

**Cowlitz County 4-H Horse Program Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2019**

Cowlitz County Training Center

6 pm to 6:30 pm-Youth Education – How to do Demonstrations

Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions Project Director – Barb Berg

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Attendees: Diana Berg, Pam Toney, Samantha Gilchrist, Donna Longacre, Jessica Harris, Jennifer Leach, Barb Berg, Rose Renfroe, Shirley Noble

Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge: led by Diana Berg and Jessica Harris

Approval of Minutes Secretary – Shirley Noble

Jessica Harris moved to accept minutes as printed except for the Treasurer's report which needs further clarification.

Seconded by Pam Toney

The minutes were approved as printed with approval of the Treasurer's report deferred pending clarification.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer- Susan Junnikkala

There are 2 checks of \$75 and \$100 that are being held pending deposit. The \$75 is for use of the jumps by the Pony Club for their 3 shows this year. However, the \$100 check is the damage deposit. It was pointed out that this check should not be deposited yet. If there is no damage it may be refunded.

Pam Toney moved to accept the report

Seconded by Samantha Gilchrist

The report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

◆ **Horse Judging--ACTION ITEM** Diana Berg

Discussion: the actual time for the Horse Judging contest is about 2 hours plus the time for oral reasons. This would allow time for Ride for the Gold set up. Oral reasons by Ride for the Gold participants should be scheduled first. Early Horse Judging may

interfere with getting horses for the judging activity since some of the horses have been Ride for the Gold horses in the past. There was additional judging about the start time – 7am or 8 am.

Question: can horses be hauled in without a vet check? This would allow bringing in horses not stabled for the fair to be used for judging. If the horses were kept away from the stabled horses this should be acceptable as rodeo horses are often taken in and out of the grounds without a vet check.

Motion made by Pam Toney, second by Samantha Gilchrist to hold the Horse Judging contest during fair, before RFG and that the RFG participants give their oral reasons first. Vote taken, motion passed

- ◆ **Report on Arena Etiquette and Pattern Clinic** Jessica Harris reporting
Jessica thought it went well although participation was low due to the weather. Alyssa Lowe and Keanna Patterson attended. They worked on figures the kids were interested in i.e. circles and figure 8's. They worked mostly on patterns and less on arena etiquette.

- ◆ **Youth Forum-May 11** Jennifer Leach
The training center has been reserved for 4 pm, however youth still have to check the place as locations may be rescheduled depending on needs of other groups using county resources. Youth facilitator training is scheduled for Thursday May 7 at 6:30 at the extension office. This training is for 8th grade and above. The forum itself is open to all ages. Question: should participants be asked to RSVP or should we just see who turns up? Bzrb Berg will do a flyer on the training. Pam Toney moved to move out the dates for the forum. There was no vote but open dates will be explored to see what is still available.

- ◆ **Skills Checklist Training-schedule new date**Jennifer Leach
Training is rescheduled for Sunday April 7 at 3:30 pm. Location is still Longacre Stables. Training will focus on the basic skills checklist and is open to parents and senior members for observation.
Those taking the training should re-affirm their intent to participate.

- ◆ **Horse Bowl Report** Diana Berg
The last meeting was February 2. There were technical issues with the Zoom application. An attempt is being made to resolve the problem. Want to meet again on March 20 at 6 pm in the Cougar Cottage. We need 3 more intermediates to make up a team.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Fundraisers Barb Berg
First choice for type of event was a poker ride, Jessica and Morgan Harris facilitating.
Dates: 1st choice June 15, 2nd choice was June 8 but this conflicts with graduation.
The term 'Poker Ride' creates a problem with the Gaming Commission around the use of the word Poker. We should avoid a conflict here.
Suggestion: 4-H Ride for the Clover. This alters the terminology to suggest a youth and/or family related function.
Suggested features
A flat fee to ride, ride from station to station and pick a card.
We could make it possible to pay an extra fee and get 2 hands.
Use available areas at the south end of the fairgrounds.
This ride would be open to everyone of any age who wishes to ride. They need not have a direct connection with 4-H as the purpose of this event is to generate funds.
Jennifer Leach will check to see if there are any issues about opening such an event to the public.
The possibility of having a concession run by other clubs should be explored.

- ◆ WSU Policy on Lobbying Jennifer Leach
State law bans the use of public resources for lobbying, but they can be used to educate.
4-H volunteers are considered public persons (unpaid) *on the staff of WSU*. To wit: one cannot identify oneself as a 4-H volunteer or public employee when lobbying (attempting to persuade a person you are talking with to support your position) on a public issue. You can give facts and information but cannot persuade or sway.

- ◆ County Fairboard Report Donna Longacre and Pam Toney, Fairboard Members
On Friday am of the fair there will be open barrel racing in the rodeo arena. This can be a noisy event. 4-H members competing that morning should be aware of the potential for upset if their horses are sensitive to noise.
The parade on opening day of the fair is scheduled to end at the fairgrounds .
Showmanship will be in process at that time with the same potential for upset as the barrel racing.
4-H horse project participants need to keep in touch with the end area of the grounds.
The Livestock committee is working on hauling in again.
Spruce Up day will be June 22. The fairgrounds will provide materials to work with and lunch.
The Fairboard is working on arena updates. Lights inside and around the indoor arena perimeter are being installed.
Next project will be cross fencing of the grounds to make specific areas more secure.
The Expo Center will be divided from the barns.

There is a proposal to fix up the concessions room in the indoor arena. The concessions room could then be used to generate money to re-invest in the facility.

This year there will be a chocolate chip cookie contest at the fair. Entries must be home made and contain chocolate chips. The County commissioners will judge the contest on Friday at the fair.

- ◆ County Demonstration Days Jennifer Leach
Information on demonstrations was sent out last Wednesday (February 20).
First come, first served on time slots.
Email is correct on demonstration times.

- ◆ National Equine Presentations Jennifer Leach
These have a different format than 4-H.
Specific times for contestants are assigned.
Will take place Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 am.

Upcoming Dates:

4-H Horse Clinics

- March 13—Jumping and Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences—Samantha Gilchrist
- April 10---Western Games and Good Horsemanship—Russ Jorgenson
- May 8—Western Dressage—Donna Longacre
- June 12--- Trail and Showmanship—has not been finalized for instructors—possibly 4-H alumni

Cowlitz County 4-H Council Meeting-Wednesday, March 20th at 7 pm at Extension office.

Mandatory Horse Committee Meetings—April, May, June, and July

Horse A Round-May 18 and 19th

Jessica Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Rose Renfroe seconded the motion.

The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.