NH 4-H Horse Advisory Council Minutes

26 February 2011

General meeting called to order at 9:40 A.M.

Wendy Brock was introduced to speak about Maryann’s upcoming retirement and how her position will be filled (and when). Some federal funds are no longer available and state funds (line item) are not yet known so budgeting the position, a key one, may take a while. Groups brainstormed on strengths, weaknesses, opportunity, and threats to the horse program. Everyone was assured that the position will be filled but there can’t be a commitment on date.

Motion by Cher to raise state foundation grant funds to support member(s) participation in American Youth Horse Council. Q: Is this a good time to make a proposal for such funding? A: This would be for 2012 anyway, would not be full funding and has excellent proven educational potential. Part of individual application would be to tell how member would share the information. Motion passed unanimously. Grant proposal must be done first then application process. Jo Gelinas volunteered to write grant proposal.

Motion to accept November meeting minutes. Revise title to “Advisory Council”. Also change “stripping stalls” to “break down stalls” at state show. Clarification that at ESE minis are added; has not been voted for NH state show yet. Passed as amended.

Announcements: Judging host Mt. Caesar school in Swanzey, two farms nearby: Goodell’s at Swanzey stable (four classes), road. Will be on website. Classes: Mini, QH, WB/TB, mini driving, hunter U/S or hunter pleasure. Registration at first barn. No Bus; parking is adequate.

Committee groups: state show Lancaster; Hippology/Communications, Budget.

Meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m. beginning with a slide presentation on Lancaster fairgrounds to show available facilities.

Spring horse events:

Hippology/Horse Judging at Cheshire April 2. Volunteer sheet was passed around.

Hippology and Communication - see committee notes

Budget – see attached committee notes. Proposed to raise fee to cover porta-potty and increased fee for janitor. Moved to raise to $8 for judging/Hippology entries effective 2012. Passed unanimously.

Budget comment – Used to be a $500 contribution from NHHTA which covered ESE jackets; NHHTA now gives $50 to each county, which this committee voted should be turned in to continue to be used for jackets. When counties send in this money, be sure it’s noted as “JACKETS” for horse program or it may end up in general horse fund (or general fund entirely!)
Noted that in most cases, kids might prefer sweatshirts but in any case, something to identify the team as such. Re the $50 per county from NHHTA: simply ask your county committee (leader group) to vote on sending it in for jackets.

Youth members decided on sweatshirts over jackets. Cher will bring samples to state show. Moved to change to sweatshirts. Passed.

Cher suggested setting up a Missionfish EBay account for donations to the 4-H Horse program. Wendy Brock noted that this would have to be checked for legality (use of 4-H emblem/name). Cher said Missionfish recommended her group get its own 501 status rather than try to go under group coverage.

Moved by Sue that ESE sweatshirts be funded by donations for jackets, with any overage in cost covered by individual members. Passed.

Proposal - 4-H Horse of the Year Contest for Peter Stone Model Horse. Already done in several states. Moved by Cher; seconded by Lisa Birt, to sanction this contest. Passed.

Bylaws – passed as written.

Proposals – Quiz from Rule Bok and Colorado (specific chapter to be designated). Passed. (Current online) amended to be for 2012, not 2011. Did not pass.

Main motion – Point system as circled in notes. Passed.

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12-H/under division for state and ESE (trail). ESE uses obstacle, jumper, discipline, and rail. (Cannot cross-enter driving) Discp. rail counts as equitation. Passed.

Election of officers

Chair Ramona Chessman

V Chair – Pauline Colby

Secretary – Rhonda Watts Hettinger.

Moved to cast one vote.

Next meeting Thursday, June 2, 7:00 at Belknap office.

State Show Committee
Two meetings have been held – one to review grounds, one at Sullivan County to discuss. Minutes of Sullivan meeting were read with comments.

Note: Extra snap for stall door security!

Water not as close as at Deerfield (one spigot for more stalls)

Extension cords ok but make sure they are good ones.

Stalls tend to be dark.

No jump fillers.

Campers may need electrical adapters for use with the camper plugs (and heavy-duty cords!)

Decorations may need rethinking as most are shed row, open to weather and horses.

Camping near barns possible (but loose horse could be dangerous).

Some did not like the grass ring; offers have been made to assist in changes.

Stall sizes vary; horse size may determine stall size.

Hotel special rates?

Shavings availability; feed stores nearby.

Cleaning stalls = cheaper registration.

Shows up the road.

Grounds more spread out; bikes?

Location of raffle.

Schedule changes?

Camper hook ups will be $25.

Announcer- Larry Wahl’s equipment to be set up as for the fair, so apparently we get a discount.

Stall cleaning - $500 if stalls are left for show to clean. Otherwise, kids need to clean down to dirt. If handiness is Saturday p.m. there will be more time to clean stalls at end. Consensus to pay $500.

Possibility of having two F&S judges, plus main judge. That way as soon as first F&S group is done, they can warm up and begin showing equitation with main judge while F&S continues.

Gymkhana may be a small group, so handiness would fit well. Saturday p.m. with audience.
Vendors – Rate was $50 from Deerfield, Vendors should be warned that many bring their own food but ice cream, drinks, etc., should do well.

Shavings (bales) to be sold (probably $4 bag, will check), if you don’t want to bring your own.

Vets will be on call, still checking. EMT volunteer available.

Security – gate to be kept closed at night. Suggestion that each county take a two hour shift.

Considerable discussion re grass footing. Get word back to club level that they may need to adjust for grass (less speed in handiness, etc.) Be prepared for traffic along the ring, next to road. Possibility of using pulling ring under cover for F&S if needed, due to rain.

Fans probably not needed except indoors since horses can have heads out.

Warm-up ring – may be “tape” unless someone brings panels. Draft ring is possible but further; may not be able to hear. Snow fence could be used.

Picnic tables for “auto building” as a relaxing area?

Proposal A – upping equitation and choice class total to 100 each.

Comments:

Instances of kids going to ESE on non-riding scores and are not capable of horsemanship at ESE level. Instances of kids with all blues/purples in riding not making it to ESE.

Quiz, Bowl and Judging already have “their” venues leading to nationals. Riders only go as far as ESE so it should be horsemanship competence earning the trip to ESE.

Comment that if (as far back as count!) a kid qualifies but is not horsemanship-ready, they should be told so up front.


Noted that a given year’s level of competition, as well as a given judge’s opinion can make the qualifying score “cut” vary considerably.

Proposal: Make the quiz show related (Sue Ebner seconded). To some from New England Rule Book and Colorado Book-show related material plus general knowledge related to care/handling of a show horse. Amend. Relevant sections of Colorado would be given as the sources ahead of time; sections of rule book would be designated each year. Passed in committee.
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Total 500 VOTED

Notes:

Hippology/Communication 2012

Age 8↑ Novice (8-11)

Materials – Mary Davis – Donation-based

@UNH this year? Jeremiah

2012

Communication 2012

UNH MUB

Quiz Bowl

Novice

Timing – 5 seconds to start questions

Protest
Attendees List:

Karen Abbott                Jeremy Kelleher
Larry Barker                Julie Lane
Alyssa Birt                 Clara Lane
Jeremiah Bixby              Susan Lawson-Kelleher
Wendy Brock                 Anna Lee
Jean Carter                 Maureen McLaughlin
Jolee Chase                 Steve Moore
Ramona Chessman             Danielle Morano
Pauline Colby               Conrad Moses
Holly Cook                  Patti Page
Tami Donohoe                Kristin Paquette
Tee DuBois                  Anne Paquin
Mike DuBois                 Mary Sandholm
Sue Ebner                   Pat & Heather Stockwell
Judy Forsyth                Gail Straw
Andrea Galliher             Sarah Vogel
Jo Gelinas                  Rhonda Watts-Hettinger
Peggy Sue Greenwood         Deb Wesoja
Cher Griffin                Maegan Williams
Susan Henley                Samantha Youngman Wasp
Kathy Jablonski
VOLUNTEERS

New Hampshire 4 H Horse Judging Contest 2011

SUPERINTENDENT:

JUDGES: Meagan Williams, Judy Forsyth, Jeremy Kelleher, Rhonda Watts

ANNOUNCER/TIMER: Cher Griffin

RINGMASTER: Cher Griffin

GROUP LEADERS: Peggy Sue Greenwood, Pat Stockwell, Maureen McLaughlin, Gail Straw

SCORERS: Jean Carter, Jolee Chase, Sarah Vogel

REASONS ROOM

MONITOR: Sue Kelleher
Volunteers

New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest 2011

Superintendents:  Mary Davis/Maryann Kasprzak
Registration:  Tammi Donahue
Effort Problem - Junior  Julie Lane
Effort Problem - Senior  Pat Stockwell, Dawn Maurier
Cher Griffin, Danielle Morano
Quiz Scorers - Junior  Peggy Sue Greenwood, Maureen McLaughlin, Sarah Vogel
Timer: Maggie Vogel
Contest Assistant:  Cheshire Assistant
Junior Contest?