

4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee
Minutes – November 16, 2004

The 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee met on November 16, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Merrimack County Extension Office. All of the livestock curriculum committees met first to discuss the policy for substitute animals, enrollment data, and approval forms. The large group was then divided up into the individual committees to discuss specific agendas.

Members present at the meeting were Nancy Evans, Tim Huppe, Katy Huppe, Frank Riley, Cher Riley, Bruce Farr, Bob Pearson, Kevin Rowe, and Allison Patten.

The first topic on the agenda was Eastern States Exposition. The committee went over the changes that had been decided on at the previous meeting. There will be a team of ten teamsters attending ESE in 2005. The alternate will have the option to go as a team assistant, without a team of steers, if they so decide. Sixty-percent of the working steer team's weight (including the stoneboat) will be loaded at all three of the qualifiers. The team must pull sixty percent at one fair to be eligible to qualify for the ESE team. There was more discussion on the topic. The committee decided to add "Must complete the course as laid out by the judge, in the time allotted to be considered a successful pull", to the rules/regulations sheet.

Next, the committee reviewed the lists of working steer teamsters enrolled in each county. Teamsters eligible for the Eastern States Exposition team were noted. After the analysis, it was decided that the team quota would remain at ten teamsters for 2005.

Next, the committee reviewed the judges' list. The members looked over the list to decide which judges are qualified to judge ESE qualifiers. Nancy Evans will make one list of judges, adding an asterisk next to those who are eligible to judge the qualifiers.

Nancy presented the committee with the first draft of the Guidelines for Working Steer judges. The committee members decided to take the hand-out home with them for careful review. This will be the main topic on the agenda at the next meeting.

Bob Pearson introduced a discussion about the Fitting and Showmanship class and time limits. Bob said that he would introduce the discussion at the ESE meeting as well.

The committee asked Lisa questions concerning the Tillers International Trip. Lisa said that there was confusion this year, which explains why some 4-Hers received applications while others did not. The Tillers trip is off the board for this coming year. The committee will brainstorm other ideas for next year.

Bob Pearson proposed that we look for someone new to chaperone/lead the team at Eastern States Exposition. The committee members agreed to think of names to bring to the next meeting. The meeting concluded.

Katy Huppe