the Extension Office and the final two will be held in the outdoor arena.

B: Special Event Coverage for Clinics and Workshops- Tracie reminded the group that it is time to renew our insurance coverage for the year for our Equine clinics and workshops. Everyone was in favor for Tracie to secure our policy for this season.

C: Mandatory Meeting review- Club packets were handed out to Club Leaders for review. Clubs gave a preliminary horse count for stall planning (BOT-12, BB-11, PR-4, BEL-14, CP-29=70 horses). Additionally, Fair Committees were reviewed, and clubs chose their duties as follows:

Barrel Blazers- Herdsmanship, Judges Comments

Best of Times- General Council, Fun and Games, Watermelon Contest, Record Books

Belmore- Equipment Managers, Awards set-up

Phantom Riders- Trail set-up, Groom Squad, Awards Ceremony

Country Pride- Perpetual Awards, Fair Awards, Fair Ribbons, State Fair names

Judging will be covered by the Horse Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

Next meeting will be April 8th, 6:30 PM. This is a mandatory meeting for all club leaders.