

**State 4-H Horse Advisory Council
Annual Meeting
February 23, 2008
Belknap County Office, Laconia, NH**

Meeting called to order by Marilyn McBride @ 9:38 am

Minutes from 11/2007 meeting were accepted

Announcements:

- The Ad Packet for the State Horse Show Book is available and is on the web.
- Quiz & Hippology Forms should be on line beginning the week of 2/25/08.

Dates: Trent advised that the state is trying to coordinate dates with all animal clubs to try to alleviate date conflicts.

- Horse Events 2008:
 - 3/16 New England Coaches are meeting in Keene – All coaches are invited
 - 4/5 Hippology & Judging @ Belmont Middle School
 - 5/31 State Activities Day
 - 6/5 State Horse Advisory Meeting @ Belknap County Extension Office – Laconia
 - 7/18,19,20 State Horse Show – Deerfield Fairgrounds
 - 8/2 Mandatory ESE Meeting @ Judy Forsyth's
 - 9/11-28 Eastern States Exposition (ESE) (4-H show 9/17-21)
 - 10/19 or 26 New England Horse Bowl
 - TBD Orientation Meeting for Nationals
 - 11/6-9 National Horse Round Up
 - 11/5 State Horse Advisory Meeting @ Belknap County Extension Office – Laconia
- Horse Events 2009:
 - 2/28/09 State Horse Advisory Annual Meeting @ Belknap County Ext. Office – Laconia
 - TBD QUIZ Bowl
 - TBD Farm & Forest
 - 4/4/09 Hippology & Judging
 - TBD State Activities Day
 - 6/4/09 State Horse Advisory Meeting @ Belknap County Extension Office – Laconia
 - 7/17,18,19 State Horse Show

- o 9/10-27 ESE
- o 11/4/09 State Horse Advisory Meeting @ Belknap County Extension Office – Laconia

State Horse Show

Maryann advised the group that shortly after the 2007 show she meet with Steve Judd to discuss the computer program used for scoring and reports. They found that the program was working as it should be.

- There must be someone in the show office that has Access experience to run the program and reports.
- The show office need 2-3 dedicated people to enter scores.
- Each county will receive a copy of their days tally at the end of each day to verify points
Friday night's points will go out on Saturday morning, Saturday points will go out Saturday night, and Sunday morning's points will be handed out after the last class. Each county has ½-hour time limit in which to review, verify, and contest the scores.

Sue Ebner will bring a back up laptop and will check with Maryann prior to State Show for compatibility.

RECOMMENDATION was made that it is the responsibility of each Head Chaperone make copies of the point system from the rulebook and distribute to their counties, so that everyone has the same information. **APPROVED** see section 4.16.6 of the NH Rules and Regs.

Stable Management Judging – has been moved to the November 2009 Agenda

Saturday Night Games – Hands on/Hands Off. **RECOMMENDATION:** To form a sub committee to oversee games. Some suggestions were Pictionary, Horseless Horse Show, and Mock Quiz Bowl. **APPROVED.** Committee members are Lucy Thompson, Mary Sandholm, Molly Hanlon, Kat Sandholm. If anyone else would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact Maryann.

Gymkhana fun games – Parental Permission will be added to the State Horse Show Entry Form in the event that time allows the fun games to be held. **RECOMMENDATION:** At the County Level, prior to the State Show, each rider must be preapproved and sign up is **Mandatory** with the County Chaperone. Each county chaperone is to be responsible for supplying this list to the horse show office. **APPROVED**

Opening Ceremonies - Announcements are made as to when the ceremony is to start. In order for the opening ceremonies to start on time, the Counties need to be there on time. Extra walkie-talkies will be distributed to those counties that are unable to hear the announcements.

Finish Tests – Each exhibitor needs to be responsible for completing the test prior to handing the test in. An announcement will be made to remind each contestant to review their test to be sure that they have completed it.

Lunch Break - Lunch Break is 30-45 mins unless there are unforeseen circumstances.

Holds on Classes – Holds on classes are not done (or needed) unless there is an equipment failure.

Practice Ring – Warm up is limited to 15 mins maximum. **RECOMMENDATION:** In the event that the class in the main ring exceeds the 15 mins warm up time, those riders that are warming up, will remain in the warm up ring – at a walk – until the main ring opens. Only when that class has moved to the main ring will the next class be allowed to enter the warm up ring. **APPROVED.**

Lunging - Helmets are to be worn. No adults are allowed to lunge a horse. Each county needs to have an adult/chaperone present when a horse from their county is out being lunged. **RECOMMENDATION** to Amend the State Show rules and regulations #27 – 6 to include lunging. **APPROVED.**

Streamline Show - Move some classes to Saturday Night and eliminate the games. Due to time constraints the classes will not be moved. Checking Scores during the course of the weekend should help to expedite the end of day ceremonies. **RECOMMENDATION** – Include the ESE Entry Form in the STATE Horse Show packet and have each contestant complete the form when completing his or her State Show Entry Form. ESE Stable Management contestants need to complete these forms as well. There will be no exceptions. **APPROVED**

Photographer – Who is he? John Hubner EchoHillPhoto@gmail.com 603-591-0284
<http://www.echohillphoto.smugmug.com/>

Proposals for Accepting Trophies –

RECOMMENDATION: All new awards/trophies and or changes in sponsorship of existing award/trophies must undergo a proposal process and approval by the New Hampshire 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. All proposals must be submitted in writing to the New Hampshire 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Chairperson, 30 days prior to the *February* Annual Meeting.

Proposals are too include:

1. Name of individual, group or organization submitting proposal.
2. Name of the individual, group or organization that will be sponsoring the trophy
3. The type of trophy (Perpetual, Annual) being presented.
4. Statement as to **how** this new award/trophy recognition will contribute to positive youth development.
5. Detailed information on eligibility requirements.
6. Suggested script to be read when the trophy is presented.

The New Hampshire 4-H Horse Advisory Committee will review all proposals to determine if they meet the 4-H mission. 4-H does not endorse any particular product, breed, or brand. **APPROVED** with the amendment to include FEBRUARY.

The QH Trophy from 2007 will not be presented in 2008. 4-H does not endorse any particular product, breed, or brand. However, if a breed association sponsorships will be gladly accepted.

New Hampshire Horse and Trail has made a \$50 donation to each county - in lieu of the \$500 donation that they had made in the past to the 4-H Foundation. This \$500 was always designated to purchase State Jackets for ESE Horse delegates. A suggestion was made to request that each county make a donation to the 4-H Foundation and specify ESE Horse Jackets.

Whole Points vs ½ Points – An adjustment was made to the computer program to now recognize ½ points.

Driving Delegates - **PROPOSAL** - Driving Scoring for ESE – Drivers will be scored as they have in the past and will earn slots for ESE based on their ranking in the top 20 within total scores of all other ESE qualified exhibitors. For example, if a driver was ranked 5th and another one 12th in overall score, there would be 2 drivers and only 18 riders going to ESE. **ACCEPTED as written.**

Drivers – **PROPOSAL** - Drivers will not have a separate Fit and Show class, but will be placed in the class determined by the attire they wear (ie if a junior in western attire will be placed in Jr Western, if a senior in hunt attire will be placed in Sr Hunt Seat Fit & Show.) We have done this in Cheshire since driving was first established; it causes no problems, and will allow for a slightly shorter show as separate class announcements and awards will be eliminated. **NOT ACCEPTED.** Drivers will be kept separate and not be incorporated into a riding division.

Test – the test should be prepared well in advance and the test and answers should be proofed by at least one person familiar with horses who did not write it. This should help identify the majority of questions that can be misinterpreted as well as answers that might be questionable or too narrow, allowing for a more accurate score sheet for all to work from.

Trent invites any adult that wishes to proofread and/or take the test - by June – to contact him.

Scorers will need to be there at the beginning of the scoring. Late scorekeepers will not be allowed. Scorers will also double check tie breakers and score tally.

Add the Harness Driving Manual as a source for the test. PROPOSAL – NOT ACCEPTED. Decision was made to continue to use the Colorado Book as the single source for the State Test at this time. This will be tabled until the November 2008 meeting. A suggestion was made that everyone review it with an emphasis on Drivers to provide their input. <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/em4881/em4881.pdf>

COMMUNICATION

No recommendations for Hippology or Communications.

QUIZ BOWL

- While this is not the year to review this event, we have previously agreed to make adjustments to the sources for the contest even in years when the event is not being reviewed. This proposal actually has been approved in the past but the change in the contest rules was not made. We propose that our Harness Driving Manual be a source for Quiz Bowl (and State Show and Hippology). Especially now that Driving is being added to ESE, we want to acknowledge the integration of that discipline into our program by including some basic knowledge from that discipline into the knowledge expectations of our state knowledge events. **NOT ACCEPTED**
 - The Harness Driving Manual is being tabled until the November 2008 meeting
- In the packet, strengthen the language that indicates that alternates that may be picked up for participation in the state contest will be assigned teams by the state office and or contest superintendent and there is no expectation that alternates will be placed with others from their county. Note: while the approved process for picking up alternates is random, the lack of entries has allowed any alternate registered to play. Some of these alternates are refusing

to be placed on teams other than with others from their county. As alternates, they must be willing to play on any team as assigned. **NOT ACCEPTED**

- o Coaches should be advising the contestants that they might not be assigned to a team from the same county. This is a great way for 4-H youth to meet others from different counties.
- There was a question about scoring the **first five tiebreaker questions**. These questions were scored with 1 point if correct and no deduction if incorrect. Existing rule:
 4. TIES - In the event of a tie after the designated number of questions, five (5) additional regular questions will be asked. If a tie still exists after the overtime, the first team to win a point (or because of a loss of a point by the other team, has a one-point advantage) will be declared the winner. These additional questions will not be counted for individual point totals. Clarification: Proposed changes are in **bold**

Ties-In the event of a tie after the designated number of questions, five (5) additional **toss-up** questions will be asked. **They will be scored as all other toss-up questions, with 1 point awarded if the answer is correct, and 1 point deducted if incorrect. If a tie still exists after the first five questions, additional toss-up questions will be asked, until one team gains an advantage, either by gaining a point by answering a question correctly, or by losing a point by answering incorrectly.** These additional questions will not be counted for individual point totals. **ACCEPTED as written.**

NEW ENGLAND RULE BOOK

Recommendation – Adopt, Effective 4.1.08, the New England Rule book as written with a NH Addendum, which would include pages from the NH Rule Book. Pages 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.6, 1.7, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

Page 44 from the New England Rule Book will be readdressed at the November 2008 meeting as it was missing from the copies at this meeting.

Accepted

<http://extension.unh.edu/4-H/Docs/4-HProgs/NErules1>

<http://extension.unh.edu/4-H/Docs/4-HProgs/NErules2.pdf>

- The cover design contest was won by Amy Reed – Carroll County.

- Volunteers for Hippology and Judging have been noted – Maryann has the sign up sheets.
- Maryann will distribute, to county educators, the charts of how NH Youth perform on tests in comparison to other New England states.
- The Big E has a website that has a Horse Info Study Guide @ http://www.thebige.com/agriculture/4-H/ag_4-Hpackets.html scroll down to 4-H Horse Packet.

Items that have been tabled for the November 2008 Meeting:

- Replacement horses for ESE.
- Page 44 of New England Book
- [Harness Driving Manual - WA State University](#)

Items that have been tabled for November **2009** Meeting:

- Stable Management Judging

Next Meeting Thursday 6/5/08 at – Belknap County Extension Office – Laconia

Minutes submitted by: Sue Ebner