

New Hampshire State Horseshow Committee  
Saturday November 26, 2011  
Merrimack County 4H Office – Boscawen New Hampshire

Meeting called to order 10:15

Attendance: Jolee Chase, Conrad Moses, Deb Wesoja, Pat Stockwell, Tami Donohoe, Taryn Galliher and Rachael Howell.

Communication

Discuss how to improve better communication between different committees and people involved.

Lancaster Show Grounds:

- Custodian should be available at all time for show ground problems that arise, such as the bathroom water leak.
- Look into how to improve sound system so it can be heard at barns/camping area.
- Last year sound system was Wahl to Wahl.
- Bathrooms/Shower: put up signs directing to them, stock bathrooms with supplies (lack toilet paper/soap/waste baskets), and better regulation of hot and cold in the shower (last year the water temperatures in the shower were inconsistent)
- Some Stalls are inadequate and unsafe.
- Need to check to see if Barns used for the State Show are up to electrical code.
- Possible rental of portable stalls, looking into what and price
- Several horses broke out of their stalls last year.

Camping area:

- Individuals at entrances to direct traffic when people arrive, and oversee parking of campers, cars, trucks and trailers.
- More signs would help.
- Camping area should be closer to barns.
  - There is no sewer in this area, but there are electrical hook ups and water on posts.
  - Inquire about dumping station.

#### Horse show:

- Look into contract or agreement made with Lancaster Fair. June 2010 minutes states "voted to review horse show."
- Move the horse show to the main horse show ring instead of the **draft horse** ring.
- Double up on fit and show classes. Run 2 classes at same time. Would need 2 fitting judges and 2 show judges. Looking into hiring a main judge and fit & show judges. Fit judges would be former 4hers or someone starting out judging. Show judges, one would be the main judge and the other would be a more experience judge.
- Staffing: Gate keepers, especially at in gate for better control.
- Discussion on hiring judges, Jolee will hire main judge from recommendations given to her.
- Check on using the poles and rails at the fair for jumping, and trail and western classes.
- Marking of key hole and other ground with chalk (last year white paint was used on grass and it was difficult to see).
- Award ceremony: review ceremony presentation to improve it for 2012 show.
- Show ribbons should be used, need to check on ribbons inventory to see what needs to be ordered.
- Review challenge trophies for possibility of retiring some older ones.
- Handiness Music: check on music systems that will be available to play the music (CD, iPod, or others)
- Review scoring database so others can operate it at show.

Quizzes:        Resource for quiz: should be taken from Colorado book starting in 2013. Keep it the same as it was in 2011 for 2012 but make sure to be using the correct **New England** rule book date. Question in last year's quiz came from the 2011 **NE** horse rule book instead of all coming from the 2010 **NE** horse rule book. All questions should have reference source and page number where taken from on the quiz, this would help eliminate confusion when an answer is challenged. Quiz should be reviewed by another person for any corrections or errors.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Conrad V. Moses

Next meeting: Sunday January 15, 2012 (2pm) at the Boscawen 4-H office. All are invited to attend.

The February 25<sup>th</sup>, all day meeting will be held at Newport High School. More info to follow.