

Outagamie County 4-H Horse Assoc.  
Board of Director's Meeting  
March 26, 2024  
Town of Center Town Hall, Appleton, WI

**Call to order:** 6:36 p.m.

**Present:** Ellen and Kaiya (Sophie) Wheaton, Allison and Dale Maass (Wyatt, Ashley, Kendra), Gail Leitermann, Lauren Suehring, Lydia Ewing, Elyanna Masty (Kerry Shepard), Danielle Schlueter, Janet Schlueter, Lane Witterholt, Wycovia (Dan and Kyreiy) Young, Sara and Keira (Dylan and Kyleigh) Leitermann, (Kathy Filen), (Terri and Collin Garsow), (Sharon Hess)

**Absent:** Kyle and Kensley Breaker, Trish Werner, Melia Pauley

**Secretary's Report:** Danielle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the February 27 meeting. Wycovia seconded the motion. Motion carried. No additions or corrections. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** One check was written for [REDACTED] to Sara Leitermann for the website renewal. The current balance is [REDACTED]. Ellen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Wycovia seconded the motion. Approved.

**Clinic Schedule:** Danielle sent out a clinic schedule. Suggestions were made. Danielle will add hunter hack to the showbill for the June 2 fun show. One clinic date needs to be July 18 not July 17. An open clinic will be added for Thursday, June 20. We decided to have no clinics the week of fair (so those dates will not be added to the schedule). Danielle will make updates and will send it out to the large group and post on Facebook. Keira will update the website event dates.

**April Educational Meeting:** We do not have a presenter for next month. A few judges were unable to commit to the weeknight.

Kathy Filen has a suggestion for the meeting. Emanuel Kempf is a farrier who specializes in therapeutic and recovery shoeing. He would be willing to do a demonstration. Kathy mentioned she could ask him if next month's meeting would work in his schedule. We asked for a 30 minute presentation to allow for time for questions afterwards. Ideas for his presentation include the following:

- how the horse's trim impacts the horse,
- things that can go wrong that we can look for, and
- let him decide what to share.

**Awards update:**

Keira had some larger prizes. Profile, as a supplier, was mentioned.

- Buckets 15-20.
- Feed pans at 26.
- Tumblers 35.
- Jackets 60.
- Bridle bag 60-70.

- Chairs 70-140.

Danielle looked at some smaller prizes:

- Collapsible buckets 8.
- Tiger's tongue sponge 10.
- Groomer 10.
- Standing wraps 16.
- Boot socks 13.
- Bridle bag 40.
- Blanket bag 20.

Kerry would put images etc. on prizes if that was not included in the price.

### Awards System:

The suggestion was made to look at the cost of a trophy to help us determine the cost of the prizes, which is roughly 10-12 dollars per trophy. The idea shared was for youth earning a prize rather than a trophy for top placing in each class. **Concern:** The cost of prizes for each trophy would be uneconomical. Someone else suggested only those earning a (top) blue would receive a prize.

Other discussion was to have a points bracket. The awards system would be for participation in events throughout the year. Price ranges, based upon points earned or classes won, need to be determined. The discussion was to have the youth pick out a few options for the different price ranges, once price ranges are determined. At the fair show, youth would submit their selections based upon the point system determined so that prize(s) would be ordered for the October show. **Concern:** Fairness was discussed; if individuals cannot get a ride to every event, they are at a disadvantage.

This awards system may have to continue in discussion and discovery, and a formal decision would be made for the next 4H year.

Final discussion is to use donated trophies again as an alternative to a prize level system for this fair. Kathy Filen offered donated trophies.

The board needs to continue this discussion for next year.

### T-shirt design:

Sophie has a design. It will be set up at Cooney's. Keira has the design and will make adjustments for the image for printing.

### Volunteer opportunities:

Mounted Shooters will be at the fairgrounds on July 6 and 7. This could be a volunteer opportunity.

The Lara Plamann showbill is shared. Basket ideas were discussed. Options for baskets are as follows:

- Outdoor kid activity
- Yummy for my tummy gift card basket, other items can be added to the basket with the gift cards

Ellen will take charge of the baskets for the Lara Plamann show.

Allison made a motion to adjourn the board of directors' meeting. Wycovia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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General Education Meeting  
Town of Center Town Hall, Appleton, WI

Call to order: 7:15 p.m. General Meeting

Pledges

Sign-in

Volunteer Opportunities:

Mounted Shooter: Interest was surveyed, and there were not enough interested parties to make this a volunteer opportunity.

Lara Plamann Memorial show:

- bring basket items and
- sign up for volunteering next month (Ellen)

Clinic Schedule: Updates to the schedule will be shared with the large group via email, website, and Facebook.

Drill Team Update: Participants were disappointed with the communication. Members were not allowed to participate at the 'extra practice' after purchasing the equipment to be in the practice show. Not all information was shared about the situation. More communication would be preferred. Members are enjoying the drill team and are doing good.

Horse Bowl Update: Members need to sign their forms to submit for the competition in May.

Upcoming Events:

Midwest Horse Fair

April 19 – 21

- volunteer at the Wisconsin 4H Horse Association tack sale; hours count for Outagamie County Requirements
- enjoy clinics, demos, shopping, and more

4H Sign-up

April 15 – May 25

- ask questions of board members
- sign up on 4H online website

#### Fair Updates:

- For open class on Saturday of fair, 40 horses are expected.
- Gymkhana for open and jr fair is the Sunday of fair.
- Open class horses are on display during fair.
- Junior members need to confirm their need for a stall. In January, seven stalls were requested.
- The stall fee is 25 per horse.
- The horses will stall in a tent, west of the horse arena, same side of the driveway.
- The fair is extending the water line across the driveway, closer to the tent.
- Twenty panel stalls will be borrowed from Waupaca County.
- Shawano's stalls are owned by their 4H horse project and are doing a clinic the same weekend as our fair, so they are unavailable. They have brand new Priefert stalls.
- Winnebago has not responded. The fair will pay for the stalls if needed. Previously, our fair has loaned out pens to other counties. Trading is commonplace between the counties. The understanding is counties will loan us stalls.
- The number of horses will determine the size of the tent. The tent will cost several thousand dollars.
- Member requirements will be sent out to participants. Projects must be ready, in stalls, by 9 a.m. Exercise times are 6-9 a.m. and p.m. Projects may leave their stall for special events, too.

Danielle made a motion to adjourn the general education meeting. Lane seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7:48 p.m.

#### Youth presentations on disciplines

Showmanship – Lane / Elyana

Trail - Allison

Pleasure - Kaiya

Equitation - Keira

Dressage and gymkhana - Lydia

Ranch - Collin

Driving – Wycovia

Check out the equestrian guidelines for all class rules, requirements, and attire on the website.