

Horse committee meeting minutes November 13th

The meeting was called to order by Cody.

Jaymie Phillips, Jaylie Phillips, Allison Smith, Cody Ream, DarAnn Curry, Jean Irish, Malulani Pretty Weasel, Penny Uecker, Yvette Hersel and Chris England were all in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and reviewed. Yvette motioned to accept the minutes as read, Penny seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The financial report was read by all. A question of \$352 expense was brought up and found to be sent to the fair board for payment for open class horse show. Yvette motioned to accept the financial report and file it for audit with the change of \$352 that will be billed to the fair board. DarAnn seconded motion and a vote was taken, and motion was passed with knowledge the \$352.00 will be billed to the fairgrounds.

Old business

The top hand award was discussed, and it was decided to call it True Grit instead of the top hand award. Yvette motioned for this, and Jaymie Phillips seconded. A vote was taken and passed. The committee members will come up with a description and guidelines for the judge by the next meeting.

Ranch horse day parents helping with events was brought up by Jaymie to help decrease miscommunication and understanding. This can be done by one person or teams of people with the kids for each event. Yvette reports that the judge three years ago talked to each level before starting the event. Maybe have the judge educate and state expectations and rules rather than having the parents. Maybe we need to add this education expectation into their paperwork when we send their confirmation.

Spring clinics: The committee needs to submit a CMF grant for the clinics, The committee normally pays clinicians \$500 to \$600 a day plus expenses. The clinics are normally a two-day ranch horse - splitting the levels and a two-day performance horse also splitting the levels. Yvette brought up that Erickson's still do this for Judith Basin and have the entire setup and maybe we could do a clinic there. The options are: we could do it there or here and we can get animals from Andy Kellom for sorting. The thought of having him put on a clinic came up. DarAnn will ask Andy if he would be interested in putting on a clinic and bringing the animals. The committee is looking at April for the clinics. Penny will see what clinicians have available (three options) and will have information for the next meeting.

Judges for next year: Penny will also compile a list for the office. It was brought up that Kim Gately was and can be very negative and that is not something we want to foster in our community. It was made apparent we need to remove her from our list. Jan Larson, Chris Brown, Peggy from Bozeman, and Lisa Jason were all people that were brought up to possibly add to the list. The judge we had several years ago, possibly Bill? We would like to look into seeing about getting him back.

New business

Policy changes: moving up levels if receiving medallion. After looking through the policy book on Section 3 Enrollment 9. a. **Please see the section of the policy book at the end of the minutes.**

Yvette motioned to accept the amendment to section 3 enrollment 9A. Penny seconded vote was taken and passed.

Officer elections: It tabled until the next meeting. Though Jean Irish did say that she would step into the secretary role.

Penny brought up the horse card (a card required by our state horse show that has a picture and information about your horse that you will be using in 4H) and that our county has not been compliant with this requirement. A copy of another county's card has been given to Allison to make up one for our county. This will be distributed and will be required to be turned into (by email or copy) to the extension office by June 1st. There will be a binder at the fair horseshow so that we will be in compliance with the state rules. This in essence will help keep better track of people that are buying a horse or having one at a trainer after June.

Penny also reports that the state horse show is cracking down on colt to maturity and green horse and having TQA. It was noted that all horse projects will need to be current on their TQA in order to participate at our fair and the State Horse Fair.

Penny has asked to have rules for colt to maturity added to the next meeting agenda.

Yvette asked if we are still doing ice cream again for ranch horse consensus was yes and asked if we could also add in popsicles for those people that are unable to have dairy.

Next meeting will be January 8th at 5:15 at the extension office.

Meeting adjourned

Section 3 : Enrollment

- 1) Previous year members must have enrollment forms into the office with designated horse projects and project levels by January 1, with no new members being enrolled after April 15. (unless transferring from another club out of county or state). **April 15 is the deadline for any additions or corrections to enrollment and project level changes.** Independent study project outlines are due April 15. Project outlines and goal sheets should be brought to the fair for the class and interview.
- 2) Members must be enrolled in or completed Level 3 Horsemanship or Ranch Horse Level 3 to enroll in Driving or Packing.
- 3) Members must register separately for English and Western Horsemanship levels on their enrollment forms.
- 4) A member must be 12-year-old or older, by October 1 of the current 4-H year, and enrolled in or completed Horsemanship or Ranch Horse Level 3 to enroll in the Colt to Maturity.
- 5) A member must be 12 years old or older, by October 1 of the current 4-H, and enrolled in or completed Horsemanship 3 or Ranch Horse Level 3 to enroll in Green

Horse. The horse used in the Green Horse project cannot be a Colt to Maturity Horse or a Horsemanship or Ranch Horse Level 1-7 Project.

- 6) Hunter Hack and Rodeo can be Horse Independent Study Projects (meaning members do not need to be enrolled in Horsemanship/Ranch Horse to participate), but these must be written on the members yearly 4-H Enrollment Form and an Independent Study Outline turned into the Extension Office by April 15. **Only members that are in Level 3 or higher in Horsemanship or Ranch Horse may enroll in these projects independently.** See Section 7 for more information. To show at State 4-H Horse Show in speed events, the horse must also be shown in another project class and the member must be enrolled in the appropriate project. Note: members may show also show in these events without an Independent Study designation if they are enrolled in a Horsemanship/Ranch Horse project.
- 7) Trail and Bareback are not projects. All horse project members may enter trail and bareback on their fair entry forms. **All juniors (10 and younger) must wear a helmet when competing in these events at the fair.** See Section 8 form more information.
- 8) Horsemanship Project members may enroll in both Western and English projects, but can only be separated by one level. i.e. Western Horsemanship 3 and English Horsemanship 2.
- 9) A member may repeat any level of Horsemanship or Working Ranch Horse. Once a member has earned two blue ribbons in any one level the member must move on to the next level. If a member wishes to remain in a level after earning two blue ribbons in that level, a written request must be given to the Horse Committee prior to April 15.
 - a. To stimulate continued personal growth, members enrolled in the horsemanship or working ranch horse project, must move up to the next level after winning a ~~medallion~~ **first place** in their current **county level if there are 3 or more contestants in that** level or placing **1st** at the State 4-H Horse Show. This does not apply to members who are already competing at the highest level possible for their project.
- 10) A member may exhibit only one horse in English Horsemanship, one horse in Western Horsemanship and one horse in Working Ranch Horse.
- 11) Members that enter any classes that require a lope may not enter any Walk/Trot Classes.