

**4-H Horse Curriculum Committee
Actions Taken - April 28, 2005**

Topic	Action	Next Step	Who assigned	Date target
Future of this committee?	<p>Discussed the role of the Curriculum Committee with respect to Horse Advisory Committee. This is now a subcommittee of Horse Advisory - per Horse Advisory Operating Procedures. There hasn't been good attendance at this meeting either which makes it difficult to make decisions.</p> <p>Group felt there was still a need to fill in some of the missing information via fact sheets, etc and this was discussed as a good role. It was noted though that there is already too much information to cover with all of the references currently.</p>	<p>Decided the group could probably meet only once per year (November) and more if there is a project to work on.</p> <p>Lisa will send a note out with the November meeting notice asking all members if they want to remain on the committee.</p>	Lisa Townson	Nov, 2005
Review of Spring events	<p>Quiz Bowls – need to update/correct the rules of play to give the specific number of one-on-one, toss up and bonus questions for rounds.</p> <p>Discussed whether it should be acceptable if a junior contestant answers a question with a correct response from a senior reference (might not have been in the junior reference). YES – this is acceptable.</p> <p>Horse Judging - fine</p> <p>Hippology - fine</p>	<p>Lisa will look up minutes from Feb 2003 Annual meeting for exact number of questions to update the Quiz Bowl rules.</p> <p>Will include a set of senior references in the junior room in case there are questions about a response to a question and judges will be instructed to accept correct responses from senior references.</p> <p>There was some concern about the announcements during quiz bowl – was hard to hear and they should be quick and to the point.</p>		
4-H Foundation Budgets	Reviewed the past year expenditures for events and trips.			

American Youth Horse Council Meetings	Sent a group this year – what kind of interest in the future? Would like to see a stipend offered again in the future to encourage folks to go. Liked the Sue Harrison demo of the visible rider and visible horse.	Jessica reported this was a great event and wondered if they might hold some roundtable discussions as part of a leader training event in the spring. One on competition and how to keep it in perspective, one on handling difficult parents, etc.		
Skill-a-thons	Nothing new suggested			

**4-H Dairy Curriculum Committee
Actions Taken - April 28, 2005**

Topic	Action	Next Step	Who assigned	Date target
Dairy Judging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Judging Clinic (went great) • Last minute questions about weekend's judging trip • Oral reasons for 12/13 year olds? 	<p>Committee would like to see an annual dairy judging clinic.</p> <p>Want the 12 and 13 year olds to at least try to present a set of oral reasons during the state contest – perhaps a cow class.</p>		
State Show – review packet	Review rules and 2005 information	Committee reviewed and suggested changes to the entry packet for the 2005 state show. Changes will be made and distributed.	Lisa and Maryann	May, 2005
Fall Trips	<p>Quiz Bowl Judging - a team will be sent to the national contest in 2005.</p> <p>Coaches, practice schedules, etc.</p>	<p>Lora reported that NY has busses and does farm tours while in Madison and would welcome other states if they know we want to participate ahead of time. (Lisa Townson has sent an email to inquire about this).</p> <p>Lora suggested the judging team not stay in the short course dorms though as it's not convenient to get to the Expo. Would prefer to stay in a motel.</p>		
4-H Foundation Dairy	Reviewed 2004/05 expenditures for events and trips.			

Budgets				
Review of Quiz Bowl	<p>Suggested using open teams (instead of county teams) for the seniors as it's more of an individual event for qualifying for the state team anyway. It was a bit crowded at Belmont this year and there was some confusion with the horse kids there.</p> <p>Suggested Pete and or Drew review questions prior to the contest for clarity. Don't include breed-specific questions. Want the quizzes returned to the kids before the results of the contest are announced if possible.</p> <p>Grafton Co offered to host the event in 2006 and they prefer the end of March (traditional date).</p>	<p>Lisa will be sure that Pete and Drew are given the opportunity to review questions prior to the contest.</p> <p>Belmont HS is the choice location for next year as it's fairly central and has a much bigger cafeteria so that we might be able to provide a more separate area for the horse and dairy kids.</p> <p>In all likelihood the contest will have to stay on the same weekend (February) as that's a compromise with the horse groups.</p>		

**4-H Dog Curriculum Committee
Actions Taken - April 28, 2005**

Topic	Action	Next Step	Who assigned	Date target
Clinics - upcoming	Shared information with group on this year's New Boston Clinic.	None required		
Review dog manual	We now have the right version on web.	Slight modifications where made to the manual to clarify the dress code. Culottes and shorts for girls should be knee length or longer.	Maryann K. to have updated.	May, 2005
ESE Qualification	Review 2005 form	None – unless changes are required		
Question of distemper titers	Consensus of group was that if a veterinarian has signed the health certificate then the dog is covered. We think that ESE should accept a health certificate.	Double check with ESE to see if MA requirements are any different.	Maryann K.	
	Committee discussed last year's ESE quiz procedure and	Lisa T. will write a letter to the ESE Dog	Lisa T.	June,

ESE Quizzes	the difficulty encountered in allowing for modifications for youth with learning disabilities. They would like to have the process clarified and perhaps altered so that quizzes can be more appropriately modified.	Committee on behalf of the curriculum committee to make this request.		2005
Future Meetings/ additional representation	Committee would like to see broader representation – ie from Strafford and Cheshire counties.	Counties will be encouraged to suggest new members – especially from counties where there is currently no representation.		

The 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee - April 28, 2005

All of the livestock committees met first, where Lisa Townson discussed a few items on the group agenda. The large group then divided up into the individual committees to discuss specific agendas.

Nancy Evans, Bob Pearson, Bruce Farr, Timothy Huppe, Wendy Huppe, Katy Huppe, Allison Patten, and Kevin Rowe, were in attendance. Two new members, David and Jennie Allen, also joined the committee meeting.

The first topic on the agenda was the Eastern States Exposition packet that will be sent to all New Hampshire teamsters who are eligible to qualify for the ESE Working Steer Team. Several wording changes were made. The changes include:

- Instead of saying “one alternate”, the wording will be changed to “one additional member that serves as an alternate”
- “Combined scores” will be changed to a “combined average score”
- Second Paragraph will be changed to:
 - o Working steer show- must have successfully pulled 60% of their teams weight (including the weight of the stoneboat) at one of the qualifying shows they use to determine their final score.
 - o (Senior & Intermediate) Teams are expected to pull a weight (not to exceed 60%) of their teams weight (including the stoneboat)
- The following will be added to the bottom of the sheet:
 - o “Control of the team without unnecessary use of the whip or stick and the attitude of the teamster are considered.”

The committee also decided to make changes to the wording of both the stoneboat class description and the cart class description, for Mini Fair and Stratham. The new wording is as follows:

- Stoneboat class description:
 - o Teams are expected to pull a weight (including the stoneboat)
 - o Course time determined by the judge
- Cart Class description:
 - o Teamsters are expected to hitch their team to a two-wheeled cart and negotiate a course within the time allotted by the judge.
- The statement “No one can leave until the conclusion of the show” will also be added to teamster’s sheets for Mini Fair and Stratham.

The committee asked that the judges of Mini Fair, Stratham, and Cheshire, be sent a copy of the Working Steer Manual before the show.

The committee also discussed the criteria for qualifying for Eastern States Exposition. It was decided that “If there is a tie, the teamster earning the highest number of first, second, or third blues in their two high point qualifying shows will be selected; if there is still a tie the oldest will go to Eastern States Exposition.”

Nancy Evans presented the “Guidelines for Working Steer Show Judges” hand-out, to the committee. The committee agreed to change the wording of the first sentence under the **DURING THE SHOW** headline. The new line will read, “Cattle need to be in working condition; teamster should be attentive to judge and team; teamster, team, and equipment are expected to be clean.” Wendy Huppe brought a copy of the Maine

Working Steer Guidelines for the committee to take a look at. It was asked that the New Hampshire guidelines be sent to all teamsters and judges this year.

The committee discussed possible superintendents for the Cheshire Fair Working Steer Show. Tim Huppe volunteered to be the 4-H Working Steer superintendent at Cheshire Fair for the next two years. Bruce Farr said that he would help him.

Kevin Rowe asked whether or not superintendents of 4-H shows are covered by 4-H insurance. Nancy Evans said that if the superintendent is screened, he/she will be covered by 4-H insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Katy Huppe

**4-H Livestock Curriculum Committee
Minutes for April 28, 2005
Merrimack County Extension Office
Boscawen**

Meeting began at 7:15 pm

Committee members: Carol Howe and Debby Robie.

Staff member: Jolee Chase

The first thing on our agenda was to go over the judge's list. As we only had sheep people at our meeting we updated that list.

Changes for to list:

Address change for Kelly Grace to, 209 Varney Mill Road, Windham Maine 04062
Phone number 207-892-5693.

Mike Schmidt – same address as Kelly's.

Hannah Holmquist has moved away however her mom judges so just change Hannah's name to Deb.

Don Grant has passed away.

Bill Webster is not judging right now so take him off the list

Jeff's last name is spelled wrong. It should be Jordan.

Bryan Mason has moved and can be taken off the list

Gary Keller is gone.

Ben Cargill's new address is 238 Route 13, Brookline, NH 03033

Donna Grant has a new phone number – 860-923-3458 cell phone is 860-881-4308.

New Judges For List:

West Chapin
Elm Street
Milton, NH 03851
Phone at this time is 878-2968

Carol Howe
162 Merrill Road
Candia, NH 03034
483-5909

Kaye Weaber (I will get her address to you soon.)

Next on the Agenda:

The number of meeting the committee should have a year:

The sheep part of the committee liked to see us meet twice a year.

Reviewing of the Leadline Scorecard:

We did a number of updates on the card:

The committee suggested that this score card should be used by all the fairs this year however it does understand that it may be too late for some fairs. So it is strongly suggested that it is used this year and will be the card to be used at all 2006 4-H fairs that do Leadline classes.

On the sheep scorecard we added on line 3 – Sheep is fitted properly for its breed – no shear marks, gouges, etc.

On the garment form:

Line one – Garment is stylish and suited to the youth's age. Exhibitor must be wearing and outfit or garment that consists of material that is at least 75% wool.

Line three- Youth maintains good posture and is alert during the entire class.

Line four – Garment is clean and pressed.

Line five – Youth show ring presence by properly modeling his or her outfit or garment.

On the back of the form Example Narration a couple of changes:

First line – This is Joe Clover and his Tunis yearling. Take out lamb.

Same line - Joe is 14 years old take out the a.

In line 3 - Merino has a very close crimp, and can be spun into a very fine yarn which makes it soft. Change the is to it.

Showing rams in the 4-H shows: It is up to the Fairs but the committee felt it was ok with them.

The t-shirts for the Market Lamb Program:

The committee felt that it is a nice idea and are in favor of them. They are not to replace the white shirt in fit and show, just to be worn when showing their market lamb and during the auction.

The group felt that a superintendent training and orientation is needed. They hope that it would solve some of the problems of shows not being consistent. The committee suggested that someone from each 4-H office attend the training. One of the goals of the sheep committee is to have the 4-H shows the same at all of the fairs and the superintendents following the same rules, using the same score sheets and also following the same rules on dress code.

The last thing on our agenda was clothing worn in the show ring and shoes. The committee suggested that all fair books have in their rules that the white shirt needs to be long enough to be tucked in and no bear backs or midriffs can be showing at anytime in the show ring.

On shoes:

No open toe shoes or open back shoes can be worn on the fair grounds at any time when the 4-H member is working with his or her animals. Work shoes or sneakers must be worn at all times.

Meeting closed at 8:45

Minutes Submitted By

Jolee Chase