

Cowlitz County 4-H Horse Program Meeting Minutes
January 22nd, 2019
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Cowlitz County Training Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Barb Berg

Attendees: Morgan Harris, Jessica Harris, Nicole Axtell, Kari Chatwin, Pam Toney, Douglas Glidden, Katelyn Harris, Samantha Gilchrist, Donna Longacre, Gloria Starcher, Nora Willet, Amber Willet, Janet Linden, Susan Junnikkala, Shari Harris, Barb Berg, Shirley Noble, Jennifer Leach.

Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge were led by Pam Toney

Douglas Glidden moved to accept the Minutes as printed. Kari Chatwin seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$4,233.59. The last activity was a donation of \$36 from the Round About Riders and a grant of \$355 for the Timing lights from the Del's Fund. Jessica Harris moved to approve the report. Morgan Harris seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Appointments for:**

- Assistant Barn Manager: Pam Toney
- Assistant Show Managers - Samantha Gilchrist: Dressage/ jumping
Kari Chatwin: Gaming
- Equipment Manager: Jennifer Leach
- Awards Manager: Rose Renfro
- Skills Checklist Coordinator: Janet Linden

• **Horse Bowl Update**

Diana Berg and Jennifer Leach
Done

For those interested in going to State there was a prep meeting on Saturday, January 19th.

So far there are 5 seniors and 1 intermediate.

Did not go over the rules. Donna Longacre went over some of the questions used. Questions used by other states are available online. The next meeting will be February 2 from 3pm to 5pm. This meeting is mandatory for anyone planning on going to State.

Does the county pay for anything? Yes, there are funds earmarked. These do not cover travel expenses. Can apply for a Del's grant.

• **Report on Showmanship Clinic**

Jennifer Leach

Jessica reported a fairly good turnout. Participants were divided into 2 groups based on experience. There were no beginners. The numbers allowed some 1 on 1 instruction. The kids had fun and showed improvement. Jennifer worked with the advanced group. Sherri Luster worked on patterns. There were some inexperienced horses but the kids handled it well. Worked on turns on haunches. All horses were responsive, indicating prior work by participants. Horses were safe. Emphasized working every time the horse is handled. Can we have a PA system so parents and other leaders can hear? Donna Longacre will bring a PA system next time. Jennifer will see about using the county PA system.

- **Follow-up on September Debrief**

Jennifer Leach

Reviewed the 4 essential elements of belonging, bonding, leadership and generosity.

Improvement areas; opportunities for horseless horse members (we need to plan for them at the county level), activities to draw kids together (not just horse kids, all 4-H members and create a sense of belonging), include social/fun activities.

Solutions: activities throughout the year, don't give up, review the barriers, evaluate the sense of belonging for the program and fair. **Kids need to have a say.** Youth forums and teen councils could help provide this. Hear the voice and do something about it at the club level and within reason.

Provide leadership and help: team building and the education to do it; each club leader needs to be involved with this.

- **Fair Board**: no report.
- **Addressing Issues**: The Horse Leadership team sets the agenda guided by past minutes, historical actions. If you have agenda items, please send them ahead of time to Barb or Jennifer. HLT meets the 2nd Tuesday. The meeting is open.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Arena Safety & Courtesy AND Pattern Basics Clinic**
Diana Berg facilitating. Scheduled for February 13th.
- **Youth Forum**
Jennifer Leach. Saturday March 9th, 4 pm. Tentative location: training center. Need to train the kids to facilitate so they can run the forums themselves and the skills to lead small group discussions.
Youth facilitator training: March 7th, 6:30 pm at the extension office.

- **Skills Checklist Training**

Jennifer

February 9th at Longacre Stables. Objective: to train technicians but open for parents and other leaders to come as observers to see what techniques could be applied to their groups. Please advise Jennifer if you are coming.

- **Horse Judging**

Diana Berg

Are the leaders interested in keeping this activity? Yes. Shows kids what judges are looking for. Location? Cowlitz County Fair? Heat is an issue. Problems at fair: timing. Advantages: all necessary items are located at fair, higher participation at fair. Suggestion: do Horse Judging at 7 am Saturday, schedule Ride for the Gold afterwards. Get more oral judges. Make this an action item for the next meeting.

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!!!**

RE: Payments: the State Office is unforgiving about discrepancies. There have been problems with declined cards. The system sends e-mail notices of decline but it is the responsibility of individuals to make sure this does not happen.

Other Dates:

1. New Leader Orientation—for those interested in applying to become a 4-H leader
 - **2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm at the Extension office- January to May**
 - **This not new leader training....that will be scheduled after new leaders have completed the application and screening process**
2. Skills Checklist Training—February 9, 2019 at 4 PM at Donna Longacre's on Dike Rd.
Skills check list needs to be done by June 1.
3. Arena Safety and Courtesy Clinic—February 13th **6:30 warm-up Clinic begins at 7 PM**
4. Horse Project Committee Meetings
4th Tuesday of each month at the Training Center

Query: What happened to the Kalama Fair? The Port of Kalama has a hold harmless clause that WSU will not approve. There is also the issue that horse trailers must be parked across a busy road with a blind curve. Horses must be led across the road to get to the arena. This presents a safety issue that may be unacceptable for a 4-H event.

Susan Junnikkala moved to adjourn the meeting. Pam Toney seconded. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.