

**NH 4-H Horse Committee**  
**November 10 2010**



Meeting called to order via teleconference at 7:03 P.M.

**Minutes:** Pat Stockwell had a question about the 2011 State Show in that minutes of the summer meeting do not show financial comparisons between the proposed venues of Deerfield, Cheshire, Lancaster, and Hillsborough. Maryann listed the itemized expenses (a handout was given out at the June meeting and should have been available at each county office). Lancaster had the lowest cost, and it was voted in June to use that location for 2 years, then 2 years at Cheshire. Minutes approved as sent out.

**Review of 2010 events:**

**Bowl/Judging/Hippology:** Karen from Cheshire asked whether members at state can do both Hippology and Judging. Maryann—No for Seniors, because both are all-day programs; Juniors could possibly do both if they are back for Hippology in time. A request was made by Sue from Cheshire to so specify in contest materials.

Pauline questioned that the two rooms appeared to be following different times; apparently this was an error, and will be checked for 2011.

Sue/Cheshire noted that for Judging, buses are almost unnecessary to go back to the school; some kids were cold and went back by car, with only about 6 on the bus because not many had entered Sr. Judging. It was suggested that this be further discussed in February, but expenses could be cut if bus was dispensed with. Pat noted that some years there wouldn't have been enough cars: this year, everyone went to the barn first, then took the bus to the school. One did get lost, gave up and went home—so kids who drive themselves are at something of a disadvantage. At least starting at the barn saves time and saves bus one way. Again, this topic to be discussed at the Feb. meeting.

Sue/Cheshire: Was more help needed for Hippology, as it appeared? Maryann—One piece of equipment broke down, and the school graciously lent theirs. Also, Hippology was spread out this year, thus a little awkward to manage.

**State Show:** This (2010) was the last year at Deerfield.

Pat Stockwell: Kids felt it was unfair that the Fit & Show pattern was not posted; kids didn't know where/how to pose before judge (side or front). Maryann did not know the pattern was not posted. Judge told kids at ES it would be posted. Our rule book does not have an actual pattern. The judge should have provided a pattern to post; however, she did not give us one, so it could not be posted. Pat suggested we always post a pattern in future. Judge at State said she had not received payment; Maryann will check with the business office.

Question was raised about when helmets are required (other than the obvious riding)—Perhaps for longeing? To be discussed and decided at Feb. meeting.

Question about stripping stalls: OK for adults to help as soon as classes are finished. Horses can go home as soon as they are done, but kids have to stay until awards are done.

Steve: There was a problem at the practice/warm-up area, where stable managers were trying to go in, lean over fence, etc., to help riders. May not have been consistent handling of this situation. Lancaster will have considerably different arrangements.

Question re. braiding: it was felt that some (especially seniors) may have been penalized for not braiding. Maryann pointed out that the overall appearance of the mane is scored, no automatic 5 points for braiding (or not).

Steward's name was posted this year. There was a question someone felt was not answered about helmet use—Maryann felt that some who didn't know the steward may simply not have found her. Apparently the stewards could not be there first thing Saturday, but had notified Maryann about her conflict.

**Quiz Bowl:** For 2011, will be at Belmont Middle School on Jan. 29. Names of volunteers taken by Maryann, but more are needed—check with your county and contact Maryann.

**Judging/Hippology:** April 2; location TBA. Please check with your county—Merrimack has done it 3 times; Rockingham, Sullivan, Carroll have each done it. Whoever does it needs to arrange for horses, and a school. Contact Maryann if you are interested. Cheshire (with Sullivan) is a possibility. It was noted that waiting until January to decide is cutting it close!

Calendar of 2011 events should have been e-mailed to counties.

Returning to 2010 events, State Show, it was noted by Karen/Cheshire that at Eastern States no headers were called in for driving. Also, at ES Quiz, there were no hard copies, test was projected on a wall? Noted that they plan to return to paper copies (apparently someone thought the other method would help kids with disabilities!) ES will allow minis (other than those already part of the driving division) to be shown in hand, with obstacle course (trail?) and jumping as possible classes. This would also need to be added to State Show.

There was some discussion about ES driving—noted that the original idea was to hold it for 3 years to see how interest developed. It has not peaked yet, but states have indicated that drivers are coming up through the program, so more time is needed. It has been good PR, spectators have come to the barns to see driving animals. (It was noted that minis would **not** replace driving; it would be an additional division.

**Proposed State Show Judges:**

Roger Parulski, Bath, N.Y.

Alex Peak, Mass.

Mary Fay (did State 2-3 years ago)

Jessica Dolan (did 3? years ago)

Rainey Day, R.I.

Cher Griffin (works with many kids, however)

Contact Maryann if you have other possibilities

F&S judges:

Katie Mitchell

Danielle Grant

Kim Schlemmer Hatch

**State Show 2011:** July 15-17, Lancaster. Suggested that someone or a group visit the grounds to check logistics. Sat., Nov. 27. Or Sun., Nov 28, was proposed. We will need grounds maps, list of local vets, EMT, farrier, etc. Hotel(s) and campgrounds close to fairgrounds.

**Proposals and budget items for Feb. meeting**—State Show will take considerable discussion with the new location.

Deb/Sullivan noted that State Show scoring was heavy on Quiz, Judging, and F&S, then Equitation, and last performance in scoring weighting. Thus she felt that if kids were not good “test takers” they “lose out” while a poor rider might qualify on just Quiz and Judging—so should the weighting of scores be changed? Answer was that current scoring gives each part (Q/J, F&S, riding/performance) a possible 100 points. Maryann suggested writing up a proposal on how scoring could be changed.

Budget and Fundraising is the category up for primary discussion/voting this year.

New England Judges School will be in Manchester, N.H., April 8-10, Center of N.H. and New Boston Youth Center.

Regional Contests – may move permanently to N.H.? Is there a farm easy for all to get to?

Pat – asked about last year’s annual workshop, when it was discussed about members of the adv. Council filling out a form – Maryann will send a volunteer form to everyone. She also emphasized that everyone, adult and youth, is welcome at meetings even if they have not filled out a form.

Also questioned about exchange of e-mail and phone info, with a box to check indicating approval to share this information. We need to proceed with this, especially given the new location of State Show. Possible solution is to send the list to each county office for access.

Calendar will be re-sent to counties.

ESE comment – Kids had laptops for studying. At the State buildings, WIFI apparently worked. It was suggested that a room could be set aside for computer use.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Watts Hettinger