

Minnesota 4-H Horse Association Minutes—February 10, 2007

Members Present—Rae Ann Bartz, Curt Baumgart, Amy Bradshaw, Larry Brugger, Ally Campbell, Jamie Campbell, Dan Dolan, Joe Dunlavy, Jan Economy, Jordan Giefer, Ruth Hemingson, Bobbi Knutson, Margaret Lawson, Becky Molitor, Cindy Nelson, Laurie Nelson, Kayla Ross, Emma Skaggs, Felicia Skaggs, Mark Storm, Kathy Taylor, Lynn Watland, Lynette Whittier

Members Excused—Ashley Campbell, Gladys Carlson, Ann Duran, Amanda Hatlevedt, Renee Kostick, Arthur Niemela, Frances Niemela, Leslie Ross, Sally Schultz, Jessica Schultz, Brittany Spanier, Emily Vomacka

Visitors—Jason Campbell, Leslie Christianson, Keri Economy, Aly Hemingson, Penny Hormann, Anne Koepp, Caroline Koepp, Colin Rohne, Daryl Sheetz, Becca Stevens,

The meeting was called to order by Joe Dunlavy, Youth Chairperson. Introductions were made. The secretary's report was read by Lynn Watland. Amy Bradshaw noted an error under the Budget report—her name was listed as Amy Taylor. Correction was made. Secretary's report was accepted.

Thank-you's—Becca Stevens for the National Leadership and demonstration trip to Denver; Anne Koepp, Alyssa Clouch, and Caitlin Drogemuller (Dakota) for the Hippology trip to Denver.

Resignations—Gabrielle Thon, Sarah Thon, Cynthia Niemela

Financial Report—(Margaret Lawson)—The reports of account balances and the proposed 2007 budget were distributed. The Budget committee had met at Winter Roundup and evaluated several areas, including show fees and national trip funding.

It was moved/seconded (Felicia Skaggs/Ruth Hemingson) to accept the financial report.

Standing Committee Reports

Hippology—Laurie Nelson requested that the Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms be added as a Hippology reference (same one as just added for Bowls). It was m/s (Larry Brugger/Bobbi Knutson) to add this reference. Passed.

Jamie Campbell resigned as co-chair. Jason Campbell has agreed to take over. It was m/s (Laurie/Rae Ann) to appoint Jason. Passed.

It was m/s (Laurie/Kathy) to appoint Sandra Giefer as youth co-chair. Passed.

National Contests—Margaret reported the results from the Western Classic in Denver:

Bowl—Hennepin placed 8th overall

Speech—Kaitlyn Ohden from Kandiyohi placed 3rd

Demo—Becca Stevens from McCleod placed 4th

Demo Team—Alyssa Aamot & Joe McNab placed 6th

Judging—E Ottertail placed 10th in performance placings, 6th in performance reasons, and 9th in total performance.

Hippology—Dakota placed 4th team overall, 5th in Exam, 1st in stations. Individuals—Anne Koepp 9th stations; Caitlin Drogemuller 10th overall, 6th stations; Alyssa Clouch 8th overall, 9th exams, 5th stations.

Grants—Margaret reported that only one request has been received as yet. It was suggested that there be scholarships for people (adults or youth) attending Winter Roundup for the first time. It was m/s (Rae Ann/Curt) to change the amount for grants to \$300 for a 2-day event and \$150 for a 1-day event.. It was m/s (Rae Ann/Ruth)to amend the motion to read \$300 per event. Passed.

Judging Contest—No Report

Horse Training Program—Bobbi Knutson reported that there needs to be a clarification about the use of a bosal. Rae Ann has been working on the wording of this & it will be posted on the website.

Expo Tack Sale—Curt reported that the dates are April 27-29. A committee meeting followed the Association meeting today.

A co-chair is needed.

Laura Arco will be coordinating the volunteers for Expo. Everyone on the Association is requested to help. Her phone numbers are: 651-436-8662 (home) or 651-206-5160 (cell). Her email address is rides2bits@msn.com .

Extra helpers needed—Wednesday at 3 pm to unload the semi and again Sunday at 8 pm to reload it. Curt has tags available now if anyone needs them.

Winter Roundup—Ally & Jamie Campbell reported that there were 31 adults & 47 youth full time, plus 4 adults and 3 youth for Saturday only. Thank you's were extended to everyone who made it a success (Dr. Kris Hiney, Ruth Hemingson, Salli Schultz, Margaret Lawson, Laurie Nelson, Becky Molitor, Cathy Giefer, Felicia Skaggs, Cory Olson, Amy Bradshaw, Kathy Taylor, Donna Broberg, Angie Parker, and Jason Campbell).

Dates for 2008 are Jan 25-27 at Green Lake Bible Camp.

There were some suggestions on ways to increase involvement—try a different location; try 2 or 3 locations each year; increase promotion

Budget changes include lowering the fee to \$40-50 for the whole weekend and providing postage for mailings to 4-H'ers.

Horseless/Horse Related—Cathy G.reported that she is preparing a letter to be sent out to all counties clarifying what the Horseless Horse Project and the Horse Related exhibit are. It was noted that the quotas for Horseless need to be corrected in the State Show Handbook.

Becky Molitor resigned as co-chair. A co-chair is needed.

Sales & Promotions—No report

Library—Ruth Hemingson reported that she has added DVD's from the speech & demonstration contests in Denver and on Drill Teams.

Many requests are received for bowl and hippology references (The Horse by Evans and Horses and Horsemanship by Ensminger), but there are not enough copies. Ruth suggested that copies of these could be purchased and donated to regional libraries throughout the state, making them available to the teams. There was a question about libraries deleting books. It was m/s (Larry/Dan) to purchase additional copies of these references for the Horse Program library and to extend the loan time, up to a maximum of 10 of each. Passed.

Information Services/Web Site

It was suggested that activities that need to be promoted for a short time (Expo, Winter Roundup, etc) be moved to the highlighted spot on the website and rotated as needed.

New software will be purchased. There was a reminder that requests for changes to the website should be submitted to both Larry Brugger and Laurie Nelson.

Speech/Demonstrations—Felicia Skaggs reported that the impromptu speech that is available at the Denver national contest is NOT in the horse division, but in the open division. She requested that we remove the impromptu speech contest from our state competition. It was m/s (Larry/Bobbi) to remove it. Passed.

It was m/s (Rae Ann/Larry) to appoint Becca Stevens as youth co-chair. Passed.

Western Heritage—Both chairs have resigned. It was moved/seconded (Margaret/Bobbi) to appoint Becky Molitor and Daryl Sheetz as co-chair. Passed

There will be a new time limit for the time from entering the arena until in the box—60 seconds

The committee is working on dates for regionals and safety clinics and possible open shows.

The entry fees at the state show have been changed. There will be one program fee for each horse-rider combination.

Horse Show—Mark Storm reported on the highlights from the morning show meeting:

Schedule change—Saturday will be: Showmanship, Barrels, Western Pleasure—Pleasure Type (both age groups), Western Pleasure (13 & 12), Saddle Seat Pleasure, Saddle Seat Equitation, Grand Entry, Western Heritage. On Monday: Hunt Seat Pleasure 6th grade will be inserted in with rest of Hunt Seat pleasure classes.

There will be an exhibition on Friday following the training program classes—Challenged Riders and Drill Teams.

Entry Fees—lowered by \$10.

Volunteers—information will be on the website for people to sign up to help with the show. This would be in addition to the regular volunteers scheduled for each county.

Show Secretary—Ruth Hemingson has agreed to do this.

Ring Stewards—plans are to use students from River Falls and newly certified judges

Photographer—the same

Announcers are needed

Farrier & Vet will need to be lined up

Shavings—Question – should we turn over the sale of shavings completely to the State Fair?

Currently they deliver the shavings to the stall in the barn & the barn office takes care of collecting the money. There was some concern that there isn't adequate control over the distribution of the bags. It was suggested that shavings be distributed at only certain times of the day and volunteers man the shavings stall at these times, using a coupon or voucher system.

Showmanship—Amy Bradshaw raised the concern that those with pleasure-type horses don't get an opportunity to show them in showmanship according to breed standards and don't get an equal chance at placing. There are currently 2 choices—Western attire (both stock and pleasure-type horses) and English attire (both stock and pleasure-type horses). Amy proposed adding a pleasure type showmanship class with either western or English. After some discussion, it was moved/seconded (Rae Ann/Kathy) to add a western pleasure-type showmanship class with two grade divisions (6-9th & 10 & up). Dan moved that this be on a trial basis for 2 years. After further discussion (do we have the right to combine the classes if they are too small? Who will judge the classes—need to find a judge who is comfortable with this type of class), the amendment was passed.

It was noted that there is an exception to a motion when there is an amendment and the person who made the original motion votes against the amendment. Rae Ann stated she was okay with the amendment. The amended motion was passed. It was noted that Penny Summer needs to be notified of the additional classes. The original classes of Western and English would remain as is.

It was m/s (Curt/Dan) to appoint Aly Hemingson as youth co-chair. Passed.

Question about 2 4-H'ers who share a horse at the county, riding in different events. In the event both win a state trip, can they both take the trip? The rules state that a 4-H'er can only bring one horse, but there is no rule against 2 4-H'ers using one horse at the state show.

Question—can both the owner and the person leasing a horse ride in the county show? As long as it is in different events.

Question—Why are all ribbons the same color? When the system of placing the whole class with blues/reds/whites was eliminated, the decision was made to award placings to the top 10. Originally these were different colored ribbons, causing much confusion when ribbons were handed out. The decision was then made to award ribbons all the same color. Another reason is to de-emphasize the placings, that all of the top 10 are winners.

Program books—Since it serves as an information source for the project, more program books will be printed this year. Each county will receive a bundle of them to use for promotions. Some counties give them to new horse project members.

Awards & Recognition—Amy Bradshaw reported that with the 2 additional bonus trip winners in the Dan Patch program, they will wait to distribute these among the grades until they see how many applicants come from each grade. One change in the Dan Patch application requirements is that each applicant will be required to submit 2 folders—one with the resume & cover letter, and one with the remainder of the application so that judges may preview them.

Amy requested that some new people be recruited to work with them with the intent of taking over in the future.

Help is needed with publicity and with providing lunch on the day of judging.

Larry will look further into a new tabulation program.

Bowls—Cindy reported that the dates are as follows:

March 3—Foley

March 10—Brainerd

March 10—Pipestone

March 17—Hastings

March 17—Hutchinson—horse only

April 21—State Contest in Foley

Cindy requested that someone take over the contest next year. She is willing to help during the transition.

Materials—Lynn reported that the revised rule book is now on the website. A request was made to clarify the helmet rule for showmanship. The rule book states in all other places that a properly worn ASTM/SEI approved headgear is required at any time the rider is mounted and is permissible without penalty in non-mounted events. It is NOT required for showmanship. On page 8 under the rules for

showmanship, Western Attire #1—change to read “western hat or protective headgear”; under English, Hunters #2 add “or protective headgear”.

Horse Related—page 3, Horse Related exhibits, #4—remove the word “not” to read You may accept both a Horse-related trip and a horse trip to the state horse show.

Horse Training Program—In the HTP booklet it states that on page 2 that “If your horse has progressed at the county or state show to being ridden, you must be exhibiting in Step 3 or higher.” This is in conflict with the state show book which states on page 1 that only those exhibitors entered in Steps 4 & 5 are eligible for riding classes, if qualified at their county fair. This correction will be made in the HTP booklet on the website and a clarification will be sent out to all counties (Bobbi & Gladys).

Budget—It was moved/seconded (Dan/Kathy) to accept the budget as submitted. Passed.

Judges Certification—Margaret reported that the dates are: March 23, 7-10 pm (special session) at the Cambridge Isanti High School and March 24, 7:30am-7:30 pm at Hi Circle Vee Ranch. Help will be needed & riders will be needed.

It was m/s to appoint Colin Rohne as youth co-chair. Passed.

Old Business

Bonus County Trips—Still in place

Ethics Program (Brad)—The state office is still working on this

New Business

Letter— The state office plans on sending out a letter to all 4-H Horse Project members in regards to:

Helmet policy

Following 4-H rules at shows—any 4-H Club having a show as a fund raiser must follow 4-H rules (helmets, ages, etc). They will not be able to put on a WSCA show—a saddle club or another group may do so & donate the proceeds to 4-H.

The Achievement Program cannot be required as criteria for state show eligibility (except for the training program). No records can be required, but counties can require attendance at clinics, etc.

State Project Guide –Larry mentioned that there was a misstatement in this booklet in regards to the helmet requirement—It should read “the properly adjusted ASTM/SEI headgear is required at any time the rider is mounted”, not “During all exhibitions” It was suggested that this booklet be checked for other discrepancies.

Policies of the MFHA

Page 2, Awards & Recognition #3. Should read that “4 bonus trips” etc.

Page 1, Winter Roundup #4 on chaperone requirement for those under 16—need to check the guidelines of the state office about this.

Elections

Unexcused Absences—It was m/s to reinstate Jessica Schultz as youth shirt sales chair. Passed

Amanda Massmann was not reinstated.

Chair Appointments

Grants—Adult co-chair—Carolyn Koepp (m/s by Felicia/Ruth to appoint)—Passed

Youth co-chair—Leslie Christianson (m/s by Felicia/Rae Ann) Passed

State Show Youth co-chair—Andrew Wagner (m/s to appoint)—Passed

Winter Roundup Youth co-chair—Keri Economy (m/s to appoint)—Passed

Awards/Recognition—Simone Baedeke (m/s to appoint)—Passed

Elected Directors:

Dan Patch—It was m/s (Felicia/Larry) to appoint Joe Dunlavy as 2006 Dan Patch director. Passed.

EC-youth opening, 1 applicant—Kayla Ross M/S to elect Kayla. Passed

NE—2 youth openings, 4 applicants—Andrew Wagner, Simone Baedeke, Keri Economy, and Kayla Schultz. Elected were Keri Economy and Kayla Schultz

NW—no applicants, no nominations

SC—1 adult opening, 1 applicant—Cathy Giefer. M/s (Dan/Ruth) to re-elect Cathy. Passed

SC—1 youth opening, 2 applicants—Laura Dunlavy & Rebecca Stevens Laura was elected.

SE—2 youth openings, no applicants, no nominations

SW—1 adult opening, 1 applicant—Penny Hormann. M/S (Dan/Bobbi) to elect Penny. Passed

SW—2 youth openings, 2 applicants—Jessica Erickson & Citty Cole. M/S to elect both. Passed

Offices:

Chair, Adult—It was m/s (Kathy/Aly) to cast unanimous ballot for Mark Storm. Passed

Chair, Youth—Kayla Ross & Joe Dunlavy were nominated. Joe was elected by ballot.

Vice Chair—Dan Dolan & Rae Ann Bartz were nominated. Dan Was elected by ballot

Vice Chair, Youth—Kayla Ross was nominated. M/S to elect Kayla –Passed

Secretary—It was M/S to cast unanimous ballot for Lynn Watland. Passed

Secretary, Youth—Jenna VanGorp and Aly Hemingson were nominated. Aly was elected by ballot.

Treasurer. It was m/s (Ruth/Aly) to appoint Emma Skagg as Youth Treasurer. Passed

Next Meetings

November 17, 2007

February 9, 2008

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Lynn Watland, Secretary

Aly Hemingson, Acting Youth Secretary