



## New Hampshire 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee Meeting

March 13, 2013 6:30 pm  
*(minutes in Italics)*

### I. Present:

- a. Jennie and David Allen (Strafford- Yankee Teamsters)
- b. Todd Courser
- c. Bob Pearson (Merrimack- Merrimack County Oxbows)
- d. Rhiannon Beauregard (NH 4-H Animal and Agricultural Science Education Coordinator)
- e. Jolee Chase (Hillsborough County 4-H Program Coordinator)
- f. Drew Conroy (UNH Thompson School Professor)

### II. Review of Working Steer Materials

- a. Introduction to Working Steer Project *A few minor changes have been made by Rhiannon and posted on the website.*
  - i. [http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001340\\_Rep1784.pdf](http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001340_Rep1784.pdf)
- b. New Hampshire 4-H Working Steer Program 2012 Eastern States Exposition Qualifying Shows *A few minor changes have been made by Rhiannon and posted on the website*
  - i. [http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001139\\_Rep2653.pdf](http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001139_Rep2653.pdf)
- c. New Hampshire 4-H Working Steer Program 2008 Eastern States Exposition Qualifying Shows
  - i. *Looked this over and it is an old document. Some information is still relevant, but it is replaced by the 2012 documents.*
- d. *Guidelines for 4-H Working Steer Show Judges- good document and still relevant. Will post on the website.*
- e. *2011 Minutes were reviewed and verified that all appropriate changes were put into effect for 2012. No additional changes were made according to 2011 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee Minutes.*

### III. Replacement Animal Policy

- a. What would we like it to say taking in special consideration for working steer?
  - i. *Jennie and David referenced the situation when one part of the pair was lost after May 1 and how it was handled.*
  - ii. *Kids are disadvantaged because they have to train a new pair either way. Discussion for risk of abuse seemed low.*
  - iii. *The working steer situation is different because it is a pair that has to be trained together, so replacing just one half of the team is not often an effective solution.*  
*Proposed Change: **NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Working Steer:** If a 4-H member loses one part of the team due to death, critical illness, or being deemed unsafe after the approval form deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> it needs to be verified by a County 4-H staff member.*  
*The member then has the choice to do one of the following: the member may replace the*

*unusable half of the team with one other animal or the member may submit a new Approval Form to their County staff with a new team.*

*If the member loses the whole team due to death, critical illness, or being deemed unsafe and it is verified by the County 4-H staff member, they may submit a new approval form with a new team to their County staff.*

*The 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee, the New Hampshire 4-H Animal and Agricultural Science Education Coordinator, the youth's County 4-H staff member, and a youth delegate will make the decision to approve the new team. All 4-H members are encouraged to list possible alternate teams on their approval forms prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*If the replacement team is trying to go to Eastern States Exposition, the replacement team needs to qualify by going to at least two qualifying shows. Scores of the past team will not be counted towards scores of the new team. The Working Steer Curriculum Committee, The New Hampshire 4-H Animal and Agricultural Science Education Coordinator, the youth's County 4-H staff member, and a youth delegate will approve the member's replacement team going to Eastern States Exposition.*

*If a 4-H member's animals are unable to be exhibited for any reason (illness, death, etc.) and they have other project animals listed on their approval form that are eligible, then there is never any substitution allowed. They may show the remaining animals on their approval form only.*

*iv. Committee should decide, it shouldn't be the decision of one person.*

*EDIT:*

***NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Working Steer:*** *If a 4-H member loses one part of the team or both animals in the team due to death, critical illness, or being deemed unsafe after the approval form deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> it needs to be verified by a County 4-H staff member and a new Approval Form needs to be submitted for the replacement animal/pair. The member has the choice to do one of the following: the member may replace the unusable half of the team with another animal or the member may choose a new team.*

*All replacement animals/teams must be approved by the 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee. All members are encouraged to list possible alternate teams on their approval forms prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*If a 4-H member's animals are unable to be exhibited for any reason (illness, death, etc.) and they have other project animals listed on their approval form that are eligible, then there is never any substitution allowed. They may show the remaining animals on their approval form only.*

- b. Could this apply to any other species/project?
  - i. *It was determined that since this is a team training situation, that it is a unique exception compared to other project areas.*

#### IV. Working Steer Project Manual

- a. Procedure for Ordering Working Steer Manual: \$5
  - i. In New Hampshire: Contact your County 4-H Office who should have copies on hand. If they need to re-order the copies, they can submit a Publication Order via emailing: [CE.Pubs@unh.edu](mailto:CE.Pubs@unh.edu). County says what they want, what account to charge them to, and where to send it.

- ii. If out of state they need to send a check and shipping information payable to UNH Cooperative Extension and mail to: UNH Cooperative Extension Publications Center, Nesmith Hall, 131 Main St., Durham, NH 03824.
- iii. 100 copies were printed last July
- iv. *Rhiannon emailed the publications department and will email Mackenzie to see if we have permission to convert it into a PDF and make it free online.*
- v. *The idea was presented to discuss the manual at club meetings and see what the youth would like to change about it. Prizes would be offered for each change that the youth make.*
- vi. *Drew really liked the idea of the youth having an active role in revising the manual*
- vii. *It has not been revised since it was created in 2000.*
- b. Should we consider revising it?
  - i. How can youth better be involved in feedback for what works in the manual?
  - ii. Is there anyone you know that would want to spearhead this revision?

#### V. Website

- a. Do you have any suggestions for resources that I should put on the Working Steer page?
  - i. *Drew's video on you tube. Drew said he would offer me the links to the video that is available online. Rural heritage owns the copyright to the entire video but there are some clips online.*

#### VI. New Hampshire 4-H Working Steer Show- July 14, 2013 NH 4-H Youth Center

- a. Contract Review- Looks good. *Clarified the buildings being able to be used.*
- b. Cost- *Cost is \$250, sharing with the Sheep Clinic (goat comes in on Saturday)*
- c. *Facilities Able to Be Used:*
  - i. *16 flush toilets (2 handicap accessible)*
  - ii. *Charlie Buck Barn (cement floor, can be used for Fit & Show and if it rains.*
  - iii. *Caldwell Building and PA System (2 tables and chairs)*
  - iv. *Stalls available adjacent to arena*
  - v. *Outdoor Horse/Show Ring*
  - vi. *Scale*
  - vii. *Pulling ring will be available for the pulling class.*
- d. Budget from Foundation- *Budget from Foundation is \$500 with \$110.50 input from clubs. We all felt like it was a good thing for the youth to have a financial input into their show and alternative funding options were available through County groups/foundations/councils.*
- e. Committee to run/plan show
  - i. *Rhiannon will create and accept entries and get them to Jennie before show.*
  - ii. *Jennie and Rhiannon will pick out ribbons and trophies for the show.*
- f. *Jolee will check on the weight being available. We will need to move the weight on our own. No equipment will be available to move the weight. Jolee will find out if they have 100 or 200 lb. weight and if they could be in the ring to be able to use.*
- g. What do we need to do for the show?
- h. *Teamsters wanted to do a third 4-H show.*
- i. *Campers are \$10 per night, tenting is free.*
- j. *Who is going to get the judge? \$100 per day, plus mileage. \$150 for the day, \$200 would cover it.*

#### VII. Cheshire Fair

- a. We would like to cut it down to a one day show, the day before the Open show so the youth have the opportunity to show in the Open Show as well.
- b. Classes they want: Fit and Show, Cart, Drag, and Best Trained
- c. Rhiannon sent Andrea and email verifying date and classes.

#### VIII. Stratham Fair

- a. Stratham Fair has had extra teams stay through Saturday and add on extra classes to keep the teams out there as long as possible. EDIT: Teams have stayed Thursday-Saturday (others just come for day on Friday)
- b. Jennie will email Rhiannon about the changes that was done in 2011/2012 for Thursday and Saturday. This will fill the ring and promote 4-H and the Working Steer program. Rhiannon will reach out to Joe Drake from Rockingham to ask for this.
- c. EDIT FROM JENNIE ALLEN:

#### IX. Eastern States Qualification

- a. Dropped from 10 to 8 two or three years ago.
- b. Agreed to stick to 8 members qualifying.
- c. We are going to have more competition this year.
- d. Last year, took the alternate and went down with 9. Do not want to set this as a precedence and the committee will make the decision.

#### X. Judges

- a. Drew Conroy availability- might be available for Cheshire, End of July EDIT: He did judge last year.
- b. EDIT: Discussed possible judges for ESE Qualifiers
- c. Todd and David will get judges EDIT: for the 3 ESE Qualifying Shows- Stratham, Cheshire, and the New Hampshire 4-H Working Steer Show.
- d. EDIT: David and Jennie will try and find past judge's list to review and update with the committee.
- e. EDIT: Possible Judges for Qualifying Show
  - i. Tracey Mingarelli
  - ii. Allyson Bronneberg
  - iii. Leah Wilson
  - iv. Marcia Clark
  - v. Others on the judges list for ESE qualifiers
- f. EDIT: Other young judges suggested to continue to use at local shows
  - i. Charles St. Jacques
  - ii. Josh Dawson
  - iii. Kristin Patten
  - iv. Dana Martin
  - v. Christopher Belanger
- g. Charlie St. Jean judge possibility?

#### XI. Superintendents

- a. New Hampshire 4-H Working Steer Show: Superintendent- Todd Courser
- b. Stratham Superintendent- Jennie Allen
- c. Cheshire Superintendent- Cindy Westover EDIT: Cindy only does paperwork and announcing- Todd agreed to take this over from David and Jennie
- d. EDIT: ESE Qualifier Paperwork from all three shows- Jennie Allen

#### XII. Eastern States Meeting- March 23, 1 pm – 3 pm, Fairchild Dairy Research Facility, UNH

- a. EDIT: Bob Pearson and Jennie and David Allen will attend, as well as Rhiannon Beauregard

*b. Todd Courser was requested to attend the meeting.*

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