

BE County 4-H Horse Council Minutes

January 11, 2017 Teleconference meeting commenced at 6:00pm via Zoom hosted by Katie Burnett.

Conducting: Katie Burnett, President

In Attendance: Katie Burnett (President), Jasmine Baker (President-Elect), Shiree Clark (Secretary/Treasurer), Hindi Wilkinson (Education Chairman), Shane Bingham (Horse Ambassador Mentor & Show Equipment Chairman), & Deni Ormond (Past President and State Representative)

Excused: Callie Ward (USU 4-H Youth Development Coordinator)

1. Financial

- a. We have our Federal EIN for the new non-profit organization.
- b. We need to meet at the bank to set up an account.
 - i. The account will be opened at America First Credit Union on January 23, 2017.
 - ii. Checks will require 2 signatures to be valid.
 - iii. We discussed who we should have as signers on the account.
 1. Shiree stated that traditionally a treasurer that has controls over the records and the checkbook should be the one to cut the checks, but not an authorized signer. The checks should be signed by two different signers. If the treasurer is a signer on the account then other safe guards need to be implemented such as audits.
 2. Jasmine stated that audits should be implemented regardless. Shiree agreed.
 3. Katie proposed that she, Jasmine, & Shiree be on the account and that next year we add the new president-elect. No one disagreed.
- c. I said we also need to get the organizing documents signed & notarized which we can do at the bank, but I'll send them out via email to the horse council member to review beforehand.
- d. It was questioned if we should request the \$10 per rider/\$30 per family winter arena riding donation again this year like we did last year. It was agreed that we should.
 - i. I suggested that we deposit those funds into the new account since they are a strict donation that won't be used to pay for anything 4-H specific like Horse Camp or Shows. Everyone agreed.

2. Bylaws – Changes are necessary

- a. Jasmine pointed out that any changes to the bylaws need to be done in March & there are several things in the bylaws that are outdated.
- b. Jasmine asked if we are keeping Article II, Paragraph 1d-I, which states "There will be a \$50 minimum required by every 4-H exhibitor, but are not limited to just \$50." It was agreed to keep it.
- c. Jasmine also pointed out that the Horse Council officers have changed. We need to add the Treasurer position and duties.
 - i. Katie said she wanted it combined with the secretary position & duties. Shiree agreed to that.
- d. Jasmine also pointed out we needed to add Shane & Hindi's position as horse council members instead of committee members.
- e. Jasmine also pointed out we needed to edit Article V, Paragraph 2d which specifies that the parent meetings are to be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from January to September since we will be holding them the 1st Tuesday of every month.
 - i. Katie said she still wanted them monthly & suggested to remove the specification of the 3rd Tuesday and leave sub paragraph i, which states that the "Time and Place may vary each year".
- f. Jasmine also pointed out that if we are doing away with the Junior Horse Council and replacing it with Horse Ambassadors then Article III, Paragraph 3a-d which explains the duties and terms of the Junior Horse Council is obsolete and needs to be redone for the new Horse Ambassadors.

3. Tuesday Night Practices

- a. January 10th Kickoff Recap
 - i. Shane went over rules, Ruth went over equipment, and Jasmine went over how to yield forequarters and hindquarters & other maneuvers necessary for reigning.
- b. Hindi said there were approximately 15 kids there including several 1st-timers.

- c. Shiree said that the parents seemed to be under the wrong impression that the kids were only going to be able to ride once per month according to their abilities. She said she explained that the horse council was still evaluating practice schedules, but that she had proposed that we don't split the weeks up into green/experienced, but rather split the arena working area up into green/experienced sides & let the kids choose where they need to be so everyone can ride every week.
 - i. Shiree reported that both the parent and kids responded favorably to that idea. Horse council decided that's what they'd do.
 - d. Shiree also made the horse council aware of Linda Earl's suggestion of starting clinics for the older kids earlier so they could finish early enough for other activities such as homework, or church activities.
 - i. Shiree liked the idea, but was concerned about how to do that and still facilitate warm-up time.
 - ii. Jasmine said she already takes off work early to make it to the 5:00pm clinic time & she didn't think she could get there any earlier.
 - iii. Katie said that the practices have to work for parent's work schedules too and it just wasn't feasible to start clinics earlier without excluding people. We're starting about as early as we can.
 - e. Jasmine said she asked the kids what they'd like the Tuesday night practices to hold. A majority said they would like to see more outside clinicians teaching. Older kids said they'd like to learn more about other areas of horse events and not just the 4-H show events.
 - f. Katie suggested having the older kids teach the younger kids
 - i. Jasmine said we could do that one of the practice Tuesdays a month & rotate which senior/intermediate kid to ask.
 - ii. Shiree said that an adult needs to oversee the instruction because at horse camp she heard things like "I'm in charge & you have to do what I tell you". Katie agreed and said she heard similar things too. She said it was important to teach the older kids how to teach other kids and that it is important experience for their record books and real life as adults. It wasn't something she got as a kid in 4-H.
 - 1. Jasmine agreed & said an adult would oversee the kid-to-kid instruction.
 - iii. Katie said if we burden the kids too much they will stop coming & we should limit their instruction time to only an hour so they get riding time too.
 - 1. Shiree suggested also rotating who we ask. Katie said we could keep track on a list of who's done it so we don't ask the same person too much.
 - iv. Katie & Jasmine both felt it was important for the kids teaching to develop their lesson plan ahead of time so they aren't just winging it. Everyone agreed.
 - g. Katie and Jasmine are going to create a practice schedule for the remaining Tuesdays.
4. County Commissioners
- a. Shiree said we needed to decide what we want to ask.
 - i. Katie said she wanted to know why the county was against the 4-H'ers and why we feel threatened that they are going to take our riding time away.
 - ii. Katie also wants to know why we can't have the arenas free of charge for Horse Camp.
 - 1. Deni said it was because the County Commissioners have no problems with us having it on Tuesdays, but on the weekends in the summer they could rent the facilities out to others so if that was when we needed it then we'd have to rent it.
 - b. Shiree said it'd be great to get the large indoor arena for Tuesday night practices & we should point out reasons why we could use that.
 - i. A larger floor area would facilitate being able to split the arena working area up better.
 - ii. It would also mean that we could get more practice time for the kids, which directly affects the kids' safety.
 - iii. Also there may be tax or other financial benefits to the county for donating the facilities to a non-profit organization rather than letting it sit unused.
 - iv. In a previous e-mail Shiree had also stated that kids in other non-agricultural counties have higher incomes, access to highly trained horses, & a greater number of horse facilities, which puts our kids at a disadvantage. However one of the reasons our kids compete so well against other kids in the state is because of the support of the county commissioners and our ability to practice in the winter.
 - c. Shane asked when the next county commissioner meetings were.

- i. January 18 @ 11:30 a.m.
 - February 1 @ 5:00 pm
 - February 15 @ 11:30 a.m.
 - ii. Their meeting agenda can be found at this link: <https://boxelder.seamlessdocs.com/f/AgendaForm>
 - d. Katie said she knows Stan Summers and would talk to him one-on-one tomorrow.
 - i. Shane asked her to try and find out how to best address the commissioners.
5. Horse Ambassadors
- a. Shane explained the Horse Ambassadors to the kids at the Jan 10th practice. He had a few applications that he handed out, but none of the kids asked for one or seemed excited about it so he wasn't sure how it was going to turn out.
 - i. Hindi said both her girls wanted to be one
 - ii. I said Enyssa did too.
 - b. Katie said if the parents understand it then the kids will be more likely to support it. She suggested we bring it up at the next Parent's meeting.
 - i. Shane said he would extend the application deadline to do that.
 - c. Shane wants the application emailed to everyone & asked Katie to ask Callie to do that.
 - d. Jasmine asked if the Juniors could be Horse Ambassadors.
 - i. Shiree said she thought they should be allowed to because unless they participate in a parade there isn't really any way they get leadership experience for their portfolios.
 - ii. Katie said she felt if they wanted to apply then they should be allowed to do it & everyone agreed.
6. Judges for Horse Show
- a. Katie has 2 committed for the 1st show and is working on getting another.
 - b. Jasmine has 1 committed and is working on more.
 - c. Shane is also working on getting judges.
 - d. Hindi said she didn't think we should have judges from within the county & Shiree agreed.
 - i. Deni said if a judge was a good & fair, qualified judge then it didn't matter. A judge is a judge no matter where they are from.
 - ii. Hindi was worried that they couldn't be fair.
 - iii. Katie said it'd be unprofessional to uninvite the judges she had already retained and she wasn't going to do that.
 - 1. Shiree agreed & suggested that the remaining judges be retained from out of the county.
7. How to get more participation in 4-H?
- a. Jasmine asked what was happening with the newspaper or flyer ad ideas because they were good ideas. No one knew the answer & we'd have to get with Callie another time.
 - b. Callie did get the generic Western Horse Club set up for those who wanted to get registered without joining under a specific club leader.
8. Discover Night/Parent Meeting
- a. Discovery Night & Parent Meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday each month.
 - i. Next meeting is February 7th, 2017.
 - b. Hindi said she'd like Discovery night to start at 5:00pm & last for 1.5 - 2 hours.
 - c. Hindi said she would like to have the kids bring their record books each time to work on in the beginning then she would be going over many areas. She'd like to work on Hippology so that when the kids were older they could compete at the state level. She said they could get \$6 premium for just entering the contest & they get \$15 for winning 1st place.
 - d. Shiree asked if the parent's meeting would be the same night.
 - i. Katie said yes & it could be at the same time or right after.
9. Adjourn – 7:36pm
- a. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2017 at 6:00pm via Zoom teleconference.