



**UTAH STATE HORSE 4-H GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 MINUTES
HEBER CITY, UTAH**



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X	Davis	X	Wasatch	X	Salt Lake	X	Juab
X	Cashe	X	Morgan		Tooele	X	Millard
X	Box Elder		Summit	X	Utah	X	Sanpete
X	Weber	X	Rich				Wayne
							Piute
					X	X	Sevier
							Emery
							Grand
							X
							Iron
							Washington
							San Juan
							Beaver
							Carbon
							X
							Garfield
							Daggett
							Kane

Meeting Called To Order 8:00 p.m.

By: President Gary Butters
Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

Roll Call (As indicated above, including Voting County Representatives)

Review of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes

Motion: Approved

Treasurer Report: Wendy Bennet-Davis, Cannot give specifics at this time. \$3500.00 for Scholarships for next year.

Academic Report: NO REPORT Wendy Whittle Not in attendance

Gary: Encourage Youth to apply for scholarships Awarded 7000.00 in scholarship money Names listed in last minutes. Please contact county agents for information regarding scholarship applications.

Scott has hired an individual to develop a test bank that will have information extracted from the horse science and horse and horsemanship and the rule book. True false multiple choice, and fill in the blank questions. Only the extension agents will be able to access the bank from the web site. This is to make questions available for those needing test questions for the 4-H shows. It is located on the secure site of the university. If you are the host for the show you can contact your county agent and they can access the site for you to utilize this information that you request. This will be available for next year's summer shows.

Judges and Rules Committee: Clif Goble

Committee Secretary appointed: Terry Langston

Gag Bit: Will be no wording changes in the rule book. This will be addressed in the judge's clinics.

A Sliding Bit: will be considered a gag bit with action that moves up and down in the horse's mouth. Any bit that can visually move but does not visually cause discomfort for the horse or take the effect of gagging the horse is not considered a sliding bit. If the bit fits under these guidelines it shall not be cause for disqualification. This is re-clarification from last meeting.

Judges Clinics: Current Show judges who are on the list will be required to attend one of the Judges clinics every other year in order to maintain judging status.

Proposal: Reflecting the National rules it has been proposed that our state rules reflect the use for Horse bowl, Horse judging and Hypo logy, the outline of books for study that are available on the national level with the exception of the books that we currently use in addition which are Horse and Horsemanship, Horse Science, Illustrated dictionary of equine terms. (The counties agents were informed as to where they could acquire these books)

Motion to accept the proposal as stated above

Motion Passed

Safety Recommendation: NO rule change at present is recommended but we would like to recommend in our spring Leadermete that we set up some demonstrations or class on boots, helmets and other things. We feel that this may be more effective than attaching all these rules to the rule book and making it awkward to work with. This would give you an example that of those items and how to use them.

Discussion: To address making the change in our rule book with Disqualification and Ribbon placings. In Horsemanship we will allow a lame horse as long as it is serviceable. In the two handed class it says that if we have a lame horse that horse will be disqualified from the class. The two handed is considered a pleasure class. In the Horsemanship class this rule does not apply. It has been brought up that we change from two handed pleasure to a two handed horsemanship class. The two handed pleasure class emphasizes the horse

and the horses movement rather than the maneuver.

The recommendation would make the change to two handed horsemanship instead of a two handed pleasure class. The history behind the initial labeling of pleasure vs horsemanship classes: Initially it was started this way to encourage the youth to acquire better quality horses to compete with. Cliff: I liked the fact that you could give more points on the way that the horse was moving than you can in the horsemanship.

Clarification: A Serviceable Horse: The horse that is able to perform at every gate that is requested which is walk, jog, gallop at both leads and back effectively than it is considered serviceable.

Proposal: to change the wording in the rule book in the two handed class from western pleasure to western horsemanship:

Motion: to accept proposal as stated above

Motion Fails

Discussion: Horsemanship classes and broken patterns. Each maneuver in or objects are judged or pointed individual would be like maneuvers in western equitation class, reining class, The trail class stands alone as we are not presently disqualifying for missed maneuvers in trail. Our recommendation is

We recommend that instead of disqualification in these patterns that we drop a ribbon for a broken pattern only on an obstacle that is broken that they are not completely disqualified for that error. If there are two missed obstacles then there would be two drops in the ribbon placing and so forth. We have been very heavy in 4-H to advise the judges that they do not give a disqualification in order to encourage the youth but to drop a ribbon placing. View the maneuver as an obstacle instead of an entire pattern disqualification and award that as a ribbon dropping.

Proposal: Change the disqualification where it states in our rule book in the judged events that they will be dropped one ribbon instead of a disqualification for a pattern infraction.

Motion: to accept proposal as stated above

Motion Passed

Discussion: Penalty for those youth who run through the gate to start speed events.. There is no wording in the general rules that states the penalty for those who do this. It is stated in the end of the rule book. It states there that it will be a five (5) second penalty for anyone who starts through the gate for a speed event on the run. We would like to move this to the general rule section of the rule book.

Proposal: To move the penalty wording that states anyone who starts through the gate for a speed event on the run will be penalized 5 seconds on that event to the general rules of the rule book.

Motion: to accept proposal as stated above

Motion Passed

Discussion: This is related to a rule that is also on the books that needs to be addressed in the general rules is that no penalty is stressed when in fact a parent or a trainer or anyone else is riding the project horse at the show is not permissible. It does not address what will happen if that does take place. It is our recommendation is that we add under that that this infraction is an disqualification from the entire show.

Proposal: To add to the rule book general rules the penalty that anyone riding the project horse other than the youth registered to show that horse at the show will be disqualified from that show in its entirety.

Motion: To accept the proposal as stated above

Motion Passed

Discussion: Those youth who like to fall back to the end of the call for that class. Our feeling is that we have tried to control this issue and we feel that we need to say if in fact that you are late for this call and that your late arrival is not pre approved by the show committee or to come in a different order that there will be a ribbon dropping. Concerns voiced about how the judges will be informed of the order infraction and how that will be handled. Questions addressed from group of youth that cannot hear calls or have legitimate reasons for being late, but recognize the need to address those who habitually are late to gate calls. Comment that 4-H is too lenient on the infraction of late gate-call that the youth should be at some point responsible to be aware of their gate sequence. Show committee management will address individual gate infractions as it arises.

Proposal: If you are out of order and have missed your gate call at the show you will have to have pre approval from the show committee management you will be dropped a ribbon placing in that event.

Motion: To accept the proposal as stated above

Motion Passed

Election of Officers: Need Nominations for 2nd Vice President,
Need a Financial Advisor which is an appointed position.

Nephi Noyes nominated to be the 2nd Vice President.
Officers change position effective January 1, 2007.

Report on Working Ranch Horse Program: Scott McKendrick a year ago we met at this show to create a working Ranch Horse Program. We have gathered information from many other sources and many of you helped in this and I thank you for that. On the web site there are three phases for this program. A leaders guide and a draft information for an invent. This is a good program that is a deviation of events from just going around in circles. If any of you have an interest in hosting this event we can put it on our state web site. Lets just keep trying to work at this and encourage this to get it going. One recommendation, that the grounds are properly groomed as to avoid injuries of the horses for this program. If one county is hosting this are the other counties invited? Yes.

Two Handed State Show Review: Overall show report was that they kids had a great time and everything went well. The numbers were down a little this year. All registered youth were in attendance.

Individual State Show Review: There is a shavings issue. Several shavings thieves are out there. This has been a problem for two years. We have tried to resolve this issue. My proposal to the new counties hosting would be to require the participants to provide their own shavings to deter theft.

Scott: You might have the host county have a private vender come in and provide shavings. Maybe have a locked trailer with a charge of an even amount and to have the private vendor provide this service. This is how we have resolved it at the state fair and it has worked quite well.

Gary: Thank all of the counties for putting together their rules/guidelines on a state level we have not had problems of counties coming to the state to solve your individual county problems as has been the case in the last couple of years. Thank you for your attention to that.

Scott: Thank you all for coming and to Wasatch county for all their efforts in sponsoring this event. For the many hours of work involved for this event.

Question: Why is the state show so far into the season.

Gary: We have addressed this same question in the past. In discussing this at our last meeting in dealing with a lot of fairs, and fitting in a lot of shows in, in order to qualify in being here, riding clubs, vacations, We realize that it is late, we realize that maybe it could be moved up. Someone would have to go to a lot of work with this state horse council and show us that it will not interfere with other county fairs, and other shows. If someone is willing to go to a lot of work to put that proposal together in hard copies with justifications than it will be reviewed. But until that is met we will stay at the same schedule.

Question: Why can we not hold the show in the facilities in that can handle it.

Discussion: We would like to propose that the individual show to be held in one of the four areas that have large enough facilities to hold it, the motels, and restaurants that can handle the numbers. The four that I have looked at are, Golden Spike

It was discussed in July that instead of the two year rotation that it would be open to have the counties bid on it providing they have the facilities to host it. Or host it in one of the four facilities that were discussed.

Ogden, for stalls parking and two indoor regions.

Farmington, one indoor arena, Stalls, close in proximity

Salt Lake County Equestrian Center, One indoor arena

Spanish Fork, Indoor arena, Close proximity, stalls can be added if needed.

Some of the other issues: the overall picture of stalls, parking, hotels/motels, restaurants.

Five regions that are in the rotation at this time.

Who is going to host the show if it is located in these different areas?

How are they going to recoup the money if it is in these different areas?

Is it practical to host a show in a different area?

Concern: Not having adequate facilities for the State individual show in Vernal for next year
Motels are a real issue right now.

ACTION: Boyd Kitchen will follow up on the research in contacting the facilities and hotels to see if it is feasible to host the State show in 2007.

Discussion on where to host next years show Counties in question or suggested will research and discuss with their counties and horse councils to determine the feasibility and availability of hosting the state horse show for 2007. Will contact with State Horse Council president and secretary by October 7, 2006

English Show Report: State show went very well, overall turnout was good. Dates for next year. Tuesday And Wednesday at Golden Spike Arena, 20, 21, 22nd same as last time.

Meeting Adjourn 9:40

Recorded Attendance:

Miken Davis, Clif Goble, Austin Fleming, Kim Byington, Keri Byington, Kathy Lovett=Cyell, Connie Niel, Linda Gaz, Kim Sawyer, Chris Hansen, Katie Ovard-Smith, Shawna Ovard, Kristin Kariger, Kathy Putnam, Karmen Sanone, Wade Garrett, Coy Fackrell, Nephi Noyes, Cody Mortensen, Carol Mortensen, Rebecca, Lewis, Pat Evans, Wayne Melnar, Shana Whitbeck, Sonja labrum, Boyd Kitchen, Shirley Slaugh, Heather Bosh, Ashley Mortensen, EJ Ervine, Jacilyn Harrison, Robyn Gruber Melani Evans, Brenda Langston, Mollie Gowans, Cassie Lyman, Tricia Carlson, Chris Wilkinson

These minutes were approved at the April 27, 2007 4-H Horse Council meeting in Panguitch, Utah