Meeting called to order at 9:45 A.M.

November minutes moved and accepted as printed. (minutes will be available on website.)

Present:
Belknap County: Judy Forsyth, Maureen McLaughlin
Carroll County: Amanda Royce
Cheshire County: Jean Carter, Sue Lawson-Kelleher, Sarah Vogel, Rebecca Kennedy, Karen Nass, Andrea Chickering-Sawyer
Coos County: Ramona Chessman, Teresa Berry
Hillborough County: Danielle Morano, Elyse Morano, Margaret Edmonds, Cher Griffin, Jo Gelinas, Rhonda Watts-Hettinger
Merrimack County: Taryn Galliher, Andrea Galliher, Anne Paquin, Barbara Annis, Dawn Marier, Patti Page
Rockingham: Conrad Moses, Steve Moore,
Sullivan County: Jeff Robbins, Pat Stockwell, Kate Stockwell, Deb Wesoja
Strafford County: None present

Events, due dates for approval forms, etc. were mentioned as listed on agenda. Facebook pages related to 4-H animal science were mentioned. Please join/friend for this information (Rhiannon Beauregard, NH 4-H Animal Science Group).

Funding/Budgets for 4-H Horse Events handed out, as had been requested.

Quiz Bowl 2013 at Belmont, Jan. 19 –

1. Discussion of possibility of 2-member teams: Not permitted at Noation; only 3-4 member teams discussed in our rules. Cher: Can the single entries be added to existing 2- & 3- member teams, rather than splitting up the 2’s onto different teams? Made that if a “2” is the only group from a
country, they should not be split; if a county has a full team or 4 plus others, then the members over those 4 can be split up to fill teams; Two, 2-person teams can be joined as well to make a full team.

**Suggestion:** List possibilities of team formations with individuals, 2-3 person teams, and alternates, so everyone is aware of what can be done.

**Suggestion:** Allow “post entries” so a member can be added on the day if there is an incomplete team.

**Suggestion:** Encourage pre-event communication (phone calls!) to set up mixed teams before that morning.

**Suggestion:** Those participating in state contest must have previously participated in some type of county contest, training, or other quiz activity.

Moved: That 2 person teams must be assigned additional member(s) for a complete team. First priority is that all who come can play; second priority is to keep county teams of 4, 3, and 2 together. Quiz Bowl Superintendent, coaches, coordinator have authority to make decisions on the day of the contest. **[SEE RHIANNON’S SPECIFIC WORDING]** Kids who are potentially affected should at least be asked, not just assigned. Superintendent will make final decision. So voted.

Proposed to eliminate 4-H Horse Project book as a source (but it’s on-line and free, first available material for members). We had a curriculum committee which wrote up fact sheets (and selected Colorado/Wyoming books as the first resource).

Tabled for later since we can’t implement for 2013 anyways. Everyone look for potential sources already available, to avoid re-inventing a source. A curriculum committee will probably be re-started.

Fees for Quiz Contest, to cover costs: raise regular entry fee to $5.00; allow for post-entry of $8.00, members up to event capacity, provided the county coach is willing to sign approval.

Moved to raise pre-entry to $5.00/entry – so voted. Post-entry tabled.

**State Horse Show, Deerfield, July 19-21.**

Main Judge: Jennifer Sullivan

F & S: Jessie Fifield, Becky Barnes _____?_____.

Ad packet handed out.

Committee/Volunteers: Finalized at June meeting; contact Rhiannon to sign-up early (on-line sign-up?)

EMT apparently must be a Deerfield resident.

All other items (highlighted proposals) tabled until June.

Clarification on Equitation scores for State Show: there was a scoring error last year. Should be A=90, B=60, C=30. Blue placing 1st to 10th given points accordingly, if so designated.
Conrad moved to review State Show every year, starting 2014. So voted.

**Judging Contest:** Do we adopt the new Oral Reasons scoresheet adopted for NE contest? We have our own (easier), and National does not use any similar item for scoring. Consensus to keep our own, although could be formatted in same organizational style.

Contest at UNH, April 20.
New division: College and Young (18-25) 4-H Alumni, could also include those who have gone to Kentucky and can’t do regular contest again.
Horses are still needed (must have UNH required shots).
Sign-up sheet will be out at lunch for jobs.

**ESE:** Proposed to eliminate the 2-year limit for attendance. So moved, so voted. To take effect 2013.

Proposed to eliminate NH rule book, use ESE rule book. We have a number of classes/divisions ESE does not cover, as well as a few conflicts.

Housekeeping note, that the ESE Handiness patterns went into effect in 2013, for the Handiness class in N.H. (incl. state show). Up through NH State Show we allow English to enter (at ESE it is Western only). Noted that ESE has now only got ONE pattern, which means we only use that one (last Feb. we had voted on using choice of 2 patterns, which ESE then had.) Also noted that English horses can do turns on haunches (as opposed to spins).

ESE Chaperones – New people – should there be a selection process? Currently they are counters (usually including most counties); volunteers are asked for at delegates’ meeting after state show, and the current “regular” chaperones also attend the ESE meetings in addition to simply going to ESE. Talk to Judy if you are still interested! Rhiannon will also look up, and make available, the list of responsibilities – bearing in mind that ESE may change these, or the schedule.

NE Regional Contest. “B” teams will now be allowed. Good opportunity for A team alternates.

Age proposal (specifically for Quiz Bowl): State Policy Manual p. 6 lists required ages for “state” events. Possible way around this was proposed (i.e., novice event run by a county on same day & location) Dairy Quiz Bowl does a similar event. Compiled everyone’s reactions. Consensus was that Quiz Bowl would be the ideal place to re-start this inclusion of younger members. We can try other events once Quiz Bowl has gotten going. Merrimack offered to be the sponsor of the novice contest.

**Emergency Action Plan:** any proposals for any species or discipline, needs to be into Rhiannon by March 1.

**National Trips:** Bus vs. plane. Cher gave her experiences with both; she had also found source for flights at much less than has been spent in the past. No one will be refused, but each member will be asked to come up with $100 (but can be put up by county, horse council, or other fundraiser.)
Does poorly attended state event have bearing on whether contestant is qualified for national event? Consensus was that as long as contestant fulfills practice requirements, etc., s/he should be able to go to nationals with team, whatever the number of contestants at the qualifying competition.

Coaches (for all events’ state teams) should keep State Office apprised of practices, training, etc., from the beginning. Rhiannon does not plan to micromanage, but will provide oversight. There is a list of expectations for coaches of horse events. (handed out). Noted that youth should also be involved in setting team and training expectations.

Selection of coaches: Consensus to leave “as is.” Strongly suggested that coach should notify state office of their training/practice plan (long-term) as well as notice of each session – to members, parents, and State Office (which can step in if coach’s team training does not seem to be happening).

Combining of Quiz/Judging/Hippology: Consensus that it wouldn’t work!

June meeting – State Vet. Office to speak re. EIA.

Advisory Committee Officers:

Chair – (new) Cher Griffin
Co-Chair – (new) Becky Kennedy
Sec’y – Rhonda Watts-Hettinger

Slate of officers passed.

Hippology Contest: read through for any changes or proposals, with changes made on screen.

P-1 Eligibility (teams): Regarding teams of 3-4, suggested that we use same specs as already voted for Quiz Bowl.

Team selection: Top 4 as tentative team plus alternates vs. all 8 still “competing” with later selection. Especially with Hippology, they need time as a team to work on team problems, etc. Consensus to have the top 4 as the proposed team, second 4 as “B” team (and as alternates).

Entry fee to go to $8.00 for all.

Contest rules: items struck out, as printed.

Awards: Both Danish, and announced 1st – 8th placing, for both Jr. & Sr. Points have been changed.


Coaches: leave “as is”

Scoring: Moved to accept all proposals in this section as printed. They are mainly clarifications or typos. So voted.
All above changes will be incorporated into the 2013 Hippology forms to be posted and sent out.

June Meeting: June 4 (Tuesday). Location TBA, 7:00-9:00 PM

Ad book is not ready yet but sponsorships can be used (100% tax deductible). Possible reception for sponsors and 4-H alumni can be planned at State Show. We will stick with ad book for 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda C. Watts Hettinger

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