

Horse Advisory Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Ramona Chessman.

Lauren gave overview of the day and method of note-taking for each sub-committee. This year sub-committees will be state show, quiz bowl, judging.

Meeting broke into sub-committees for morning.

General meeting reconvened at 1:15 pm.

Larry Barker spoke about Extension positions lost (22) with budget cuts. "*Extension Educators*" are now "*Extension Field Specialists*", "not necessarily working within a county boundaries. New plan goes into effect April 1st".

Minutes from February 2011 meeting – moved by Sue, seconded by Juan, passed as printed.

Reports from Sub-Committee break-out meeting:

Judging – (see attached report).

Novice judging competition:

10-11 year olds included.

Hippology -- separate group?

Quiz Bowl – at Farm & Forest

Judging – include with county

(see notes for details)

Moved by _____, seconded
_____ the state office will have to make
ruling. Will be non-competitive, Danish.
Committee volunteered to write up
activity specifications. Motion passed.

Quiz Bowl – (see attached)

Mostly suggestions & clarifications.

Change to bowl format double elimination brackets – moved/seconded. Accepted.

All other changes –

*Point of order that a youth may vote in place of another youth and an adult may vote in place of another adult, but an adult may not take an absent youth's vote. To be addressed for clarification in by-laws.

Moved to accept all quiz bowl changes including the 2 items needing discussion (Dover Saddlery/Smith catalogues included as sources since they are National sources). Passed.

State Show – (see attached)

State Volunteer opportunities – new sign-ups handed out to help with getting new people.

Spring events:

Judging – April 14 – all kids must use bus. Be there by 8:30am. Cars will be limited as well. Juniors can do both Hippology and Judging (enter separately); Seniors can do only one. Placings/cuts will be announced after the class for non-reasons classes.

Stone Horse essays information handed out.

Discussion regarding Gymkana – only 1-2 entries last few years. Be sure to talk it up in all counties.

June Meeting – Tuesday June 5th. Depends on agenda whether it could be conference call/video conference/in person. 7-9pm. Location tbd.

Meeting adjourned 3:31pm

Respectfully submitted:
Rhonda C. Watts Hettinger

Attendees List

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Connie Melanson	Belknap		Barbara Annis	Merrimack
Tannar Cote-Melanson	Belknap		Dawn Marier	Merrimack
Maureen McLaughlin	Belknap		Anne Paquin	Merrimack
Tami Donohoe	Belknap		Marcia Evans	Merrimack
Judy Forsyth	Belknap		Pauline Colby	Merrimack
Gail Straw	Carroll		Andrea Galliher	Merrimack
Shanoa Straw	Carroll		Pattie Page	Merrimack
Susan Lawson-Kelleher	Cheshire		Taryn Galliher	Merrimack
Rebecca Barnes	Cheshire		Rachel Howell	Merrimack
Jean Carter	Cheshire		Steve Moore	Rockingham
Lizzie Morris	Cheshire		Kat Sandholm	Rockingham
Karen Nass	Cheshire		Conrad Mosos	Rockingham
Teresa Berry	Coos		Deb Wesoja	Sullivan
Ramona Chessman	Coos		Jeff Robbins	Sullivan
Larry Barker	Coos		Pat Stockwell	Sullivan
Mary Daniels	Grafton		Kristen Wesoja	Sullivan
Rebecca Borger	Grafton		Erin St. Laurent	Sullivan
Kristen Buckley	Grafton			
Jennifer Daniels	Grafton			
Jo Gelinas	Hillsborough			
Rhonda Watts Hettinger	Hillsborough			

SUB-COMMITTEE: JUDGING / HIPPOLOGY / QUIZ BOWL

Changing Age of Contestants

2 year test for pilot for kids ages 10-11 for judging, hippology, & quiz bowl. To make an easy transition, the discussion was to make as participatory and non-competitive as possible. So in judging – 10-11 year olds will join non-reasons. Hippology will do junior activities (still not contending for state team) and quiz bowl to add a novice division with 3 rounds then recognizing top 10 participants with ribbons.

All 10-11 year olds will receive some form of recognition whether it be a ribbon or candy.
Three people were designated to write a proposal for each activity to present to the state as an advisory of action.

Quiz Bowl Committee – Andrea Galliher Hippology Committee – Dawn Marier Judging Committee – Anne Paquin

Submitted by Taryn Galliher

SUB-COMMITTEE: QUIZ BOWL

Packets are being edited and combined into one document. Suggested edits were provided. Changes to be voted upon:

Clarification of rules regarding One on One play and time limits.

Addition of 2 bonus questions per round to the twenty toss up questions (in addition to).

Establishing rules for 5 seconds upon which answer must be started.

Clarification that no points are lost for incorrect answers to bonus questions and that a bonus question may be attached to the next toss up question once, if no one buzzed in to original toss up with bonus.

Allowing for a question to be repeated if judge or moderator felt it was not read clearly.

Team bonuses can also be earned during one on one play.

Both coaches and all scorekeepers are asked to verify score before match winner announced.

Allowing for team captain to indicate a designee for providing evidence in a protest.

Establishing that answers from all available sources should be included in submitted questions.

Extra space for the contest is filled by random draw of counties from alternate teams and individuals entered on entries submitted by the counties by deadline.

Clarification of ineligibility regarding college level courses to match national rules.

Clarification of the senior sources to match national sources with the addition of the NH Horse Project Manual and the Harness Driving Manual for both divisions. Junior sources will also include, besides the two NH manuals, Equine Science by Griffiths, and Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms.

Submitted by Sue Lawson-Kelleher

SUB-COMMITTEE: STATE SHOW:

Lauren moderated – reminder that we will not focus on complaints – to concentrate on solutions.

1) Communication

- a) PA – since camping will be more spread out this year this will be more difficult. PA discussion re: campground tabled until camping section discussed.
- b) Deadzones – small barn, campground, end of long shed. Barn areas seem to be most important (Fair itself uses a different system)
- c) FM broadcaster could be hooked into the system, anyone who wants to can tune into it; apparently reasonable cost, good back-up to actual loudspeakers. Another set of speakers at “Tall Barn” is a possibility. Larry will research an FM option.

Motion made, seconded and passed

2) Rings – (a/b) must make plan early. Most liked warm-up ring feeding straight to show ring. Pros/cons of the different rings were read off (draft ring, grandstand ring, roped warm-up ring)

Draft ring: pro – big and level, good for vehicles; con – far from barns, no shade, warm-up “rocky”?

Show ring: pro – closer to stalls, better for spectators, bathrooms close; con – traffic on road. Group recommends use of show ring

(c) warm-up would have to be at slight distance (can't be right at end of infield due to potential wet area); would not feed directly into ring, would need to “convoy” entries into ring (cones, etc, as for Deerfield). Show ring smaller but fine for basic hunter course. In/Out gates could be reversed – enter from infield end, exit past grandstand; traffic past stalls there, could ask riders to dismount before leaving via grandstand gate.

(d) Riding from barn to ring – last year had to walk (on foot). Recommend allowing kids to ride to ring, mounting area(s) (not too close to barn) designated. Ride at walk only outside of rings. We can always change the procedure if there is a problem. Mount in track, ride on infield near track. There would need to be certain times vehicles would need to be allowed down the road.

(e) Ring for F&S – covered pulling ring more comfortable but was rough and equipment was in ring. Kids stood around last year – were called up too early. Larry will check to see if ring can be dragged to smooth out. Noted that whole ring isn't needed and the smoother section could be the area used.

Motion made, seconded and passed.

3) Stalls. Stable by county vs. stable by horse size. Also could be some combination – like-sized horses of a given county together. Some trailers for feed and possibly tack could be used to cut use of large stalls for supplies. At small barn end, large stalls would be used for horses and small barn stalls used for tack/feed. Splitting counties would be hard for stable managers, and would negate county spirit. Work days could be arranged for volunteer work on stalls, July 7 or earlier. If earlier will be “generic”

work since counties won't know assignments. Be aware that since other shows/events are held there, you may still need hardware and/or repairs when you arrive for state show. Coos will set work day, as available, or as someone is available to open the grounds. Deadline will be earlier - July 1. For counties with late shows, they should send in horse sizes of all selected delegates or if not available, eligible qualified members by deadline, July 1. Stalls will be by county.

Motion made, seconded and passed

- 4) Other facilities –
 - a) Signs to be done during set-up by county volunteers-each county asked to designate someone to help during arrival times
 - b) County hospitality (tent, EZ Up tents but no campers) for shade, water, etc will be allowed in barn/infield area to be designated along track.
 - c) Secretary/staff visibility – main office under grandstands and out of sight can be used for computer/data entry tasks. Announcers booth next to ring but small. Put up tent next to announcers booth for direct questions, etc. - steward, show committee rep.
 - d) Raffle location – needs to be lockable. Last year's location will be further from ring, but may remain the best spot. Ad Hoc committee asked to research and make recommendation.
 - e) Shavings pick-up – same setup as last year
 - f) Ring equipment – better access as stored near show ring.

Motion made, seconded and passed

- 5) Campsites:
 - a) Because of ring change will be closer this year. Designated trailers, etc will be near stalls. Campers can spread out in camping area but be aware, not all have hook-ups. Note – slide-out campers may not encroach on another's space. Indicate total required space on sign-up; may be required to pay for 2 spaces.
 - b) Driving areas? Need to "sign" or landmark areas where vehicles (bikes, golf carts, etc) can not go. Infield center road ok for vehicles; from there to barns closed to all vehicles, bikes, etc except at designated times for vehicle delivery. Road behind and parallel to barns generally open to vehicles.

Motion made, seconded and passed

- 6) Trash/Restrooms:
 - Dumpster will be closer to camping; will be emptied. Bring your own extra trash barrels, empty it yourself (there are fair trash barrels, but didn't get put away last year when pulled out). Could consider volunteer position to accept and return trash can deposits. Larry was asked to find out price for using Fair barrels and have them emptied.
 - Rest Room supplies – Deerfield had paid janitor who supplied rest rooms. Check to see if we need to pay more for supplies. Could each county kick in \$10 each for rest room supplies? Establish a grounds/facilities volunteer who will check and replenish supplies as needed, or else a sub-contractor. Larry will check to see if we

can subcontract for some of the fairgrounds manager time and have that person work closely with our volunteer.

Motion made, seconded and passed

7) On-site Rep:

- a) Sub-contractor? (Fairgrounds representative)
- b) EMT – check on possibilities for this year & qualifications

Motion made, seconded and passed

8) Awards (effective 2012):

- a) Long term awards (trophies) – what needs replacing/retiring?
- b) What should be recognized – top overall, Jr/Sr Ex, Jr/Sr Ex Quiz, Jr/Sr Ex Judging, Jr/Sr St M, Jr/Sr St M quiz, Jr/Sr St M judging
- c) Peacemaker trophy to highest county average. Future needs to be procedure for sponsoring an award.

Motion made, seconded. Amended – no new trophies until criteria established or reviewed.

Amendment passed Motion passed as amended.

9) Electrical – Fair is to check and verify that all is up to code.

10) Quiz

- a) Part sourced on rule book, part on “horse science” from Colorado or designated source. Majority preferred combination – 80/20 knowledge/rules.
 - Sources: Colorado, dictionary, driving (?). Majority preferred just Colorado.
 - Rules section: NE rule book, designate which sections for the 3 years in advance.

Second vote – return to knowledge only; majority for just Colorado book. Change to take effect this year. Get word out via county reps, emails; will also go in state show packets.

- b) Quiz modification for disability, done through state office. Entry form needs to state “on file in state office” or “assistance needed”. If IEP needed for accommodations, parent must agree to provide the written accommodation section. (reading assistance needs no IEP permission.)

Motion made, seconded and passed

- ❖ Discussion – if another Jr/Sr source’s answer is given it should be accepted if source can be verified. Quiz writer, if possible, mark answers with this in mind. State office will have available a set of sources. Member should advocate for self (ie – not parent for them) and will be the one responsible for locating the verification of their answer. If answer accepted, note of this will be posted for others to have their score adjusted if necessary.

Motion made, seconded and passed

11) Schedule –

- a) Rotation – majority preferred no rotation, just follow a schedule from year to year. Riding classes could begin before end of F&S, if 2 separate judges do F&S another

does riding. Do all seniors then start senior riding as juniors start F&S.

- b) Hunter class – put trail after lunch break one day, hunter after lunch next day.
- c) Disabilities – mainstream whenever possible. If separate class needed would be to be scheduled ahead of time, delete class if not needed on the day. Include that class in packet so members know of its availability.

Motion made, seconded and passed

12) Volunteers –

- a) Book under revision. Currently core group must sign up for minimum 2 year, max 5 year. Needs to be specs so that once a term is “up” anyone (incl current person) may apply. Need not be taken off at end of 5 years, especially if there is no one else interested.
 - Ad hoc committee – Jolee and Lauren to discuss with Wendy– are they done as of now or continue through this year’s show? June meeting is the usual time for filling state show volunteer jobs.
- b) New positions suggested (possibly to put on volunteer list in June): Stall Manager, Bathroom/grounds coordinator; camping (possibly combine with parking & grounds).
- c) Ad hoc committee for 2012 / Cheshire will be established/appointed.
- d) More chaperone meetings. Preferably in Fri & Sat pm and as needed

Motion made, seconded and passed

13) Officials –

- a) Judge – Jennifer Sullivan
- b) Recommend 2 F&S judges
- c) Official to judge Fri pm judging class

- 14) Handiness – problem with ill-defined judging specs, poor or inappropriate music, difficulty of following entry’s pattern. Possible ideas: only use 2-3 patterns designated ahead of time; send in music/pattern with entry. If designated patterns are used, creativity comes in selection of music and costume. Preference for designated pattern(s) but split as to whether just one or two - preference for 2. Recommendation to implement change in 2013.

Motion made, seconded and passed