

Outagamie County 4-H Horse Assoc.
Board of Director's Meeting
August 29, 2023
Center Town Hall, Appleton, WI
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:37p.m.

Present: Lydia Ewing, Keira, Dylan, and Sara Leitermann, Kaiya and Ellen Wheaton, Gail Leitermann, Lauren Suehring, Dale and Allison Maass, Kaitlyn Schlueter, Tammy Stille

Absent: Janet Schlueter, Terri Garsow, Melia Pauley

Secretary's Report: emailed. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Lydia. Keira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: No financial report currently. One will be emailed next week. We received a check for the Lara Plamann show of [REDACTED]. We are less [REDACTED] from July 2022 to June 2023 (deficit).

Old Business

Fundraiser reports:

The 50/50 raffle check was [REDACTED]. There was poor weather, the show was short, and there was less promotion from the announcer.

The mounted shooters check was [REDACTED].

Fair feedback:

- Show order needs to be addressed.
- Ring etiquette needs to be a part of preshow prep for all junior fair participants.
- It was considered to suggest to non 4H members to join 4H. If not joining 4H, consider inviting them to educational opportunities (no horses because of insurance coverage).
- Another suggestion was to have warm up for open riders separate from junior fair riders.
- At the gymkhana show, a suggestion was to use the large area for warm up. The ring should be dragged after the warm-up before the first class.
- The gymkhana show was discussed; the show was larger, and the length is a concern. Moving the mounted shooter show was discussed.
- Promoting the gymkhana show and the pleasure show in area businesses was discussed; youth could create a flyer for promotion at the businesses, Facebook, clubs, etc. Gymkhana show flyers could be also posted on the fairs grounds during the week of fair.
- Consider moving costume class to end of gymkhana. Concerns were made that few people were able to enjoy the costume class.
- Help was plentiful. Kyle Breaker needs a show dad t-shirt.
- More information needs to be shared for the potluck. Roskums donated the hotdogs.
- Clinics need to be planned earlier, especially for the money and location of the big clinics.
- Clinics with clinicians were better attended.
- The overlap with livestock was unfortunate. This year the livestock dates are the third Thursday of June and the follow week Tuesday and Thursday.
- There was good feedback for the judge.
- We should collect suggestions from the general membership at the October meeting. Below are suggestions from the board:
 - Ring etiquette, safety, for the educational meeting and at a clinic

- Showmanship, Lauren, at a clinic
- Show prep clinic for 1) horses and 2) people. Lauren volunteers to do the horse prep clinic early in the year before the other clinics
- Tack care at an educational meeting, group work
- Patterns, western and ranch, for the educational meeting and at a clinic
- Dawn Brandow, practice show, for the educational meeting and at a clinic

New Business

Horse bowl:

The group asked for money for regionals. The budget needs to be checked.

Expo Updates:

We have five horses and two tack stalls for a total of seven stalls.

Expo Decorations:

Lydia has tissue for paper flowers.

Team problems:

Danielle has been doing team problems practices. Gail will set up practices for the other team problem team.

Judging:

There is a team and individuals competing in judging.

Drill Team:

Allison, Kaiya, Sophie, and Elena would like to start a drill team. Their goal is to show at the gymkhana show or during fair. Sheboygan has a clinician for drill team this year.

October Meeting:

Snacks: We will do a snack to share rather than ice cream.

Trophies: Trophies and high points will be awarded at this meeting. Gail will count the number of trophies needed. Dale will bring the trophies to the meeting. Class winners will pick in class order.

Horse project hours: Dale will place the order with Appleton Trophy for plaques and plates. Allison, Kaiya, and Sophie need plaques.

Board member elections: We need VP, secretary, adult board. We need four youth, too. Suggestions are Danielle, Kyle, Amberly for adult members.

State: Keira reported a lot of state updates from the state meeting Aug. 28. Highlights include a decrease in participants at EXPO. October 1 is the deadline for the T-shirt competition. The state show may adjust for walk/trot classes and canter classes, open to all horse and horseless horse members. Sharing of horses may be allowed among nonfamily members. Education Days has a new location at UW Green Bay. The state needs more volunteers to learn roles in order to keep the organization running.

Other: General members need to be reminded that only the board of directors may motion and vote.

Awards: The youth are interested in "levels" for awards.

Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next meeting: October 24, 6:30 Business Meeting / Education Meeting following
Awards & Election of new board
Town of Center town hall, Appleton, WI