

Outagamie County 4-H Horse Assoc.
Board of Director's Meeting
January 10, 2023
UW Extension Office, Appleton, WI
Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.
2. Attendance
 - a. Present: Dale and Allison Maass, Gail Leitermann, Lydia Ewing, Sara, Keira, and Dylan Leitermann, Kaitlyn Schlueter, Janet Schlueter, Lauren Suehring, Ellen and Kaiya Wheaton
 - b. Absent: Melia Pauley, Kari and Cloe Duffy, Terri Garsow
3. Secretary's Report: November report was emailed. (Correction – Spelling of Cloe's name - does not have an 'h.' Lydia made a motion to accept the secretary's report with correction. Keira seconded. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: No changes were made. The report is on file for audit.
5. Budget:
 - a. Update to [REDACTED] for the clinic budget.
 - b. The website price increased.
 - c. High point grand and reserve prizes: The cost of the engraved bottles is [REDACTED] per engraved bottle. They sell in sets of six. The ribbons ordered in January through the fair association prices are roughly [REDACTED] or less for the ribbons. Purchasing in January receives a ten percent discount.
 - d. Update to [REDACTED] for high point grand and reserve ribbons and engraved bottles for 2023 and 2024 high point grand champion prizes.
6. Clinics:
 - a. Laura Sigman has agreed to lead an educational meeting (April) as well as a follow up clinic on trail. May 25 or June 1 or June 5 are options for the clinic.
 - b. Kari has a clinician and sponsor for gymkhana.
 - c. The practice show will be before fair, Thursday, June 22, 2023. Rain date is set for Monday, July 10, 2023.
 - d. July 10 is an open clinic.
 - e. We will run Thur., Aug. 10 and 24 open ride clinics before the state expo. All members are welcome to ride.
7. Club Communication:
 - a. The website needs to be renewed this week.
 - b. Ellen offered to call new members for the January meeting.
 - c. Kaitlyn offered to send requests to members for Facebook.
 - d. A pdf file will be uploaded to the website for the adult board members' contact information.

8. Fundraisers:
 - a. Candy bars, car washes, and donuts were discussed as fundraisers. (Vande Walle's, Kwik Trip, and Manderfield's)
 - b. We are interested in working the 50/50 raffle and the Mounted Shooters if they are offered to us again as fundraisers. The rodeo will be the Saturday of fair (after the gymkhana show).
9. The horse project could participate in parades. The state provides safety and regulation guidelines.
10. Discussion was had on holding the costume class on Thursday of fair.

New Business:

1. State meeting highlights:
 - a. Vendors are inside the barns and trailers. The savings is [REDACTED] dollars by not renting the exhibition building for 2023. Horsey Habit will not be returning. Vendors are concerned about security and weather. Bella's Custom Design and the photographer will be back.
 - b. Ring etiquette will be added to the equestrian guidelines in 2024.
 - c. A number of the state board members and active volunteers are suffering health problems.
 - d. Educational events at state horse expo
 - i. Educational will be inside the livestock barn behind the office
 - ii. Classes have been combined
 1. Woodworking/art
 2. Creative writing/posters/vet science (creative communications)
 3. Model horse
 4. Photography
 5. Team Problems
 - e. Midwest Horse Fair has updated a few procedures. In 2024, no consignment on Saturday and Sunday. The area is smaller and a ten foot aisle is required. There will be less hanging of products. Dirty, broken, and non-horse related items will not be sold. Jewelry will not be sold. Horse-drawn vehicles will not be sold. Anything left behind under 50 dollars will be put in the garbage. The sheets are ten dollars, 20 items on a sheet, three dollar handling fee if mailed – no refunds.
 - f. Education days may change location or have a rotation of locations.
 - i. Fox Valley Tech
 - ii. Dodge
 - iii. Stevens Point
 - iv. Marshfield
 - g. Model horse was discussed: showing at education days and having a model horse demo at the Leaders' Conference.
 - h. Forms of outreach were discussed.
 - i. T-shirt designs were selected for Expo, Hunt Dressage, Gymkhana, and a horse association t-shirt.

- j. New forms are on the website. [State Horse Project Web Link](#) [Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook](#)
- k. Counties cannot require members to show at fair in order to show at Expo. Counties can require other requirements.
- l. There will be no western pleasure or stockseat equitation at Champions Challenge this year.
 - i. Drill Team Aug. 7 (5 – 7 drill teams)
 - ii. Hunter Over Fences Aug. 11
 - iii. Trail Aug. 12
 - iv. Gymkhana Aug. 13
- m. Gymkhana will be at state fair park the weekend before Expo.
- n. Class cuts at Expo will be at 18 horses.
- o. Judges have been selected.
 - i. Sara Novtony trail
 - ii. Aaron Calahan western
 - iii. Drew Cotton hunt
 - iv. Ashlee Siegmund gymkhana
- p. Wisconsin Horse Council Farm Tech Days – July 18-20 – needs volunteers. Must be 14+. Includes ticker, t-shirt, meal. 4-H members are council members.
- q. Midwest Horse Fair – April 14-16 – needs volunteers. Biggest income opportunity for the state association. By removing the exhibition building for expo, the association should hopefully break even this year.

8:50 p.m. Sara motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lydia seconded. Motion carried.