

Bi-County Horse Leaders Meeting
October 24, 2012

Members Present: Michelle Lain, Linda Simon, Thera Judd, Betsy Schweitzer, Mica Brawley, Lori Beidler, Cindy Aston, Sonja Ragan, Tamara Gould, Jenna Gould, Kimberly Lantzy, Joyce Neville, Athena Neville, Jeanie Bryant, Johnnie Lee Bryant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. By Linda Simon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Athena Neville and 4H Pledge by Jenna Gould. Introductions were made. Treasures Report was given by Thera Judd. Beginning balance was \$3,344.41 and ending balance was \$3,487.72.

New Business: Michelle gave a report on the horse enrollment in that the county is moving to a new system with the computers that should be able to track horse enrollment and that the 4-H'er has turned in a horse certificate and in the appropriate time into the office. This data base will be able to be accessed from any computer and hopefully cut down on missed paper work in the horse project.

Cost of shows-Thera reported that with the numbers being down at the shows, the shows are not paying for themselves. The judges are running about \$330.00 per show plus the trail horse judge cost \$50.00 a show. With main judges we pay mileage at the state rate and the show committee buys lunch for the judges and office help at each show. If the numbers keep dropping at the shows in 2013 may have to raise entry fees, do away with the extra trail judge and have the main judge do trail class. Horse enrollment is down in the county and also at the state level. Appleatchee donates the use of the arena for the 4-H shows so no expense there. Linda and Thera will retire at the end of the 2013 year so will be needing people to step up and take over the running of the show office. Whoever takes this job on will have to be able to work with Appleatchee on getting the show dates from them, get the keys for the office and work with grounds keeper on the preparation of the grounds for the shows.

Fun class- do we still want to do this class or possible move the trail class to this time spot.

Year-end awards-to qualify for these awards 4-H'ers have to do 3 shows with the same horse, and attend one stall cleaning. The awards run about \$1,200.00 and the stall cleanings from the reining shows help pay for the year-end awards and 4-H gets \$5.00 per stall for cleaning. How to get the word out to parents, leaders and members to come help, maybe have some games beforehand, ice cream treats before and maybe a point system for club awards with smaller clubs group together for points.

Gaming program-There is some interest with the members for some gaming but need parent and/or leaders to step up to get the program going again. Athena reported that she and Joyce have picked up the rules when they attended the horse judging school. Joyce said she would be willing to buy some of the equipment, timing equipment and would be willing to learn from the Okanogan County gamers. The kids are still required to do showmanship and Joyce would like to do some small clinics, info days or nights to help get the kids educated on patterns and times. To qualify for state, members need to have pre-qualifying meets for times.

Horse certificates-Michelle reported that with the computer system there will be checks and balances to make sure that all the certificates are in order and signed and on file. The leader will maintain the original in their files till it is full, at which time a new certificate would be filled out. Every year a copy of the horse certificate should be given back to 4-H'er to put into their permanent record in their record book. If members change a horse, they need a new certificate filled out and on file in the office. A family can share a horse and the member can have multiple horses but each horse has to have a horse certificate for them. The committee agreed to have April 1 as deadline to have certificates turned into 4-H office. Reason for the horse certificates is to show that the member is working with their horse project.

State fair qualifying-Required to attend 3 of the 5 shows and based on ribbon color for equitation classes and showmanship. Can have blues in both classes, blue/ red combination but no white ribbons qualify and only Seniors or intermediates but no juniors can go except in demonstrations. Can ask for more stalls at state fair if deemed members are qualify to go. You must have 2 blue ribbons to count as a blue ribbon standing for a class. No white ribbons will be allowed to go to state.

Ideas for 2013-

- Keep a poster board up to date with the points and member so everyone knows where stand towards state fair. Athena Neville agreed to do this.

- Work on getting the horse certificates signed and turned in this fall at bi-county awards, achievement night.

- If certificate not turned in on time before shows the member can show but no points will be given. The 30 day rule will apply as normal. If horse certificate not turned in by May 15th, member will be on "replacement animal policy guidelines", basically stating no grand or reserve ribbons at NCW fair for horse project. If turned in after June 1st, same ruling applies to both NCW and Chelan County Fair, adding High Point to contests eliminated from in horse project.

- Mock show-on Friday nights 5-9pm before show with local judge coming and giving pointers for the kids.

- Mini horse camp-In June after school is out, with ideas half or full days with learning team roping, team sorting, trail riding, gaming, etc. as ideas, depending what the kids would be interested in learning and helpers available. Leaders to go back to clubs and see if interest within clubs.

Help for next year-Sonja, Kim, Jenna's mom, Joyce when can.

2013 Horse show dates-May 18, June 8, July 7 and August 3&4 all at Appleatchee.

Dates- Super Saturday October 27, NCW fairgrounds 8:30-2:20. Bring sack lunch.

Teen Rally-Spokane Nov.2-4. Open to 7th-12th grades and cost is \$75.00 and leader's council is helping with registration cost.

Nov. 10-Achievement Night, 2pm,Potluck, City of Wenatchee public works building, 1350 McKittrick, Wenatchee. Cake, coffee, lemonade provided.

Next meeting December 4, 6:30 at the Chelan County Extension Office

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Minutes by Cindy Aston.