

Judge's and Rules Committee Meeting

4/2/10

*In attendance: Clif Goble, Kim and Kari Byington, Kathy Borrett, Emily Nelson, Pam Johnson, Katie Ovard-Smith, Shawna Ovard, Kathy Putnam, Connie Neal, Chris Clark*

*Conducting: Clif Goble*

*1- From AQHA Rule Book: In showmanship, looking back while you are trotting away with the horse, only once is suggested. However, as judges, do not dock a child if they do it more than once, but spread the word.*

*2- There was a motion to "break apart" English and Western into different rule books. But it has been decided to keep it into one rule book because "there is a lot of general information in the book as it is, and the book now helps kids broaden their horizons". The 4-H Rule Book though will be divided into the following sections: a. general information b. basic sections c. two-handed rules d. speed events e. English section f. games*

*3-When you run across a test question which is not clear or mis-spelled, let Collette know which specific ones they are, and she will correct them.*

*4-Acceptable two-handed bits are the conventional "O" Ring, "D" Ring, and Egg Butt only for 4-H.*

*5-If you suspect a drugged horse, turn in the information to show management, but the State will no longer accept grievance money regarding this rule for the following reasons: a. it's expensive, and who pays the whole bill? b. It takes time to get results back c. sometimes a "warning" to the owners of the horse in question will cure the problem. d. A proper test done to truly determine drugging, is sent out of State. However the "written rule" in the book will remain.*

*6-Clif reported that there were only two judges whose cards in the mail were returned undeliverable. The judges listed on the website want to remain there.*

*7-Washington County reported they were having problems getting good judges to come down South. Byingtons volunteered to travel down.*

*8-The rotating events for next year are Scurry, and Bareback.*

*9-Kathy Putnam had a concern that some parents are "Tying their kids' feet into their stirrups", and suggested the possibility of rule-book intervention for our meeting in September. Kari Byington suggested elastic bands instead. Time was up, though, so this item was not discussed much.*

*10-Collette Floyd sent out a plea to whoever could- to judge portfolios today for scholarships. Kim Byington motioned meeting adjourn,seconded*