

Minutes of the February 9, 2006 4-H Working Ranch Horse Steering Committee meeting.

Those present who were able to check on with audio were:

Tooele,

Curtis Crittenden

Martha and Rusty Ruby, Alan James

Morgan

Darrell Eddington

Millard

Craig Poulson and the Moody's, including some others from their local 4-H Horse Council;

We also think there were some in Sanpete and Weber Counties unable to get the return audio portion working. Thanks to all for attending.

Excused Chris Hansen and Todd McFarlane

Who did I miss here?

Scott reviewed the documents that had been changed from Idaho to Utah and included comments from several of the committee. There were additional efforts from Connie Neal that did not get into that draft. Scott will work with Connie Neal and Todd McFarlane to get a final draft incorporating the committees input into a draft document before the March 4th training.

The Tooele Group agreed to develop a first draft Mission Statement that would go into the Leaders Manual.

Scott referred committee members to look at the Ranch Horse Association of America web site and the AQHA Versatility website for additional ideas for our program. Connie had also sent Scott some Missouri Working Ranch Horse materials to be looked at and new ideas taken from, to expand our program.

During the review of the draft document suggestions were made to consider:

Multi level competitions...Unit 1 members against Unit 1 members, etc.

There needs to be a "carrot" (reward/incentive) to go with the accomplishments expected. Attire...4-H dress code not a costume class of old time cowboys, etc. We don't want this to become an expense to members in buying lots of clothing and tack above what is functional and needed.

Proper and legal equipment and its use needs to be addressed also.

Time limits in certain events with bonus points for not using the total time allowed, but with continued emphasis on smoothness and repeatability rather than one fast run out of 5 tries that were a wreck, etc.

It was decided that the program would gain the most strength if it started at the county level for 2006 and then as programs grew at the county level consider some kind of state event for 2007 or 2008. Youth should be encouraged to utilize this part of the 4-H program in choosing topics for demonstrations, public speaking talks, etc.

It was also proposed that we try and identify some successful 4-H members from local activities and put on some kind of demonstration to introduce the program to parents and youth involved in the State 4-H Horse Show in Heber in September. Having this demonstration during the waiting time at the end of the state show while final tabulations and awards programs are being organized would be a good time to reach a captive audience of at least current participants and parents. Scott will work with the state show committee on this.

We will introduce the 4-H Working Ranch Horse program with a demonstration and leader training tied in with the WRLF. The training will take place on March 4, 2006 somewhere between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in SLC....

Assignments

1. Chris Hansen in SL...find an indoor arena for that time frame
2. Scott McKendrick, Alan James and Todd McFarlane get together and design some training and demonstrations for leaders present.
3. Scott McKendrick...promote at a booth at WRLF and through mailings to local Extension offices and county representatives on the horse council.
4. Scott McKendrick and Connie Neal...have a conference call with Alma Hubbard from Idaho who is the originator of the program there. Determine if it would be best to have him come and help present and/or at least pick his brain for things to do and things not to do as we go statewide with this new program.
- 5/ Scott and Connie will also get together and incorporate all of the ideas into one draft and then have it for everyone to review and use at the training...we will ask Todd for review on this as well.

I hope that recaps the major thoughts and assignments to prepare for the kickoff on March 4th in SLC. Thanks everyone for your efforts to this point and in getting ready for the training event. Good luck