

4-H Horse Advisory Committee
June 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. Minutes of February meeting were passed out. Moved, seconded to accept as printed; passed.

Dr. Nicole Giguere was introduced to speak re: the suggestion to require Coggins test for all NH 4-H horse shows - EIA itself, testing, current requirements. Motion made to have mandatory testing (within 12 months) for EIA, at NH 4-H shows, defeated 3-12.

Upcoming Events:

Horse of the Year: "Count Your Pennies" (Charissa _____)
"Horses as Teachers" workshop (There is a Facebook page, 4-H Horse Club Info Page with similar events.)

State Show Ads:

State Show shirts:

Will narrow down to 3 colors: Lime Green, Tangerine, Teal, and Turquoise were suggested as "candidates". Noted that we have previously had the design winner gets to choose color; she could choose from these. 4-H apparel will also be available for State Show if ordered by June 15. Order forms passed out.

Trophies were displayed. Many are showing age and are missing dates. Some will need to be replaced in some fashion. "Keeper" trophies or plaques may be a better choice. Original donors could be contacted for their input on the solution. Cher will check on these.

Chaperone's conference call – July 9 - 7 PM. Meeting will be 5 PM Friday of show; Saturday after F&S Sunday 8 AM. Last year's packet indicated that a daily chaperone meeting was helpful.

Division/combining of classes:

No class will be deleted – single-entry classes may be combined with "like" classes (i.e. JR and SR). If classes must be divided, this will be done strictly by the list of entries. – divide if more than 12, the first 6 (or given number) off the entry list. Alternatively full class may be run at walk and trot/jog, split for canter/lope. "Classes over 12 entries will be divided by show management" which includes the above possibilities and the judge may be consulted as well.

ESE Stable Managers :

From Strafford, Sullivan, Belknap, Carroll are this year's rotation. Will move on alphabetically if a county has no stable manager or alternate. Counties, be sure your manager IS a real worker not a popularity contest.

EMT:

Must be a certified EMT, but no longer has to be from Deerfield. Can be paid or volunteer and need not be same EMT for the full time. EMT should have their own bag. Please contact Rhiannon if you can suggest any EMTs.

Facilities:

Shavings, feed, hay may be ordered in advance.

F&S :

Main Ring

Announcing System:

Wahl to Wahl

Flag holders:

Cheshire will bring.

Handiness Music:

Must be submitted with entry

Posters:

Are not limited to safety

Tie Breakers:

F&S score first; judging questions given later or written reasons are not suitable for a number of reasons. Quiz is final tie-breaker. If there's still a tie, committee and leaders can choose a tie breaker.

Location:

On the Extension website, along with grounds map, etc. Camping is \$30/night campers, \$15/night tents. Cher is going to check; however, since this is more than for some other shows; also noted that we are getting some benefits such as free dragging of ring.

Extra stalls:

(Hospitality) are \$27 for the whole show. Tack stalls for every so many riders (4?) are included.

Camping organizer/manager needed GLENN to direct people to each county's area; each county will then organize their own area. Note: campers with slide-outs, etc. must not project into the road.

Mounting outside the arena will be allowed - need not wait until in the warm-up ring!

Photographer:

Ted Douglas (Cher will contact.)

Practice ring schedule to include monitor (from each county) and entries to be in the ring. Last year's schedule was displayed; leave "as is" other than including Hillsborough in monitors.

Quotas:

Formula based on total # of enrolled members and last 2 years entries at county of 12 and up.

Schedule:

In-hand suitability and driving reinsmanship count as equitation. In-Hand Command specs from ESE to follow. Driving Discipline Rail and Driving Handiness not offered at ESE. ESE has some different classes – do we want to change to those? Consensus was to keep our Handiness since it's popular. Could be run

Saturday PM along with Gymkhana; alternatively, if Handiness is final class on Sunday, parents can watch and everyone can “unwind”. Suggested to put Hunter O/F and In-Hand Jumping as first classes in Saturday evening (so lights not needed).

Final decision: Sunday will start with Hunter O/F and Small Equine Jumper. Saturday PM will be Gymkhana in-hand command, driving command. Official schedule will be updated on website; please check.

Shavings are not included in entry – must be purchased.

Silent Auction:

We need a volunteer to run this. If there is no volunteer, we will not run it. Please ask around your county! Will need to bring tickets, other supplies. Contact Jolee for a list.

Stable Management:

To be judged within your own county.

Stabling:

E-mail Rhiannon if you remember your “old” Deerfield stabling assignments. She will also check with Pat Stockwell.

Unprepared Exhibitors:

Counties should monitor preparedness and not send such entries.

Vendors:

\$50/weekend, if you know of anyone interested. We have a food vendor (no others can be brought in). He will be told that counties usually bring their own food.

Volunteer guidelines are on website.

Volunteer list will be passed around. Contact Rhiannon with any names.

Warm-up:

Approx. the class time before yours. Chaperones should know if there are any horses that need extra time and be willing to cooperate on discussing/arranging this. Longeing could be arranged.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda C. Watts-Hettinger

Sign In Sheet for Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Cher Griffin	Hillsborough
Patti Page	Merrimack
Barbara Annis	Merrimack
Diane Parker	Merrimack
Ramona Chessman	Coos
Jolee Chase	Hillsborough
Michelle Bersaw	Merrimack
Jo Gelinis	Hillsborough
Pam Martel	Hillsborough
Kat Sandholm	Rockingham
Judy Forsyth	Belknap
Peggy Sue Greenwood	Belknap
Maureen McLaughlin	Belknap
Mary Daniels	Grafton
Jeremiah Bixby	UNH
Becky Moulton	Grafton
Rhonda Watts-Hettinger	Hillsborough
Peggy Emond	Belknap
Brian Edmonds	Hillsborough
Margaret Edmonds	Hillsborough
Allison Barry	Sullivan
Elizabeth Morris	Cheshire
Karen Nass	Cheshire
Marsha Evans	Merrimack
Rebecca Kennedy	Cheshire
Deb Wesoja	Sullivan
Kristen Wesoja	Sullivan



New Hampshire 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting
June 4, 2013 Boscawen, NH

- I. We need a volunteer to take very detailed minutes!
 - II. Attendance, Call to Order, Meeting Minutes Approval
 - III. Dr. Nicole Giguere presenting on Equine Infectious Anemia
 - a. Vote on if we want to mandate Coggins testing at 4-H Horse Shows.
 - b. Currently, this is not a requirement.
 - c. Current Health Regulations for Horses as per the 2013 Health Regulations for NH Fairs and Shows
 - i. HORSES:
 1. New Hampshire Animals – A negative USDA-approved Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test (i.e. Coggins or ELISA) within the previous twelve months is recommended.
 2. Out-of-State Animals - See Sec. I. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required. All equines entering the State of New Hampshire must be accompanied by a valid negative A.G.I.D. or ELISA (Coggins) test for Equine Infectious Anemia conducted within six months prior to entry. Entry permit not required.
NOTE: It is strongly recommended that Show Management examine health certificates and EIA test papers for all horses. It is also recommended that all horses have EEE, tetanus, and equine herpes virus vaccines no less than 14 days and no more than one year prior to the date of the fair in addition to the rabies vaccine.
- IV. Announcements and Upcoming Events
 - a. State Activities Day Results (emailed yesterday)
 - b. Horse of the Year Contest Results: Karissa Martin and “Count Your Pennies”
 - c. Horses as Teachers Workshop- Saturday June 15, Lee, NH
- V. State 4-H Horse Show Business (In Alphabetical Order)
 - a. Ad Sales- Total Sales: \$1630
 - i. Top Selling Awards
 1. Belknap County
 - a. Skylar Presbrey- \$295- State Horse T-Shirt
 2. Coos County
 - a. Daniel call- \$610- State Horse T-Shirt; Entry Fee OR Sweatshirt; Directors Chair
 3. Merrimack County
 - a. Mariana Lassonde- \$475- State Horse T-Shirt; Entry Fee OR Sweatshirt

b. Apparel

- i. T-Shirts- I am going to have a Facebook vote on what colors to choose for the New Hampshire State 4-H Horse Show. 4-H Members can vote on three colors- what colors should we choose?
- ii. NEW This Year! Official 4-H Apparel
 1. Order by June 15 to receive items at New Hampshire State 4-H Horse Show.
 2. http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource003102_Rep4513.pdf

c. Awards

- i. These are the following awards that the State 4-H Horse Show gives out to its contestants and their individual status:
 1. Marcia Y. Lang Memorial Trophy- Senior High Point Winner
 - a. I was not able to track down this trophy.
 2. Marion Lindabury Trophy- Junior High Point Winner
 - a. Perpetual Plaque and Perpetual Trophy
 - b. Anna Avery, Sullivan County, has it engraved- it has two more spaces on the trophy and the plaque
 3. NH Draft and Pony Association- Overall Score in Driving Division
 - a. I was not able to track this trophy down.
 4. Lakes Regions Show Series- Gymkhana Trophy
 - a. Perpetual Trophy and Plaque
 - b. Hannah Proulx, Rockingham, has this plaque engraved. It has one more space on the plaque
 - c. The trophy has a lot more space.
 5. Horse Quiz and Judging High Score Trophy
 - a. Senior Perpetual Plaque has been replaced, Delaney Chabot, Grafton will have it
 6. I was not able to track down the Junior plaque
 7. Apple Scruffs Trophy- Junior Stable Manager
 - a. Samantha Woodman has a plaque, Sullivan County
 - b. An individual plaque given out each year
 8. Chrissy Trophy- Senior Stable Manager
 - a. Heather Stockwell, Sullivan, will have the trophy, I have it to be engraved
 - b. An individual plaque given out each year
 9. Peacemaker Trophy- County Earning Highest Average Exhibitor Score
 - a. We need a new trophy- what should we get – do we want silver? It is so hard to take care of.
 - b. Does this include the combination of exhibitor averages and stable manager averages, or just competing exhibitors?

d. Chaperones

- i. Head Chaperone Guide:
http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001536_Rep2729.pdf
- ii. Chaperone Conference Call July 9, 2013 7 pm
- iii. Chaperone Meetings during State 4-H Horse Show:
 1. Friday Afternoon: What time? _____
 2. Saturday Morning: 7 am or 11 am
 3. Sunday Morning: What time? _____

e. Division/Combination of Classes

- i. What do we do when there is only one entry?
 - ii. Suggestion: Should be at least 3 riders for a class or division to run separately, otherwise combine or delete division.
 - iii. What is the process that we should do to divide classes?
 - 1. At Eastern States, they divide they list all the competitors by age, oldest to youngest, then divide at the midpoint.
 - iv. The New England Rule Book suggests a maximum of 20 horses in a class.
 - 1. Class size discussion: What do we think knowing the ring at Deerfield?
- f. Eastern States Exposition Stable Managers
 - i. Which counties will be choosing an ESE Stable Manager? _____
 - ii. The stable manager for ESE must participate in the state show.
- g. EMT
 - i. I emailed and asked for volunteers to EMT for the weekend in shifts to save a little money. I only heard back from one person. Is this something we should pursue or just hire an EMT company?
- h. Enrollment Figures per County
 - i. Belknap: 13, 1 WTCB Division
 - ii. Carroll: 2, 1 WTCB Division
 - iii. Cheshire: 12
 - iv. Coos: 8
 - v. Grafton: 6
 - vi. Hillsborough: 14, 1 Gymkhana, 2 WTB Division, 4 WTCB Division
 - vii. Merrimack: 16, 1 Gymkhana
 - viii. Rockingham: 34, 1 Gymkhana
 - ix. Strafford: 1
 - x. Sullivan: 13
 - xi. Totals: 119, 3 Gymkhana, 6 WTCB, 2 WTB
- i. Facility Information: <http://extension.unh.edu/Facility-Information>
- j. Fitting and Showmanship: Where will it be held at Deerfield Fairgrounds since the riding rings need to be used for riding ring and warm up? _____
 - i. We need an announcing system- two way radios to Secretary's Booth as well as portable system (can we borrow Hillsborough County's?)
- k. Flag Holders: Cheshire has flag holders- who will volunteer to bring them and return them: _____
- l. Handiness Music
 - i. Music will be requested to be sent in with the entry.
- m. Horse Education Poster Contest: <http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-State-4-H-Horse-Show/Horse-Education-Poster-Contest>
- n. Judging
 - i. We need a tiebreaker for judging. Even with the questions, there were still 3-way and 2-way ties.
 - ii. Suggestions: age with youngest first? Have judge write an additional 3-5 questions tougher questions that are judge given to those still tied
 - iii. In the past we did written reasons but they need to be scored by someone knowledgeable who did see the class which often meant no one available on Sunday was qualified to score them.
- o. Location and Directions: <http://extension.unh.edu/Location-and-Directions>

- p. Lodging, Sleeping, and Camping Information
 - 1. <http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-State-4-H-Horse-Show/Lodging-Sleeping-and-Camping-Information>
 - 2. See campground map. Any changes?
 - 3. Camping organization and arrangement: we need someone to volunteer to manage the camping areas during move-in to prevent unsafe situations:

- q. Mounting Outside the Arena
 - i. Do we want to allow this at Deerfield?
- r. Photographer
 - i. Do we want one?
 - ii. Any recommendations?
- s. Practice Ring Schedule
 - i. What should change/stay the same?
- t. Quotas
 - i. What should we do about addressing quota concerns (quality of riders and numbers going down)?
- u. Schedule
 - i. In Hand Suitability with Equitation Classes?
 - ii. Hunter Over Fences after lunch, with in hand jumper right after.
 - iii. Fix Handiness Order: go in numerical order the same as F&S so that all Seniors go together, then all Juniors. This will make it easier to judge and for kids to know when to be ready.
- v. Shavings are not included in the entry fee and must be paid for upon pick up from show.
- w. Silent Auction
 - i. I need a volunteer to coordinate the Silent Auction. _____
- x. Sound
 - i. Larry Wahl from Wahl-to-Wahl Sound will be doing the sound. I will be having a walk through with him with the sound system on Friday July 5th at the Deerfield Fairgrounds.
 - ii. Larry is charging us \$200 per day x 3 days = \$600
- y. Stable Manager
 - i. What was decided with the stable managers?
- z. Stalls
 - i. Numbers have changed, where should we put people based on numbers?
- aa. Trailers
 - i. How do we decide who gets to park their trailers outside their barn for feed storage/dressing rooms?
- bb. Unprepared Exhibitors- how should we handle this?
- cc. Vendors
 - i. We can have vendors, just not other food vendors.
 - ii. Vendors need to pay \$50 for the weekend to vend.
 - iii. Tack store? Goods?
- dd. Volunteers
 - i. State 4-H Horse Show Volunteer Guidelines:
http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000836_Rep871.pdf
 - ii. Add Raffle Help to Volunteer List

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