

New Hampshire 4-H State Horse Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2012 at
Merrimack County 4-H Office - Boscawen, New Hampshire

Attended: Kristen Wesoja, Deb Wesoja, Conrad Moses, Margaret Edmonds, Mary Daniels, Rebecca Barnes, Emily Blain, Lynn & Tom Blain, Lizzie Morris, Karen Nass, Pauline Colby, Lauren Bressett, Rhiannon Beauregard, Jolee Chase, Pat Stockwell, Peggy Sue Greenwood, Jean Carter, Andrea Galliher, Taryn Galliher, Barbara Annis, Mary Davis, Rebecca Dow, Rebecca Moulton, Kyle Edmonds, Michelle, Bersaw, Joseph Drake

Vice President Pauline Colby call meeting to order, 7:05pm.

Rhiannon Beauregard, the new state Program Coordinator, 4-H Animal and Agricultural Science gave a brief profile of her background. She's grew up in Cheshire County and has been in 4-H since she was very young. Her 4-H projects were Horse and Dairy; horses being her major project. Prior to taking this position she was a family therapist and equine assisted psychotherapist. She is a PATH International Certified Horseback Riding Instructor.

National Roundup:

New Hampshire was the 2012 Horse Bowl Champion Team

NH Team: Emily Blain, Kyle Edmonds, Leah Varney and Magdalena Kenter.

Individual Placement:

Leah Varney placed 3th

Emily Blain placed 8th

Communication Contest:

Team presentation contest:

Mekayla Lagerberg and Elizabeth Morris placed 10th.

Individual contest:

Sarah Cote placed 10th

Hippology Contest:

Overall Individual;

Clara Lane placed 9th.

Individual Station Phase;

Clara Lane placed 7th.

For complete 2012 national trip results go to;

http://extension.unh.edu/news/2012/11/new_hampshire_4-h_team_wins_fi.html

Eastern State Exhibition:

Kristen Wesoja placed 1st in the equitation division.

State Horse Events:

Horse Judging:

There weren't enough senior judging candidates to field a NH Judging Team for Kentucky.

Quiz Bowl:

This Quiz Bowl proposal youth Quiz bowl this year is Jan 19 at Belmont Middle School, same place as last year.

A list of Quiz Bowl positions to be filled was presented. There are some positions not filled. Please see list at end of minutes and if you can fill one of the need position, please contact Rhiannon Beauregard 862-2188, Rhiannon.beauregard@unh.edu.

Equine Challenge at Farm and Bureau – possible move it to quiz bowl. Table to February Meeting

Judging and Hippology:

These contests will be held either April 6 or 20; prefer the 6th as the 20th is late and may conflict with a horseshow. The actual date will be determine by the host county. Rockingham County was suggest as possible host county as they offer to do it last year. This request will be presented next week at there next the Rockingham Horse Leaders meeting. The host county would provide a school with class rooms for hippology stations and judging presentations, stables with horses for the contest, transportation (the ideal situation would be a short distance between the school and stables).

State Horseshow:

This coming year State Horse Show is July 19, 20, and 21, 2013 at the Cheshire Fair Grounds. The horseshow is the same weekend as Stratham Fair in Rockingham County.

Last year horseshow issues and challenges were discussed. They included; dress code needs to be better clarify, a suggestion to present proper dress code pictures used at teen conference. There were unauthorized persons in barn area. Counties need to be police their stable areas to be sure it is secure and safe for their delegates. There were some riders not as well prepare to ride safely at the state show. It's the responsibilities of counties to be sure their delegates are prepared for the State Horseshow. A State Horseshow 2012 evaluation was presented. It reveals some concerns that need to be improved upon.

Cheshire Fair grounds:

Pat Stockwell showed a slide show of Cheshire Fair grounds. A contract with the Cheshire Fair Association is in process. The show will be held in outdoor ring; the indoor arena is not available. Fit & Showmanship can be shown in under cover. All prices stayed the same as the first proposal except for campers. The rental ground is \$1,000 for 3 days; includes 2 outside rings, secretary's booth, permanent and portable stalls. There are 60 barn stalls, all about the same size, and 100 temporary stalls. The cost of the stalls will be \$20.00 a day. Camper fees are \$30.00 for a 20amp hookup; for a 30amp hookup will be \$8.00 more,

and for a 40amp hookup will be \$12.00 more. The camper location will require long hoses for connect up, at least 8 feet, and for electricity a long cord. To drag the ring it will be an extra \$150.00. Roger Ranger EMT service will cost \$50.00 a day if they can have a food booth, more if not use of the food booth. Shavings can be brought on ground, if enough interest. Dogs must be walked in the dog walking area and must clean up after your dog. There are dumping stations on ground, \$23.00 each dump. No gray water can be dumped on ground, there's a \$100.00 fine. There is to be no alcoholic beverages, this is agreed to in the contract.

The question of having logistic committee was brought up, and as to what would be their task? This decision was table until Feb. meeting. More on the Cheshire Fair Ground will be discuss at the Feb meeting

Judges: (A random list of judges was drafted.)

For Main Judge were Jennifer Smith, Cheryl Trafton, Jenny Wilson, Larry Thurber, Mary Drivel, John Trolley, and Kathy Desi. The board left it up to Rhiannon to choose the judge that is available and quality through reference and abilities. The cost of a Judge was set from \$200.00 to \$400.00 a day.

For Fit and Show judges were Emily Jenson, Rebecca Davis, LC Howie, Bethany DeWrett, Pam McTell, and Jessica Fifield.

If you have any recommendations email to Rhiannon at Rhiannon.beauregard@unh.edu.

Funding:

It was recommended there should be an annual financial report of the state horseshow. The only funding raised for the state 4-H horse program comes from the state horseshow ad book. With the economic situation today and the limitation of state 4-H foundation to continue to fund 4-H horse programs at the current level; we need to rethink on how to fund state 4-H horse program. It was recommended that at each of our next county meeting to discuss to discuss ideas and ways for fund raising to bring to the February meeting. The ad book has continued to decline each year, so we need to "Think outside of the box."

Rhiannon will look into grants. It was recommended a 4-H State Horse Program budget be generated.

Proposals: (Proposals need to be in to Rhiannon by December 1 for February meeting.)

Items that should be on the agenda to discuss in February are list below;

State Horseshow:

Change the equitation class points to meet the changes adopted. The riding class scores were to double in ribbon values. Presently it is scored Blue 90 to 100, Red 80, and White 70, a significantly different ratio than other classes..

National Round Up:

Address selection of a team if a contest is poorly attended.

Address minimum expectations for team practice, in the past some teams have only practiced 2 times before Kentucky.

Possible share a bus with Vermont that leave Thursday morning and return Tuesday. (A discussion at meeting that possible asking the teams to raise money for air travel expense)

Possibly combine the QB, Hippology and Judging contests into one event in 2014.

State Horse Events:

How to determine from a poorly attended state event that contestants are qualified. What is the acceptable practice and when do we not send a team.

Combine all spring horse events:

Meeting Adjourn 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted

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State Quiz Bowl Positions

Coordinator: Mary Davis (would like a person interested in learning to be next year coordinator to work with Mary)

Superintendents: Need to fill

Senior Division:

Registration: Maureen McLaughlin

Judges: Judy Forthsite, Rhonda Watts-Hettinger

Moderators: Taryn Galliher, Emily Blain

Scorekeepers: Conrad Moses (need another scorekeeper)

Junior Division:

Registration: Peggy Sue Greenwood

Judges: Rebecca Barnes (need another judge)

Moderators: Kyle Edmonds, Leah Varney

Scorekeepers: Unfilled

Runners: unfilled

Official Match Maker – using Double Elimination Brackets (Unfilled)

Official Scorers – Scorekeepers: Peggy Sue Greenwood, Karen Nass

Food Service: Victory Work 4-H Club from Merrimack County

Upcoming events:

State Horse Advisory Committee Annual Meeting: February date & time to be determine

American Youth Horse Council Symposium is April 12-14, 2013 in Hartford, Connecticut. It was pointed out Hartford is a day drive and there may be scholarships available. For more information go to <http://www.ayhc.com/index.htm>