

Cowlitz County 4-H Horse Program Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2018
Cowlitz County Training Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 by Barb Berg
4-H Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Amber Willet and recited by all.

Attendees:

Morgan Harris, Nora Willet, Amber Willet, Rhonda Jorgenson, Russ Jorgenson, Pam Toney, Janet Linden, Donna Longacre, Samantha Gilchrist, Diana Jones, Lindsey Jones, Barb Berg, Shirley Noble, Jennifer Leach (extension agent)

Minutes: The minutes from November 27 were reviewed. Rhonda Jorgenson moved to accept the minutes as printed. Amber Willett seconded. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: There was no change from the November minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

JUMPING AND DRESSAGE EQUIPMENT RENTAL REQUEST FROM PONY CLUB:

Hilander PC has requested to rent this equipment for their shows on February 3, March 2 and June 30. Rental fee remains at \$25 per event. It was pointed out that there is a change in process regarding the dressage equipment availability. The chains and stakes formerly used to outline the dressage court will no longer be used due to safety issues. A new design using PVC pipe is being explored by Pam Toney and Morgan Harris regarding costs. The materials are available locally. It will be necessary to provide material for a full sized court for levels of the competition provided for in 4-H. The full court size is 20mX60m. This presents some structural challenges in the outdoor arena due to its irregular shape. Depending on the costs, some less expensive pre-fab designs might be a competitively priced option.

In addition to the rental fee and after review of the 4-H finances which are not sufficient to provide replacement of damaged equipment and in particular the jumps, Jennifer has recommended a damage deposit be charged, a check to be held until after the completion of an event and to be returned if there is no damage. A proposed deposit of \$100 was acceptable to the PC leadership.

Pam Toney moved to approve the PC request. Russ Jorgenson seconded. The motion was passed.

4-H Clinics – Jan 9th, Feb. 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th and June 12th.

Suggestions were taken from the floor for clinic topics. These included western dressage, arena courtesy and safety/savvy, gaming technique, riding jump courses, trail class training, activities for horseless kids, riding patterns (there is an increasing emphasis on patterns in Washington competition), tack reviews to ensure 4-H members will be using approved tack to prevent last

minute scrambles (could be done during individual clinics or without horses). A vote was taken on which clinics to provide and on which dates. The results of the voting follows:

January 9: Showmanship – J. Leach leading with assistance from the Red Hot Riders and others. Groupings will be by skill level rather than by age group i.e. advanced, intermediate and beginning.

February 13: Arena safety/savvy and patterns. Leadership tbd.

March 13: Jumping. Samantha Gilchrist leading

April 10: Gaming techniques with emphasis on good horsemanship. Russ Jorgenson leading.

May 8: Western Dressage. Donna Longacre leading.

June 13: Trail and showmanship review. Leadership tbd.

Russ moved to accept the proposed clinic schedule. Pam Toney seconded. Motion approved.

Horse Bowl:

A horse bowl practice for all ages was scheduled for December 29 at 3:00 pm. Options for the location are the extension office, the training center or the Cougar cottage as available.

Results of Del's Grant request for timing lights:

A request to use part of the remaining Del's Grant funds to help defray the purchase of the new timing lights purchase in July for gaming, jumping, etc. was written and approved by the 4-H council. The approved amount was \$460.

Action item:

Should the meeting time be changed back to 7 pm? Suggestions were made to conduct a poll. Pro and cons of the move were discussed including the difficulty for some people who work to arrive at 6:30 but also the late finish time driven by a later start.

Diana Jones moved to keep the meeting time at 6:30 pm. Morgan Harris seconded. Motion passed.

State 4-H Fair – 2019 Equine Information:

J. Leach presented the changes to the State Fair schedule. Details will be available at the extension office. Western Dressage is being added to the Performance/Dressage division. For this year only you will not have to qualify at the county level to ride in Western Dressage at State if you are already qualified and attending in other sections. Contestants may now bring 2 horses if the county allocation allows it.

Judges Selection (differed from earlier spot on the agenda):

Diana Jones reported that Dawn Spencer was contacted regarding the 2019 Cowlitz County Fair. She is available to officiate. Her fee will be \$225 per day which falls within the budgetary projection of \$200 to \$250 per day. Patti Burns was contacted regarding Ride of the Gold and has not yet replied but is expected to in the near future after she reviews her commitments. Judge for Horse Around has not yet been found.

Pam Toney moved to hire the following:

Dawn Spencer – Cowlitz County Fair
Patti Burns: Ride for the Gold
Barbara Weedman : back up for Ride for the Gold if Patti is unavailable.
Russ Jorgenson seconded. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Training dates for Skills Check list technicians

A training date has been set for 4:00 pm February 9 at Longacres Stables

Policy Process:

J. Leach reviewed the process. Due to the late start on the process this year, requests for changes must be submitted by February rather than January. The second reading may include **minor changes only**.

Fair Board Report:

There was no report as the Fairboard has not met since the last program meeting per Donna Longacre.

State Contest Changes:

J. Leach shared the process for making changes to the state contests. Current contest regulations remain in place this year.

Committee Appointments:

Some appointments have not been filled yet. This issue was tabled until January. Let Barb Berg know if you are interested.

Review of Deadline Dates:

- **Thursday, January 31st: Re-enrollment for members and leaders via 4-H online**
- **Thursday, January 31st horse certificates are due to Extension office for returning members.**
- **Friday, January 25th membership fee has to be paid prior to the Extension staff approving member enrollments—whether by credit card (via 4H on line) or cash/money order—to the Extension office. No personal checks!!!**

County Demonstration Day Dates (prospective):

Thursday March 21 and 28 at Mark Morris HS 5:00 pm

Saturday March 28 at Mark Morris HS, time tba

Thursday April 18 at Mark Morris HS, 5:00 pm

The April date is only available to those who joined after the earlier dates.

Announcements:

Next meeting: January 22 6:30 pm

Next Leaders Council meeting: January 8 7:00 pm at the Extension office

Diana Jones moved to close the meeting. Morgan Harris seconded. All approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Submitted by: Shirley Noble