New Hampshire 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting  February 22, 2014

I. Introduction
   a. In attendance were:
      Jack Thomas, Belknap County
      Maureen McLaughlin, Belknap County
      Judy Forsyth, Belknap County
      Peggy Sue Greenwood, Belknap County
      Karen Nass, Cheshire County
      Elizabeth Morris, Cheshire County
      Connor Greenwood, Cheshire County
      Rebecca Kennedy, Cheshire County
      Jennifer Daniels, Grafton County
      Mary Daniels, Grafton County
      Rebecca Moulton, Grafton County
      Jo Gelinas, Hillsborough County
      Amber Edmonds, Hillsborough County
      Danielle Morano, Hillsborough County
      Elyse Morano, Hillsborough County
      Margaret Edmonds, Hillsborough County
      Jolee Chase, Hillsborough County
      Beth Merrill, Hillsborough County
      Andrea Galliher, Merrimack County
      Anne Paquin, Merrimack County
      Barbara Annis, Merrimack County
      Conrad Moses, Rockingham County
      Steve Moore, Rockingham County
      Mary Davis, Rockingham County (non-voting)
      Kathy Shultz, Rockingham County (non-voting)
      Jestina Gleason, Rockingham County
      Cody Gleason, Rockingham County
      Elayne Gleason, Rockingham County
      Deb Wesoja, Sullivan County
      Pat Stockwell, Sullivan County
      Julie Walker, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
      Rhiannon Beauregard, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

II. Previous Meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2013
   a. Meeting minutes approved.
   b. Conference call was recorded. To access this:
      i. Playback Number: (712) 432-1202
      ii. Access Code: 695540#

III. Review of Operating Procedures
   a. No changes made.

IV. Service Description
   a. Will be completed by committee members and returned to Ms. Beauregard at the conclusion of the meeting.

V. New Hampshire 4-H Events Calendar
a. No changes made.

VI. Review of Horse 4-H Events Since November
   i. Excellent event that was well attended. The committee wishes to remind everyone that this event is open to all counties and all youth are encouraged to participate.

b. NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl: January 25, 2014
   i. Took place at the Belmont Middle School in Belmont, NH.
   ii. The novice event was organized by the counties and had a wonderful turnout. The novices had a great deal of fun and would love to participate next year as well. Many see events such as this to be a great way to get more youth involved at a younger age.
   iii. Because the event is expanding it no longer can share the school with the Achievement Awards and National Interview Process. This will change the date of the contest as well as costs. Members are encouraged to look for a centrally located venue with approximately 15 rooms and a large meeting space such as a cafeteria. The rate should be reasonable and must be available around the third weekend in January. Any suggestion or quotes should be submitted to Ms. Beauregard within the month.
   iv. As for costs, novice participants will be charged $3.00 for pre-registration and $5.00 for registration at the door. No refunds will be issued if the youth cannot attend. The council passed this measure.

VII. Farm and Forest Expo: February 8
a. It was the intent of the committee to have a “Horse Discovery” exhibition. Due to space constraints it turned into a “pet-the-pony” booth with little else displayed. Many now question if it is still a viable event and if it is worth the time and effort. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Funding and Fundraising Proposals
a. The 4-H Foundation offered funding for the following:
   i. Animal Science Bonanza-$1,200
   ii. AYHCS- $2,500 for 2 youth, 1 chaperone to attend 2015 symposium (requested $4,700 for 4 youth, 1 chaperone)
   iii. Equine Science Weekend for 2015- $1,840
   iv. Support for ESE Animal Science Activities- $700
   v. Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up- $14,000 (requested $16,000)
   vi. NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest- $300- 2015, $400 – 2016
   vii. NH 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contests- $200 for 2014 and 2015
   viii. NH 4-H State Horse Show- $750 for 2014

IX. Important Upcoming Events
   i. Takes place in Minneapolis, MN
   ii. This year a delegation from Hillsborough County is attending
   iii. For 2015, the state received funding for 1 chaperone, 2 delegates to attend each year. Participants will be selected through resume and interview process sometime next year. More details will be made public as soon as they become available.

   i. At the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT
   ii. Ms. Beauregard is still taking scholarship applications for New Hampshire’s former ESE attendees aged 18 to 25. Everyone is encouraged to apply.
   iii. For more information visit: http://newengland4hjudgessc.wix.com/ne4hjudgesschool

c. Peter Stone Horse of the Year Contest: May 1, 2014
   i. Due to the State 4-H office by May 1, 2014 in order to be considered. All 4-H youth and alumni are encouraged to submit their favorite equines for consideration. Post-mortem applicants are also accepted.
ii. For more information visit:

d. Approval Forms Due Dates
i. ***BEWARE: YOUTH ALWAYS MISS THIS DEADLINE***
ii. NH 4-H Horse Approval Forms Due (ESE)- April 1, 2014
iii. NH 4-H Horse Approval Forms Due (for those not going to ESE)- May 1, 2014
e. Equine Science Weekend: April 18th and 19th, 2014
i. Will take place at the University of New Hampshire’s Durham campus.
ii. This event is a two day overnight field trip for ages 12 and above.
iii. Friday program includes:
1. UNH Equine Program Equine Education Day
2. Tour of UNH Campus
3. Tour of New England Equine Medical Center
iv. Saturday program includes:
1. NH 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest
2. Thompson School of Applied Sciences Introduction and Tours
v. Approximately $50 per 4-H youth (to cover cost of hotel and expenses).
f. New Hampshire State Horse Show: July 18, 19, and 20, 2014
i. Location is at the Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH.
ii. State Show Chaperone Conference Call: Tuesday July 8th, 2014 at 7 pm
iii. Judges
1. Currently the show is in need of two Fitting and Showmanship judges. All members are encouraged to submit the names of qualified judges to Ms. Beauregard as soon as possible.
iv. EMT
1. Cindy McCue of Deerfield, NH will be donating EMT services again.
v. On Call Veterinarian
1. Deerfield Vet just confirmed.
vi. On Site Farrier
1. Allison Barry
vii. 2014 Trophy Sponsorship:
1. High Point Senior Award will sponsored by the Grafton County Leaders’ Association.
2. High Point Junior Award (Marion Lindabury Award) will be sponsored by Rhonda Watts-Hettinger who paid at the meeting.
4. High Point Junior and Senior Judging and Quiz Award- Sponsored by Barbara Annis.
5. Apple Scruffs Trophy- Sponsored by Jo Gelinas.
7. Peacemaker Award- Sponsored by Judy Forsyth.
viii. Divisions and Classes
1. See proposals below
ix. Ad Packet and Coordinator Packet
1. Donna Fiori will be the coordinator for 2014.
2. Forms are due May 10 to Ms. Fiori
3. Due May 17 to State 4-H Office
x. Volunteers Confirmed for 2014:
1. Superintendent: Cher Griffin
2. Ringmaster: Jeff Robbins
3. Data Entry: Jeremiah Bixby
4. Office Coordinator (To Be Confirmed): Danielle Grant
5. Announcer (To Be Confirmed): Ian Gove
6. Show Secretary: Jean Carter

xi. Flag Poles for Opening/Closing Ceremony
   1. The decision was made to purchase new flag poles with the funds being donated by each county. Checks should be sent to Conrad at 114 North Road, Brentwood NH 03833 by April 1st. Pat will paint the poles to be uniform after they are purchased. The old set of flag poles will be kept as spares.

g. NH 4-H Horse Judging Contest: Saturday April 19, 2014
   i. Will take place at UNH Equine Facility, Durham, NH
   ii. Divisions include:
       1. Junior
       2. Senior
       3. High School
       4. College and Young 4-H Alumni
   iii. The superintendent will be Cher Griffin.
   iv. The contest is looking for horses for the judging classes. The horses must be vaccinated against strangles in order to be permitted on campus. Members are encouraged to contact Cher at (603) 234-6560 or griffinbrook@aol.com with any possibilities.
   v. The contest is also looking for volunteers for the following positions:
       1. Judges
       2. Clean-up
       3. Gate keeper
       4. Ringmaster/timekeeper
       5. Junior Hippology registrar
       6. Tests and slides proctor
       7. Runners
   vi. Additional notes:
       1. Members who are no competing can help with set-up and learn about hippology as well.
       2. Clean-up should be done by everyone while the final scoring is being tabulated.
       3. There is a judging preparatory clinic taking place on March 15, 2014 at 10:00 am at Oak Hill Farm in Croyden. Any 4-H members are encouraged to attend.

h. NH 4-H Hippology Contest
   i. Members are encouraged to find volunteers for this event!

X. Eastern States Exposition: September 17-21, 2014
   a. West Springfield, MA
   b. Anyone interested in being a chaperone for the 2014 Eastern States Exposition should apply. The state is looking for some positive, dedicated, energetic, and motivated individuals who are interested in being chaperones for the 2014 Eastern States Exposition. Dorm Chaperones would be responsible for participating in several preparation activities throughout the year, including a Chaperone Orientation, several conference calls, and an orientation. The dates for the 2014 New England 4-H Horse Show are Wednesday September 17, 2014 to Sunday September 21, 2014. Chaperones need to be screened volunteers, 25 year of age or above and have some animal handling experience. Chaperones will also need to attend an orientation scheduled sometime during the summer. Those interested should fill out the following form: http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001180_Rep1501.pdf

XI. New England Regional 4-H Horse Contest: October 19th, 2014
   a. Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts
   b. For more information: http://extension.unh.edu/New-England-Regional-4-H-Horse-Contest-Page

XII. Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up: Date TBA
a. The State of New Hampshire received only $14,000 instead of $16,000 to fund this event. Fundraising efforts will be conducted and Ms. Griffin will research discounted airfare and lodging. Also, exhibitors must purchase apparel themselves.

XIII. Next New Hampshire 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting
a. Will take place on June 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Boscawen.

XIV. Lunch
a. During lunch a vote was conducted to determine the NH State 4-H Horse Show design and logo. Elise Morano’s design was chosen. The committee congratulates her and looks forward to seeing her design at the State Horse Show!

XV. Leadline
a. Leadline is not permitted as a competitive event for Cloverbuds age eight and under. This is because according to both New Hampshire State 4-H and National 4-H policies, Cloverbuds are not allowed to handle large animals including equines for safety reasons. Ms. Beauregard and Ms. Walker had been conducting research regarding age polices in other states to compare to New Hampshire’s own age policy. It was determined that New Hampshire’s rules are in line with other states as well. The compiled data appears below for reference:

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<th>State</th>
<th>Age Range 4-H</th>
<th>Cloverbud Age</th>
<th>Junior Age</th>
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<td>4-H members age 8 may participate in non-competitive demonstration shows using a rabbit, dog, kid goat, non-market lamb, piglet, or non-market calf.</td>
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A survey was also handed out regarding this issue. Members are encouraged to complete and submit the survey with their feedback.

XVI. National trip selection
a. A question was raised as to how to decide if a team is adequately prepared to attend a national trip. Currently, the decision remains with the coach who determines if a participant is significantly ill-prepared. Not attending practices will be grounds for removal from the team regardless of the youth’s original competition placing. The State office is also consulted regarding these decisions.

b. The national coach selection process has also been called into question. The council passed the following modification: The coach of the top team at the state contest receives the right of first refusal for the position provided they have filed the proper paperwork and have met any other qualifications. Others may also submit an application. Final selection will be made by the State office and the Animal Science Work Team with input from the team members they will be coaching. Coaches need to apply using the following form:
XVII. Chaperone Training
   a. Everyone is in agreement that more intensive training is needed across the board for all chaperones. A biannual orientation was discussed.

XVIII. PROPOSALS FOR 2014:
   a. County Run Novice Room at NH 4-H Hippology Contest- PASSED
   b. Hippology station format to match regional and national contests-PASSED
   c. Allow 4-H juniors to participate in the Horse Judging Contest –PASSED
   d. Communications format to match regional and national contests-PASSED
   e. Award recognizing most “Senior” Horse at the State 4-H Horse Show-PASSED
   f. Award recognizing Highest Scoring exhibitor in the In Hand Division-PASSED
   g. Add a Pair Handiness Class State 4-H Horse Show- TABLED FOR REVIEW
   h. In Hand Division Regardless of Size- PASSED
   i. Gymkhana Division- TABLED FOR REVIEW
   j. Saturday/Sunday State Horse Show “ Event of the Year”-TO COMMITTEE
   k. Change to replacement animal policy-TABLED FOR REVIEW
   l. Horse Leaders Retreat- TABLED FOR REVIEW

XIX. Conclusion
   a. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.