

MINUTES
4-H Horse Council Meeting
Friday, September 19, 2008
Vernal, Utah

Pledge of Allegiance
4-H Pledge

Attendance: Emery, Rich, Weber, Uintah, Utah, Sanpete, Davis, Duchesne, Cache, Wasatch, Box Elder, Beaver, Sevier, Salt Lake

Minutes read and approved

Add a post script of winning the hosting of State Show:
Salt Lake
Salina
Washington

Finance – Wendy Bennett

Previous Balance	\$1,795.34
Check from Uintah Horse Council	\$4,915.50
<i>Outstanding Checks</i>	
USU for Denver Contest Winners	\$1,500.00
USU & Kylie Kirschner	\$500.00
USU & Candice Cribble	\$200.00
UVU & Cade Whittle	\$300.00
Current Balance	\$4,210.84

Academics – Wendy Whittle

Where the books? Don't know, but do know that they just get passed around by the Horse Bowl winners.

Horse Shows 2008 and 2009-10

Uintah County has done a great job! Nice work and thanks so much for all your hard work.

Next year and the following, the show will be held in Salt Lake.

(Rebecca) English state show ran well. Testing into levels - had huge numbers, nice remarks and comments about the performance of riders, and no falls in classes. Still tweaking the testing, working to make it more accessible. Please be aware, we are trying to increase the numbers of English riders, English helps with Western. We are offering to travel to different counties in order to introduce riders to English and can bring all the tack. (I took the liberty of moving this up to the appropriate place)

Judges and Rules – Clif

Run-in Reining Patterns- chose not to use due to stressing out the speed horses. Worked better today without out the run-ins. Won't use again for awhile, but consider striking

when they come back in a few years. Perhaps it works well at the county level, but recommend that they aren't used at the state level

Discussion

- Run-in at the gates cause safety concerns
- Look at re-drawing the patterns to keep up with the industry standards when reining rolls back around

Judging Apprentice Program- Trying to clean up the judges list and Pat's working on an on-line program with capabilities. Apprentices would get hands on training before asking them to judge

Short Course – 2 day preparation for certification. 3-4 hour class, look at all sorts of classes, 1 day of English, 1 day of Western. Gives future judges a better feel of how to judge and scribe – went over scoring cards

Need to Vote on

Messing up Manes – Taboo in Breed associations, recommend strike in Rule Book paragraph, page 12, mentions of touching horse. Recommend show committee talks to judges and let the judge know that they don't do it anymore.

Motion: To strike sections in the rule book about touching the horse during Showmanship.

Seconded, Passed

Drug Testing – Talked about random drug testing, which we think should stay. However, it is about \$237 per test, not including vet fee. Recommend that we keep that random drug testing may happen, but strike the grievance testing because we could “run into who's going to pay?” County? Griever? Need to strike drug testing done upon grievance or find a way to pay for testing.

Motion: Say it isn't legitimate to grieve over drug test. Strike that part of the drug testing section.

Seconded, Passed

Speed Events – At Hurricane, we did 1/3 splits for speed event ribbons. After taking another look, 1/3 are not realistically getting whites. Recommend that speed breaks be changed in the computer to 30% Blue, 50% Red, 20% White. Again, only in speed events.

Discussion

- Look at show day, mimic next day
 - o That's a lot of work for the show committee over night
- Why not base off this year's stats for next year's show?
 - o So many variables each year (i.e. 2nd or 1st year of event rotation)
- Counties are easy to break into thirds and mimic state
- Could look at last 5 years of state shows
 - o Come down with hard solid numbers
 - o Do we have all the scores from the last five years?
- Once in place in computers will be easy

Motion: Change the breaks in the speed events to 30% Blue, 50% Red, 20% White.

Seconded, Passed

Question? – Well we have to discard DQs before running stats?

- Yes, pull out all the DQs or oranges before running the 30 50 20.

English Rule – Proposed that the horses at state should be braided – short manes in button braids, long manes in French braids.

Motion: Suggest rule change; accept information as presented by Rebecca about manes.

Amend: for tails - optional if mane is braided

Seconded, Passed

Clarification – On 2-Handed Show – Split reins are required with snaffle bit. Mecate is only allowed with bosal. Choose no rule change; will enforce current rule

Rule Book – Would like to strip striking and date so everything is in there as new rule book.

Motion: Remove all stricken material and dates.

Seconded, Passed

Other Business

Difficult to get judges from other counties. Discuss compensation. Outlying small counties have done well. Please look at what you're paying your judges! Can raise prices or shows, fundraisers, etc. Not saying set a certain fee, just asking you to be fair. And please call in advance!

Pat – Website – Judges Certification has more information about judges and feedback from show chairs about the judges. Lists judges who have gone through the program and those who are certified. Judges can put in a bio, specialties, and what they're willing to judge. Show managers feedback goes through Pat, so she can clean them up or veto. Trying to make it more user friendly and effective for judges and show managers.

Perhaps recommend a Parent Code of Conduct? Parents are not allowed to treat judges or show committee poorly. If the child signs, the parent signs. Get it into counties and make them sign, and make sure the parents understand what they're signing.

Discussion

- Have parents meeting to explain the ribbon breakdown
- Parents are confused and don't know what to look for
- Comments from parent discourage kids
- 4-H is about learning, can bring anything to the table
- We're here to raise good kids, not destroy them
- Pat – Presenting a new clinic, “From the Judge's View”: Present a mock show in which the parents and leaders are talked through the class and taught to understand what the judge is looking for
- Extension Agents should step in and say “enough is enough”

Information and Updates – Scott M

- Chartering 4-H Horse Council under State 4-H – Will charter Horse Council, 501-C3 do away with.
- Training Videos on 4-H Horse Website – 2 videos, Western Riding with Scott and Vaughn Knudson and Reasons. The videos are old, but the information is still valid and will help
- Working Ranch Horse – Tremonton (Oct 11), Panguitch (Oct 24-25)
- 4-H Week – first full week of October
- Proposed Horse Show Dates for 2009:
 - o State English, September 11-12, Grantsville
 - o State 2-Handed, September 17, Salt Lake
 - o State Individual, September 18-19, Salt Lake
- Daniel’s Fund Scholarships – designed for 4-H horse kids, check it out on the website. Four year tuition and books. 10 North, 10 South, 10 girls, 10 boys
- 4-H Horse Scholarships – check them out, need applicants
- 4-H Leadermete – March 12-14 2009, Box Elder County
- 09-10 Show – John – Green fliers promoting the even at the back of the room. Katie Ovard smith is the chairperson of the show next year, planning on having a good show. Would like to do Hippology.

Discussion

- Can they do it at the State Show?
- It’s been done before
- Teams would have to be the same county

Election of Vice President

Nominations: Wad Garret – Juab County

Motion to Close Nominations

Seconded, Passed

Accept Nomination

Voted in

Motion to Adjourn

Seconded, Passed