

Outagamie County 4-H Horse Assoc.
Board of Director's Meeting
January 23, 2024
Town of Center Town Hall, Appleton, WI

Call to order: 6:34 p.m.

Present: Ellen and Kaiya (Sophie) Wheaton, Allison and Dale Maass (Wyatt, Ashley, baby), Gail Leitermann, Lauren Suehring, Lydia Ewing, Trisha Werner, Kyle and Kensley Breaker, Elyanna Masty (Kerry Shepard), Danielle Schlueter, Melia Pauley, Janet Schlueter, Lane Witterholt, Keira Leitermann

Absent: Wycovia Young, Sara Leitermann

Secretary's Report: Danielle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as emailed for the January 16 planning meeting. Allison seconded the motion.

There is only one spigot close to the arena.
There is not a wash stall close to the arena.
Saturday of the fair is the 29, and July 30 is the Sunday.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The money for the state gymkhana sponsorship is required for processing the forms. The cost of the tack stall is also required. Tricia made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Elyanna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget: Danielle motioned to approve the budget. Lane seconded. Motion carried.

Handbook Review: The member in good standing information for the gymkhana show, during county fair, might need updating. Information on the county fair show needs to be updated.

Member requirements for horse bowl are as follows:

- 3 educational meetings
 - completed sponsorship
 - completed volunteer hours
 - clinics is not included
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- updated clinic requirements for Jr fair gymkhana
 - add 2 of three clinics before the show date

Clinic Update:

Dawn Brandow is secured for June 2.
Alicia for jumping/hunter hack is June 3 (10th didn't work for her).
Lauren for showmanship and equitation needs to have dates confirmed.
We are searching for a gymkhana clinician. Options include the following:

- Caswell
 - Rising M Ranch – Miranda
 - Jacklyn Estreem – Triple Z Stables
 - Sara Harmann – was suggested for her easiness for talking to the youth.
- Danielle will approach Sara first, Jackie second.

Open Rides: Can we keep the open rides at the fairgrounds after the fair in July? In order to keep open rides, the following is needed:

- adult leader
 - reserve the grounds
- The open rides could then continue.
- Mondays and Thursdays
 - July and August
 - drag the arena after it rains only.

Educational Meetings: The June educational meeting will be held the second week on June 11. The fairgrounds would need to be reserved.

New Business:

High Point Ribbons

- Horse neck ribbons for grand
- Long ribbons for reserve
- Ordering with the fair saved us a lot of money last year. This year the fair has ordered already. We could however have our ribbons shipped with the fair ribbons to save us about \$40 from Regalia (company), Iowa.

Horse Project Buddies: Discussion on the project buddies was shared. An announcement will be made during the general meeting. A sign-up sheet will be provided for any new or returning members looking for a project buddy.

Education Next Month: Danielle will do Jeopardy with the members. Allison will share model horse information. We are also looking for speech and demonstration information.

T-shirt: Keira will create a design. The idea is to buy t-shirts online like we did last year through Cooney's.

The discussion of a Port-a-potty was brought up for our clinics. It is roughly \$150 a month. We are looking for May, June, and July. Kerry volunteered the use of a Port-a-potty if someone volunteers to clean it.

Tricia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Danielle seconded. Motion carried.

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7:03 Pledges

Introductions of members and leaders and parents
Name and number of years in 4H

Horse Project Buddies: sign up if you would like to match up with someone with more experience in the project.

Requirements for member in good standing: Members in good standing are eligible for competition and sponsorships at state events and trophies for the county fair shows.

- handout provided a list of requirements
- reviewed as a large group
- handout provides a good record for the end of year record book for county 4H clubs

Communication:

- Outagamie County 4H Horse Facebook page will share reminders, clinics, cancelling notices.
- Outagamie County 4H Horse website houses all forms, handouts, and calendar.
- Email notices will be sent for meetings.

Horse Project Hours Program:

- record the hours you worked with your horse
- 4H year runs from October through September
- 150+ hours recorded in one year gets a plaque
- second + years give additional plates with the year and hours

Optional:

Horses at the fair – Oneida Creek Equestrian

- push to keep the horses at the fair
- by interest only
- talk to Dale if interested
- Dale will count all interested for stall count.
- first come first served basis
- limited time for use of the arena (2-3 hours twice a day, probably set hours and additional events during the fair)
- days the horses arrive, etc., are still being discussed.
- horses might get early release on Sunday because Sunday is a high traffic day.
- People like to see the horses.

A few concerns were raised:

- What happens if there is bad weather?
- Horses can be stressed out in the fair situation if they are not acclimated.

Shows for the fair:

- 1) Open class horse show is Saturday of fair week. (These classes are for adults, typically, but under 18 classes are being added.) The model horse will be at the open class horse show. The fair will be picking time; it needs to be set asap.
- 2) Gymkhana for open class and Jr fair horse shows is Sunday. Horses may arrive and leave that day.
- 3) The Jr fair pleasure show is July 20. This gives youth extra time for clinics and practice. There will be no carnival or anything else fair like at this time on the grounds. It is possible to show the same horse in both shows if one person gives up their access to premiums.

- There is another group that might be joining one of the shows.
- Check out the Jr fair premium book for an idea of the list of classes. It is on our website.

Drill team:

- An interest was shown last year at our open clinics.
- Oneida Creek Equestrian did offer to open up their drill team to members of 4H.
- It is not an official 4H program; it is an optional offering for members.
- 4H insurance will not cover the program.
- Talk to Dale if you are interested in Drill Team.
- If there is a big interest, there is a State 4H Drill Team competition.
- The current cost for participating is \$100 dollars.
- The practices last for 12 weeks.
- Participants would haul to OCE property.

Tack Sales:

- 1) Volunteering for the tack sale starts on Wednesday before Midwest Horse Fair April 19-21.
- 2) Winnebago County 4H Horse Tack Sale is on March 2.

Education: Horse Bowl demonstration

The State 4H Horse Educational Days was briefly explained.