

BE County 4-H Horse Council Minutes

December 15, 2016 Teleconference meeting commenced at 6:00pm via Zoom hosted by Callie Ward

Conducting: Katie Burnett, President

In Attendance: Callie Ward (USU 4-H Youth Development Coordinator), Katie Burnett (President), Jasmine Baker (Vice President), Shiree Clark (Secretary/Treasurer), Hindi Wilkinson (Education Chairman), Shane Bingham (Horse Ambassador Mentor & Show Equipment Chairman), & Deni Ormond (Past President and State Representative)

1. Financial

- a. Balance – \$8,678.96
 - i. Last year deposits were \$15,494.43 and withdrawals were \$10,115.47 = \$5,378.96 in Horse Council account and approx. \$3,300 in scholarship account that will be rolled into a USU index account.
- b. At the December 6th meeting Shiree suggested we organize a separate, non-4-H, tax exempt, public charity organization for the purposes of raising funds to donate to the Box Elder 4-H Western Horse program and/or for sponsoring a separate awards ceremonies outside of the 4-H organization to recognize kids participating in Box Elder County Western Horse 4-H program. The suggestion was tabled until tonight.
 - i. Tonight Shiree explained that funds that are collected and spent for 4-H specific events like Horse Camp would need to be deposited and spent from the USU index account. But generalized fundraising money would be deposited into the non 4-H account.
 - ii. All approved the suggestion and there were none opposed. Shiree will move forward with implementing the suggestion.
- c. P&L report (Income and Expenses – most importantly expenses) have not been received yet so there was no further discussion on this matter at this meeting.
 - i. More info is needed and Callie suggested we come up with a budget in a future meeting.
 1. Future discussion could include: How much do we need for the year to cover expenses (other than awards) and how much do we need for awards?

Commented [S1]: Tabled – Add to next agenda

2. Tuesday Nights – indoor arena

- a. Hindi said she wanted us to push the county commissioners to allow us to use the big indoor arena.
 - i. Katie said we can do that, but we should gather more voices to support us from the community.
 - ii. Hindi said it would be good for our senior 4-Her's to get involved with this and address the county commissioners themselves. The request should come from the kids.
 - iii. Deni suggested we go prepared with data from other counties
 - iv. Callie said she'd set the meeting up.

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3. Tuesday Night Practices

- a. January 10th Kickoff
 - i. Jasmine & Shane are planning to go over rules, equipment, reining, a game, and a schedule for future practices.
- b. Katie brought up the encouraging the Tenderfoot ranking
 - i. At the last meeting it was suggested to use rankings to determine a novice rider from an advanced rider and to schedule practices specifically for one group or the other.
 - ii. Jasmine asked about the schedule and if we were setting aside one of the Tuesday night practices for just advance riders and one for just novice riders.
 1. Katie was in favor of it because last year it was hard for Megan to practice advance techniques while fighting for arena space with the novices not understanding arena etiquette.
 2. Shiree suggested splitting the arena in half with one side for more advance instruction & the other for beginner instruction pointing out that our numbers are small enough to be able to do that each week.
 - a. Shiree also pointed out that it isn't just the rider's abilities that need to be taken into consideration because there are also combinations of beginner horses with

advanced riders or riders trying to teach their horses fundamentals that may need a walk/trot class.

- c. Jasmine asked if the old schedule of clinics and practicing show events one night and speed the next week was working or if it was getting too boring - especially for the older kids?
 - i. Deni said it worked pretty well last year, but Katie said the kids are tired of clinics & Deni said by April everyone was tired of clinics.
- d. It was suggested we get answers about training and lesson plans from the kids.
 - i. Callie said she could send out an electronic survey, but we needed to send her focused questions that we'd like on the survey.
 - e. Training and lesson plans were tabled until we get the results of the survey.
4. How to integrate beginners and advanced kids?
 - a. Katie suggested having the older kids teach the younger kids
 - b. Hindi said there needed to be less cliques
 - c. Shiree said we need to encourage the kids to cheer for and support one another and to be friendly and kind to each other.
5. Horse Ambassadors
 - a. Shiree asked how it works because Enyssa was upset she may not have an opportunity to serve in a leadership position because it is hard for juniors to get leadership experience for their portfolios.
 - b. Shane asked if the leaders choose them or if they apply. Callie said the Horse Council can decide. Katie suggested we have them apply.
 - c. Shane said he will explain it to the kids at the Jan 10th practice and have the kids apply with an essay explaining why they think they'd make a good ambassador.
6. How to get more participation in 4-H?
 - a. Deni suggested using some money to advertise the program in the local newspapers.
 - i. Hindi said you can do some newspaper advertising for free.
 - b. Callie said she could make a flyer to be handed out and also target specific audiences through using Facebook which is a free way to advertise.
 - c. Shiree said the flyer needs to answer people's basic questions like how they join, what equipment they need, whether or not they can borrow a horse or have to have their own horse, and how to sign up because the 4-H online system requires them to join a club and that creates a huge stumbling block for anyone wanting to sign up & ride with the county without having a club to be a part of.
 - i. Callie said she would set up a generic Western Horse club for anyone new that wants to join, but not under a specific club.
 - ii. Deni said last year there was a problem with people dropping kids off that didn't know how to do anything & questioned if it was reasonable to have Callie include on the flyer a requirement to have an adult stay with the kid at the practice. It was agreed that was reasonable.
 - d. Shiree asked if helmets were required.
 - i. Shane, Hindi, & Katie said yes.
 - ii. Callie said the Tuesday night practices are not covered by 4-H insurance since it is treated like an individual 4-H club practice and not as a county event so whether helmets are required or not if a person gets hurt the leader of the practice would be held liable. As a result the individual leader can make the decision on whether or not to require helmets. Katie said helmets are encouraged, but the choice is up to the rider.
7. 1st Tuesdays the Dog Club has the arena and it is a non-riding meeting
 - a. Shiree suggested having Discovery Night on the 1st Tuesday when the dog club has the arena.
 - b. Shiree also suggested the parent meeting could also be held on the 1st Tuesday when we do Discovery Night.
8. Adjourn
 - a. It was decided that meetings will be held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00pm
 - b. Next meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2017 at 6:00pm via Zoom teleconference.

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