

2008 N.C. 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Best Foods, Siler City, NC
November 14th, 2008

Dr. Bob Mowrey welcomed Advisory Board members and called the meeting to order. Bob Mowrey introduced Jessica Hicks as a recently hired Extension Horse Technician at North Carolina Extension Horse Husbandry and Alison Rumfelt as the current NC Extension Horse Husbandry secretary/interim accountant. Executive Committee Chairperson, Debbie Barham Campbell, asked Bob Mowrey to preside over the meeting.

Bob Mowrey discussed breaking into subcommittees during lunch to facilitate organization of Horsemanship Camp, the State Horse Show, and to discuss new additions to the Educational Curriculum. Bob Mowrey then passed around the current Advisory Board membership list for any additions or corrections to current contact information as needed.

Dates and Locations for 2009 activities:

1. Horse Bowl Contest

Confirmed date- March 7th, 2009 (NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC)

All rooms are confirmed with the exception of the tabulations room

The setup will be the same as last year

Previous date- March 8th, 2008 (NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC)

2. N.C. 4-H Judging Contest (includes the State FFA contest)

Tentative date- April 18th, 2009; Horse Complex, Raleigh in conjunction with the

Spring Eastern Quarter Horse Show; Hunt Horse Complex (Easter- April 12th, 2009);

Oral Reasons: Millbrook High School, Raleigh

This date is now CONFIRMED

Previous date- April 19th, 2008 (Horse Complex, Raleigh); Easter March 23rd, 2008

3. Hippology Contest

Confirmed dated- March 7th, 2009 for Written Exams and ID's

April 18th, 2009 for Judging Portion

Bob Mowrey mentioned that there was a possibility of the whole contest being

held on the March date by using judging classes on videotape. This issue

went before the committee later in the meeting.

4. Equine Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Events

Previous deadline date- May 1st, 2008, postmarked to Edu. Committee chair;

Betty Hathaway and Sharon Gilbert

Proposed deadline date- May 1st, 2009, postmarked to Edu. Committee Chair;

Betty Hathaway at her home address:

(1) Horse Essay

(2) Poetry

(5) Short Story

(7) Horse Crafts*

(3) Horse Drawing*

(4) Horse Poster*

(6) Horse Painting*

(8) Horse Photography*

(9) Horse Sewing*

*Exhibits submitted Friday, July 10 from 9am to 5pm. Entries to be judged

Friday, July 10 beginning at 5pm. Sorry, early submissions prohibited.

5. Horsemanship Camp (Camp Millstone, Ellerbe)

Confirmed dates- June 14th-20th, 2009

- Previous dates- June 15th-21st, 2008
- 6. Western N.C. Horse Clinic/Camp**
Confirmed date- June 15th-17th, 2009 Arden, NC
Nira Franklin- Agent contact
Note: These dates conflict with Horsemanship Camp, and 4-Her's from the Western part of the state have admissions priority
 - 7. Northeast District 4-H Horsemanship School**
Senator Martin Horse Facility, Williamston, NC
*Dates confirmed- Check-in April 3rd, 2008
School April 4th-5th, 2008
Contact- Gerda Rhodes*
 - 8. District Activity Days**
Week #1- Exact date set by State 4-H office; tentatively June 19th, 2009; North Central District Activity Day
Week #2 - Exact date set by State 4-H office; June 23rd, 2009, West District Activity Day; June 24th, 2009, Northeast and West Central District Activity Days; June 25th, 2009, South Central District Activity Day; June 26th, 2009 Southeast District Activity Day.
 - 9. 4-H Horse Communication Contests**
Confirmed date- July 8th, 2009
State contest held Wednesday morning through early afternoon of the State Show.
 - 10. State Horse Show**
Confirmed date- Wednesday, July 8th through Sunday, July 12th, 2009
James B. Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh. Show starts Wednesday evening.
 - 11. Southern Regionals**
Confirmed date- July 29th - August 2nd, 2009 Little Rock, Arkansas
Educational Contests to be held on July 29th, 2009
 - 12. Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup**
Louisville, KY, November 6th-8th, 2009 (Tentative)
These dates are now CONFIRMED
 - 13. State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting**
Proposed date- November 13th or 20th 2009 (Best Foods, Siler City, NC or accepting bids for other locations?)
Bob Mowrey told the committee to see him before lunch if they have any alternative ideas for the 2009 Advisory Board Meeting
 - 14. District 4-H Horse Shows**
Proposed: April 25th-26th; May 2nd-3rd; 9th-10th; 16th-17th; 23rd-24th (Memorial Day, Monday; May 25th); May 30th-31st
 - 15. State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference**
Confirmed- February 6th-8th, 2008, Raleigh, NC
 - 16. AYHC National Symposium**
March 27th-29th, 2009
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Ne.
Tours: March 27th, 2009
 - 17. NC/VA Leader Training Conference**
April 2nd-5th, 2009

Hosted by VA 4-H Horse Program; Wirtz, Va.
Information listed in the 2008-2009 Short Course Brochure. Additional Information to appear online.

Note- The CORRECT dates are April 3rd-5th, 2009 and we need to form a subcommittee to meet after to determine speakers, etc.

18. Youth Horse Leadership Institutes

Proposed date- August 10th-12th or 11th-13th, 2009; Raleigh area hotel
Volunteer Leader Assistance needed to coordinate Institute

Bob Mowrey stated that a leader training committee needed to be formed to help organize curriculum and speakers. Potential topics include business plans, how to build credit, etc. This course is currently 80% funded from grant money and is anticipated to be fully funded within the next months. The goal of this course is to develop future horse leaders in NC and youth will be accepted via application. First priority goes to 4-Her's interested in entering the equine industry. If all slots are not filled, youth interested in vet science will have secondary priority.

19. 2008-2009 Equine Short Courses and Clinics

Please promote these events by distributing brochures at local horse establishments.
A number of brochures are available for you to take back to your county.

2008-2009 NCSU Horse Short Course and Clinic Series

October 24-26, 2008 **NCSU Introductory Level Horse Judging Short Course**
Recommended for New Judges and/or Horse Judging Team Coaches
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC

There were 18 participants for 2009

December 5, 2008 **Ring Steward Program** **Canceled**
~~Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC~~

December 6, 2008 **Youth Horse Judging Team Training Clinic**
Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
Sponsored by the NC 4-H Horse Program

*The deadline for this clinic is Monday, November 17, 2008;
currently our numbers look low and this clinic is in jeopardy of
being canceled*

December 6-7, 2008 **NCSU Open Horse Show Judges' Certification Clinic** **Canceled**
~~Hunt Horse Complex, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC~~

Dec. 10-12, 2008 **NCSU Horse Breeding Management & Transported Semen Short Course**

~~NCSU Equine Educational Unit, Raleigh, NC~~ **Canceled**
Sponsored by Exodus Breeders

December 13, 2008 **NCSU Foaling Management Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC

This course is in jeopardy of being canceled

January 8-10, 2009 **AQHA Specialized Novice Judging Short Course**

- Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- January 10-11, 2009 **NCSU Advanced Level Horse Judging Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- January 17-18, 2009 **NC Horse Management and REINS Conference**
Contact Mike Yoder, Extension Horse Husbandry, Location TBD
- January 24, 2009 **NCSU Advanced Level Horse Breeding Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- February 26, 2009 **NCSU Horse Facility Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- February 27, 2009 **NCSU Business Management for Horse Farm Operators Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- March 2, 2009 **Introduction to Animal Cruelty Law**
Contact Equine Education Alliance, Inc.
In Cooperation with Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC
- March 3-5, 2009 **Equine Investigators Short Course**
In Cooperation with Wake Technical Community College
Hampton Inn & Suites and Equine Educational Unit, Raleigh, NC
- March 13-14, 2009 **NCSU Equine Hoof Care and Shoeing Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, NCSU Equine Educational Unit, Raleigh, NC
Sponsored by Zin Pro Corporation and the NC Horse Shoers' Association
- April 3-5, 2009 **VA/NC Volunteer Leaders Conference**
W.E. Skelton 4-H Center on Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA.
- May 6, 2009 **Equine Ration Evaluation for Veterinarians Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- May 7, 2009 **NCSU Horse Feeding Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC
- May 8, 2009 **NCSU Horse Forage Management Short Course**
Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh, NC

District Sponsored Events

Bob Mowrey called on a representative from each district to list any district events with confirmed dates, locations and contact people so that these events can be listed in the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program newsletter and on the Extension Horse Husbandry Website.

South Central District

- District Horse Bowl Contest
- February 7th, 2009
- Moore County Extension Center
- Contact: Sharon Gilbert
- Judging Clinic

March 14th, 2009
Camp Millstone, Ellerbee, NC
Contact: Debbie Barham Campbell

District Horse Show
May 16th-17th, 2009
Camp Millstone, Ellerbee, NC
Contact Person: Sara Gilbert Akeley

North Central District

Mock Horse Bowl Contest
January 12th, 2009
Rockingham County Extension Office
Contact: Morgan Maness

District Horse Bowl Contest
February 14th, 2009
Guilford County Extension Office
Contact: Morgan Maness

District Horse Show
May 16th-17th, 2009
James B. Hunt Horse Complex
Contact: Candace Norman

Northeast District

District Horse Bowl
February 14th, 2009
Vernon James Center
Contact: Lisa Briley

District Horsemanship Camp
April 3rd-5th, 2009
Bob Martin Center
Contact: Lisa Briley

District Horse Show
May 1st-2nd, 2009
Bob Martin Center
Contact: Gerda Rhodes

West District

District Horse Bowl Contest
January 31st, 2009 (February 21st, 2009 snow date)
Location TBA
Contact: Angela Fowler

District Horse Show
May 3rd, 2009
Fletcher Facility
Contact: Mary Arnaudin

West Central District

District Horse Bowl Contest
January 24th, 2009
Caldwell County Extension Office

Contact: Jeanette Shew, Lisa Deal
District Horse Show
May 30th, 2009
Latta Park
Contact: Amanda Mathews

Southeast District

District Advisory Board Meeting
January 5th, 2009 7:00pm
Wilber's BBQ
Contact: DeLeon Wilkes
District Horse Bowl Contest
February 14th, 2009
Onslow County Extension Office
Contact: DeLeon Wilkes
District Pre-Show and Clinic
March 14th, 2009
Onslow County
Contact: Annie Moore
District Horse Show
May 30th-31st, 2009
Bob Martin Center
Contact: DeLeon Wilkes

REINS Program Update

Dr. Mike Yoder reported that the REINS program is designed to train adult volunteers to teach adult educational events. Mike Yoder passed out and went over a handout with the following information included. First, Mike Yoder explained the district pod concept and discussed the current agent assignments and any specializations. Next, he congratulated REINS Region 13 for winning a National Newsletter Award for their publication of "Hoof Prints." Mike Yoder then gave an overview of the REINS certification training, discussing the various subject matters available, including equine nutrition, equine health care, forage management, horse facility design and construction, equine reproduction, equine selection, and finally leadership development. Also, volunteers are able to become certified in various specializations after completing REINS training, including equine nutrition, emergency preparedness and disaster response, forage management and waste management. REINS training will be available January 17th and 18th, 2009, and a secondary set of dates will become available in the eastern and/or western part of the state, as yet undetermined. Mike Yoder also announced that a Four County Equine Event will take place in the Forsyth County Agricultural Building on December 2nd, 2008 and will have lectures on equine colic, alternative equine therapies, and preventative health care. Call the Forsyth County Extension Office for more information. Also, there will be a REINS & BITS trail ride on November 15th-16th, 2008 in Eastern Onslow County.

NCSU Equine Advisory Board Committee Update

Bob Mowrey explained to the board that the NCSU Equine Advisory Board provides guidance and represents the voice of the equine industry to us and the department of Animal Science at NCSU. He also stated that the Educational Fund has been moved back to NCSU from the North Carolina Horse Council and that committees from the 4-H Horse Advisory Board and the NCSU Equine Advisory Board will be responsible for administering funds. Bob Mowrey explained the financial situation of the NCSU Animal Science Department, which includes a 5% budget cut across the board with cuts of approximately \$100,000 coming from extension budgets. Positions are being removed, and those vacant are not being filled. Furthermore, research budgets are taking the biggest hit with layoffs across the university. The “good news” is that our equine program appears to be in good shape, but we should be aware of potential budget cuts across the board. The administration is holding back money for reversion of funds and there are NO funds from the state available to support the equine industry and NC Extension Horse Husbandry. Alison Rumfelt, NC Extension Horse Husbandry (EHH) secretary/interim accountant, discovered that EHH has been paying for our phone and postage bills out of pocket when the department of Animal Science is responsible for covering these expenses. Dr. Todd See, interim department head for Animal Science, has corrected this issue. Therefore, it is paramount that we spend ample time managing our accounts to catch any unforeseen errors. Bob Mowrey also told the committee that Alison Rumfelt is being paid out of EHH funds to replace our 1.5 lost positions. There is a bill currently in the legislature proposing to give EHH an administrator with an operating budget. The legislature is waiting on the results from the Equine Economic Impact Study (see Dr. Mike Yoder for more information) before examining the bill. There is support for this proposal from Dr. See and upper administration in Animal Science, but department revenue is down and operating budgets currently low.

North Carolina Horse Council Update

Bob Mowrey stated that the North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC) has approximately \$40,000 available in grant money to be split between education, research and trail/community service grants. Approximately \$13,000 is available in Educational Funds (NCHCEF grants). The current maximum to be awarded per grant is currently \$750. Therefore, since EHH is no longer eligible for larger grants from the NCHCEF, we have to use our 3 account to pay for expenses. Bob Mowrey strongly encouraged each district/county/leader to apply for these grants to show the industry need for grant support. These NCHCEF grants should be open from now until January. Grants will be reviewed in February and funds disseminated by the end of March, 2009. Bob Mowrey also noted that the NCHC has approved every grant that we have sent out, but each grant is a maximum of \$750. Currently, the EHH is operating on the 3 account (see Financial Report later in these minutes) which is supported by Adult Short Course fees. EHH overhead costs on adult events/brochures/etc. are approximately \$5,500, and EHH may not break even this year. Bob Mowrey also noted that it will not be possible to use these adult funds to support youth events unless short course participation increases dramatically.

4-H Horse Curriculum, Educational Materials & Participation

Bob Mowrey stated that the Agriculture Communication Library has been shut down, so EHH has redistributed the educational materials in this library among the districts. Therefore, each district will have their own video library to be housed in an extension office.

Each district decided at this meeting on how to split up between extension offices and all contact information for these district libraries is listed below. Note- the study kit must be contained in the same office as these video libraries. Bob Mowrey suggested writing grants to the NCHCEF to improve libraries.

Southeast District- Lenoir County Extension Office, Contact: Tara Taylor

West District- Haywood County Extension Office, Contact: Nick Reynolds

North Central District- Rockingham County Extension Office, Contact: Morgan Maness

Wake County Extension Office, Contact: Heather Tart

Northeast District- Washington County Extension Office, Contact: Gerda Rhodes

West Central District- Davie County Extension Office, Contact: Lyndsie Dore

South Central District- Union County Extension Office, Contact: Laura Byrd

Review Program Numbers/Participation/General Information- ES237 DATA

The ES237 data will not be in the state office until December 10th, 2008, so this information could not be presented in detail. However, it appeared that 4-H numbers across the country are decreased. Bob Mowrey proposed sharing this data with the Executive Committee in March. Bob Mowrey reminded the committee that this data only reports project numbers, not individuals. Therefore, one youth could be counted multiple times if they are involved in various educational events or competitions. North Carolina is anticipated to be ranked in the top three in the nation in participation.

Program Financial Support

Extension Horse Husbandry Operating Budget

Bob Mowrey told the advisory board that grant funding prospects were poor and that there is essentially no grant funding available equine studies. \$6,000 had been obtained from various sources (NCHC- \$2,500; NC 4-H Development Fund- \$2,500; Carolina Farm Credit-\$1,000) for funding the Youth Horse Leadership Institute. \$2,000 more is needed to obtain the total of \$8,000 needed for 30 youth to attend for free. Farm Bureau had committed anywhere from \$750-\$2,000, so EHH is very close to having the needed funds. If enough funding cannot be found, there may be a nominal fee of around \$50 per youth. EHH is paying all operating costs out of the 3 account currently, which includes paying Alison Rumfelt, student labor and other expenses such as vans, etc. The department of Animal Science is now paying all postage and phone fees. EHH is still in need of a secretary, as they are currently paying Alison Rumfelt as a 40hr/week part-time secretary out of the 3 account (see report in balance statement that was handed out at the advisory board meeting). Bob Mowrey stated that extension support for the 2009 to 2010 year will be cut by 5% across the board. Therefore, the NC State 4-H Horse Show will be cut by 5% for the 2009 Show, which means that only eight, rather than nine, agents will be available for the State Show. Also, agents out of county have not yet been reimbursed, but hopefully they will be paid out. Bob Mowrey stated that funding has been previously committed but had not yet become available for agent support (ie- one agent/district). This funding includes \$211 for support of the District Committee, \$250 for the State Advisory Board, and \$160 for agent support for Horsemanship Camp.

Emergency Fund Report

Bob Mowrey asked Candace Norman to give a report on the Emergency Fund Account. Candace Norman stated that there is only approximately \$1,800 left in the account, and these funds are to be used to help defray the costs (maximum of \$1,000) of stabilizing a horse injured at the State 4-H Horse Show and to send flowers for a death or injury in the 4-H program "family." Candace Norman suggested each district place a donation jar in a prominent place at their district horse shows in order to help replenish this account. She also mentioned that these donations are tax deductible, and she is in possession of the appropriate forms for proof of donation. Wayne Moore suggested forming a committee to better determine the use of these funds statewide. Volunteers for this committee included Laura Harper, Betty Hathaway, Candace Norman, and Wayne Moore. The Emergency Fund Committee arranged to meet at lunch and planned on reporting back to the advisory board following lunch.

2008 Financial Report

Bob Mowrey discussed the accounting process for NCSU, with statements coming first to the EHH office, then to the department of Animal Science Accounting, then to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Accounting, and finally to NCSU University Accounting. Therefore, there are several places for errors to occur, which account for any discrepancies between balances listed. Bob Mowrey thanked Alison Rumpfelt for her efforts in providing all account information to the committee. Bob Mowrey discussed the various accounts and their current balances. The "6 account," or the 4-H Development Fund Account, has a current balance of \$36,777.02. The 2008 4-H Development Fund, Horse Program Account has a current balance of \$39,477.00 and is made up of donated funds. The 4-H Horse Scholarship Account has a current balance of \$64,353.93, with a current market value of \$59,676.84 due to the recent market downturn. Bob Mowrey asked the committee if we should have a capital campaign to try to grow this account to offer more scholarships, and it was proposed that this issue should be revisited next year if the economy is in a better position. Also, the 4-H Program will probably be able to offer only two scholarships, rather than the proposed 3, with the current economic situation. The "3 account," or the Extension Horse Husbandry Account, is composed of money generated from fees for youth events. Currently, EHH shows a balance of \$52,716.57, whereas NCSU department of Animal Science Accounting shows a balance of \$81,478.43. This major discrepancy has been present since NCSU changed accounting software several years ago, and EHH has been promised the full account balance of \$81,478.43. Bob Mowrey asked the committee to vote on switching the current EHH balance from \$52,716.57 to \$81,478.43 to match NCSU records. The advisory board unanimously passed the motion to use the \$81,478.43 as EHH's current starting balance from this date forward. Bob Mowrey told the committee that EHH is currently using the 3 account to EHH's operating expenses as EHH has no current operating budget from NCSU. Therefore, Alison Rumpfelt's labor and all student part-time labor, van expenses, etc. are coming from the 3 account, which has decreased by 25.03% from 2007 to 2008. Bob Mowrey informed the committee that these accounts will have to be managed carefully when he retires as there may be a significant lag period before his position is filled. Bob Mowrey showed the committee a graph demonstrating EHH operating and labor costs that were drawn from the 3 account in 2008, and reiterated that we cannot keep spending from this account at this rate and that EHH needs an operating budget with state appropriated funds. Alison Rumpfelt was paid for 10.5 months from the 3 account, and the rest of her salary will be covered by Mike Yoder's North Carolina Horse Census grant. The total

amount for 2008 in all accounts was presented as \$153,847.82. Bob Mowrey then gave the committee an estimate of projected income through sponsorships from November to December of 2008, totaling \$7,050.00. He noted that due to the economic downturn, sponsors may not be able to continue supporting the 4-H Horse Program at their current rates. Projected expenses for the remainder of 2008 were estimated at \$2,583.50, for a total projected 2008 balance of \$159,250.94. When comparing account balances from 2007 to 2008, it was estimated that EHH will lose approximately \$20,000 a year if we continue to operate without a state appropriated operating budget. Bob Mowrey then gave a summary income generated or lost on various 4-H Horse Program events, with a total profit of \$27,815.96 for 2008 before paying out any travel expenses to national level competitions. He noted that expenses are being managed well, but entry numbers were down at the 2007 State Horse Show, and that the profits from the State Horse Show typically cover any losses for other educational events such as Horse Judging, Hippology, etc. It was motioned and seconded to approve the financial report with the stipulation that the 3 accounts balance is to reflect balance presented by NCSU. This motion passed with a unanimous approval.

Finance Committee

Bob Mowrey suggested forming a Finance Committee to look at alternative funding options for the 4-H Horse Program and EHH. Volunteers for this committee included Molly Maxon, Bill Crouse, Richard Isley, Woody Hathaway, Candace Norman, and Donna McKinney. Members of this committee were to meet with Bob Mowrey after the conclusion of this meeting. Bob Mowrey told the committee that the Davidson County 4-H Horse Club will donate \$300 for sponsorship of the event of our choice. Additionally, Bob Mowrey stated that Woody and Betty Hathaway's prior donation at the 2008 State Show was not recognized and it is to be recognized at the 2009 State Show. Bob Mowrey gave a list of areas requiring sponsorship, including the Horse Demonstration Contest. Nutrena Feeds is currently sponsoring the 4-H Horse Program coats, and will be revisited before next year. Additionally, Wrangler used to donate jeans and shirts to the program, but we had lost our contact. Pam Holland and Richard Isley offered to look into this situation. Finally, sponsorships from the "old" Southwest and Northwest districts need to be revisited at a later date.

4-H Horse Program Hotel Proposals

Bob Mowrey told the advisory board that EHH received hotel bids from the Best Western and Days Inn on Walnut Street, Cary, NC 27511. The Best Western Cary offered rooms with 2 double beds, including continental breakfast, at \$59.99 per night plus tax (normally \$79.99-\$99.99). The Days Inn Cary has offered rooms with 2 double beds at \$49.99 per night plus tax (normally \$59.99-\$69.99) with a free continental breakfast. Both hotels will provide 1 comp room per 15 rooms consumed. After discussion among the advisory board, it was motioned, seconded and the motion passed to accept this contract for the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show.

Program Awards

Robin Lynn discussed the need to reorder medals and notepads for the high individual contestant for educational events and belt buckles for the State Horse Show. The committee decided to continue with medals and notepads as awards, with bronze medals awarded at the state show and silver medals awarded at educational events. Pam Holland volunteered to look into alternative sources. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to provide belt buckles for the Hunter and Non-Trotting divisions at the State Horse Show. These buckles

are to be purchased from Gist at an approximate cost of \$150/buckle. She noted that Nutrena may go up on their sponsorship amount for the State Horse Show. Also, Robin Lynn stated that new stall signs would need to be ordered for the Southern Regional Horse Show and thought that smaller, updated signs would work better. She requested any ideas to be sent via email updating the stall signs. The committee decided to continue to supply the North Carolina Delegation with tee-shirts. Additionally, the committee decided to stay with Stoney Fork as the Horse Program tee-shirt vendor. Finally, Robin Lynn stated that the Swap Shop at the State Show generated approximately \$1000 to support educational events in 2008.

Executive Committee

Bob Mowrey thanked the outgoing chair, Debbie Barham Campbell, for all of her efforts and support. He then introduced the incoming chair, Bill Crouse, and proposed that Richard Isley stays on the Executive Committee at large and that we drop from 7 to 6 representatives in 2010 due to district realignment. This motion was made, seconded, and passed. The following individuals will represent their respective districts in 2010.

Northeast District- Lisa Briley (1yr)

Southeast District- Joyce Bohn (2yr)

West District- Angela Fowler (1yr)

South Central District- Cindy Moser (2yr) (vice chair)

West Central District- Debbie Hollowell (2yr)

North Central District- Bill Crouse (1yr) (chair)

At Large- Richard Isley

Curriculum Committee

Bob Mowrey asked members of the advisory board to form a curriculum committee to meet at lunch. Members of the curriculum committee include Laura Harper, Lissy Newton, Alaina Parsons, Dottie Reed, and Debbie Campbell. Bob Mowrey informed the advisory board that Courtney Hathaway coordinated an update of the oral reasons manual. The manual is currently with Ed Maxa to get read for publication, but when the manual is finished it will be available on the EHH website for free. Bob Mowrey also requested that members send pictures of any IDs for hippology, junior and senior level to build a “bank” of potential IDs and possibly place them on a CD for team practice. He also suggested developing a “starting hippology and horse bowl teams” study guide to be placed on the EHH website for free. More advanced study guides are to be put on CD and can be requested by coaches from EHH. Additionally, Dr. Siciliano, equine nutritionist at NCSU, has offered to meet with horse bowl and Hippology teams to give a lecture on equine nutrition. Bob Mowrey informed the advisory board that EHH has purchased a video camera to develop horse judging DVD classes. These DVDs are to be used to train youth and adults and possibly for judging certification in short courses. Finally, a new reference, entitled “Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages,” has been approved on the national level. The curriculum committee was to meet at lunch to determine what divisions of Hippology and horse bowl this reference is to be used for in North Carolina, and in what year these changes will become effective. Also, Jessica Hicks had a template of the new EHH website

available for viewing during lunch, and requested any feedback on potential changes or recommendations.

American Stock Horse Association- Dr. Tim Potter

Bob Mowrey spoke with the advisory board for Dr. Tim Potter, from NC A&T and the Northwest District Areas Specialized Agent, about the American Stock Horse Association (ASHA). The ASHA, located in Texas, is trying to promote educating youth in Ranch Horse Events. Tim Potter suggested setting up a clinic in North Carolina for youth to learn how to work cattle and possibly hold a mini show. Tim Potter would be willing to head up and help promote a stock horse clinic, but was wondering how many youth would be interested in a clinic across the state. Also, it was mentioned that a show held in conjunction with this clinic could be used as a qualifier for Southern Regionals in the cattle events. Members of the committee determined that the South Central had some kids who might be interested who are currently not involved in 4-H, and possibly approximately 10 youth from other districts. Richard Isley's farm was suggested as a potential venue.

Horse Show

Southern Regional Championships

Bob Mowrey gave a report on the 2008 Southern Regional Championships, located in Lexington, VA, stating that North Carolina had a full delegation present and that our program had a "great show." The 2009 Southern Regional Championships will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 29th- August 2nd. As this is a very far drive, Bob Mowrey told the committee to not expect a full delegation for 2009. Also, he stated that the 2009 Southern Regional Show and Educational Event schedules will be the same as previous years, and suggested that any youth planning on competing at AQHYA Worlds simply drive from Arkansas to Texas, as the time between both events is very short. Robin Lynn and Bob Mowrey then gave a report on the 2008 North Carolina 4-H State Horse Show.

Dressage Committee Report

Mary Hunt, Dressage Committee coordinator, gave a report on the 2008 show, stating that the show went well, with fewer participants, but a significant increase in quality. For the 2009 show, Mary Hunt will still coordinate finding judges, scribes, ring stewards, etc., but NOT ring crew. If any members of the advisory board are interested in assisting with the dressage show, please contact Mary Hunt. Additionally, it was recommended that an equipment committee be formed to pick up, set up and tear down the dressage arenas. They need to be set up Saturday evening and torn down Sunday afternoon. As lack of assistance with ring set up and tear down has been a consistent problem in the past, Bob Mowrey suggested raising dressage classes to \$15/class and combined training to \$30/class to pay for a ring crew. This motion was seconded and passed, but then New Life Stables, Bonnie Wilson, offered to donate \$150-\$180 to pay for dressage ring setup costs. As long as sponsorship comes through by March 1st, 2009, dressage and combined training class prices will NOT increase.

Stall Committee Report

Robin Lynn then reported on the Stall Committee. In 2008, the state show used 466 stalls and 892 bags of shavings. In 2009, Scott Haley will coordinate stall check-in and coggins

check for \$1200 for the entire show. He will provide his own assistants. The advisory board decided to continue to use Scott Haley for the 2009 show. Also, it was suggested that youth participating in presentations be permitted to check-in at their stalls on Tuesday afternoon. Additionally, it was recommended that an air-conditioned booth be available to view the shavings trailer and that stall office hours be posted.

A Horse Camp Committee was set up, including Kim Nead, Bill Crouse, Laura Harper, and Wayne Moore to meet with Jessica Hicks at lunch.

LUNCH

Bob Mowrey called the meeting back to order following lunch and requested that the various committees meeting at lunch announce their ideas to the advisory board as a whole.

Curriculum Committee Report

The curriculum committee decided that the new horse bowl and Hippology reference, "Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages," be used as a senior level reference at the 2009 educational contests, and as a senior, mixed and junior level reference in 2010.

Emergency Fund Committee Report

The emergency fund committee determined to limit requests for assistance to horses that are injured at the State 4-H Horse Show and to place collection jars out at registration tables at all district show. When the account reaches \$4,000-\$5,000, requests can be made for assistance with horses injured at district shows as well.

Horse Camp Committee Report

To present their findings with the rest of horse camp information.

Horse Show, Cont'd

Schooling Supervisory Committee Report

Candace Norman reported that she would continue as schooling supervisor in 2009, but that schooling sessions are to be dependant upon available supervisors. The following list of supervisors by district will be on the schooling supervisory committee in 2009:

West Central- Robin Lovin

South Central- Sharon Gilbert

North East- Monica Burns

South East- Kim Nead

West- Jessica Rhymer

North Central- Candace Norman

Pam Holland motioned that ALL members of the advisory board wear their advisory board badges at all times during the state horse show and that each advisory board member is responsible for supervising anywhere on the show grounds and enforcing all rules, dress code, etc. If a 4-H member doesn't respond to the advisory board member's request, tell the EHH office and the 4-H'er will go before the Grievance Committee for a possible disqualification from the state show. This was motion was seconded and passed. Additional

schooling suggestions including being stricter on enforcing the dress code, and emphasizing that riding bareback, double, or in the barn aisle is not permitted. Additionally, properly fitted helmets are required inside and outside of the arena. It was also suggested to include the dress code in the general 4-H Show Rules.

Show Office Committee Report

Robin Lynn mentioned that 3 members from the advisory board are needed on the Wednesday and Thursday of the state show to assist on the office. The lists are as follows:

Wednesday- Debbie Hollowell or Amanda Baucom, Lisa Briley, Donna McKinney

Thursday- Tricia Dean, Betty Hathaway, Faith Ford

Friday- Pam Holland

Swap Shop Report

Molly Maxson reported that she had slightly reduced numbers in the 2008 swap shop, with 82 sellers, and netted a profit of \$1,020.00 (73% of 2007's profit) Molly Maxson agreed to coordinate for 2009 and Joyce Bohn will co-coordinate for 2009. Molly is working on a database to streamline the Swap Shop accounting process. A committee composed of Bonnie Wilson, Teresa Jones, and Kim Nead was formed to assist with opening, closing and assisting with the swap shop on Thursday and Friday nights. It was agreed that the shop can be open if volunteers are available. Additional suggestions included splitting up boot pairs, to reduce the likelihood of theft, using the same location as 2008 with a barrier, placing the forms ahead of time on the EHH website, and possibly allowing check in on Tuesday evening. It was recommended that all items come into the swap shop tagged and with paperwork filled out. The advisory board determined that tack shops could consign at the swap shop, and Wayne Moore motioned to raise the current consignment commission from 10% to 20%. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ribbon Committee Report

The following advisory board members agreed to coordinate properly attired senior 4-H members to pass out ribbons in the following divisions:

Hunters- Debbie Campbell

Western- Kim Nead

Games- Ester Sutherland

Non-Trotting/Saddle Seat- Robin Lovin

Versatility- Richard Isley and Ring Steward

Dressage- N/A

Ring Crew Report

The following advisory members agreed to act as ring crew coordinator for the following events: At least 6 volunteers will be needed for each division:

Western- Bill Crouse

Trail and Versatility- Bill Course, Richard Isley, Helen Isley

Games- Bill Crouse to contact John Allen to run the timers and Pam Holland to do backup timing

Hunter- Marlo King, Annie Moore, Wayne Moore with Tack Box 4-H Club

Non-Trotting/ Saddle Seat- Robin Lovin

Social Committee Report

The social committee is to be coordinated by Lori Stoud and assistance is To Be Determined. Responsibilities will include setting up a social room (Johnston Co. will provide food with support from advisory board funding) and providing water jugs, etc. for work crews.

Jump Crew Report

The jump crew will consist of Wayne Moore, Annie Moore, Marlo King, and Matt Downs. The jump crew will provide potential courses and EHH staff will decide which courses to use for each division. Additionally, the committee will need to obtain greenery for fences and will have to confirm what jump equipment is available at the fairground in June.

Show Tabulations Committee Report

Candace Norman reported that she will continue in 2009 to do the regular show tabulations as well as the dressage show tabulations. Additionally, extra help will no be needed on Sunday for dressage and show tabulations as previously thought.

Bob Mowrey noted that Nutrena will continue their sponsorship and that the Barnmaster building will be used as in previous years to host special donor events. Bob Mowrey also requested that all districts confirm their district show dates and send them to EHH to be posted on the website.

All advisory members then divided into subcommittees to discuss Show Management or Show Classes, Rules and Schedule Suggestions.

Show Management Sub-Committee Report

Bob Mowrey went over all of the Show Management subcommittee decisions, which are listed below:

1. Judge Suggestions and Recommended Judges
 - Western Division, Adaptive Riding, and Showmanship- Carla Wennberg (AQHA) has already been hired for 2009
 - Trail Division- Dale Barnett
 - Hunter Division- Suggestions?
 - Saddle Seat Division- Myra Williams, from NC, offered to judge for free
 - Non-Trotting Division- Bobby Richards, Jim Gray, Carol Camp, Scott McGregor, Dee Dee Sale; Bobby Richards first choice
 - Games- Roger Moore
2. Opening Ceremony
 - Reverse alphabet, starting with W and working to A in odd years
 - The drill team will be included like normal, but adults associated with the drill team will be asked to moderate their language- there have been problems with excess profanity in the past years
 - County write-ups will continue, but the guidelines will be strictly enforced with no write-ups accepted after the deadline- NO EXCEPTIONS
3. Show Program
 - Class sponsorships will be continued, with \$35/class and \$60/division
 - Ads in the show program will be continued at \$100/full page, \$50/half page, \$35/ 1/4 page, and \$20/business card
 - An award will be provided to the county with the most sponsors, ads
4. Vendor fees will remain at \$200 for 2009 per space
5. The 4-H horse program will continue to use the same tee-shirt vendor as in previous years, Stoney Fork Productions, VA

6. Entry (\$12/class), Stall (\$60), and Administrative (\$6) fees are to remain the same for 2009
7. State 4-H show will continue to use William Johnson's Triangle Trucking for shavings (\$6/bag)
8. State 4-H show will continue to use Billie Lewis as photographer
9. Chris Byrd confirmed as farrier for the state show. Backup farriers include Travis Strickland, Kevin Zambone, Lynn Tyndell, and Robert McLeod
10. Show announcers recommendations were Woody Hathaway, Pam or Jessica Holland (backup), Richard Isley and Dave Goff
Note: State Fair grounds will work on announcements reaching all barns
11. **Make certain that all bikes/wheeled vehicles stay in the barn area, upper parking lot, and camper area**
 - This suggestion was pulled as Candace stated that bikes have already been banned from the upper parking lot as kids were running into cars on bikes. It was recommended that current rules are strongly enforced.
 - This was motioned, seconded, and failed.
12. Take the tractor out of the ring completely during gaming events to prevent horses from spooking
13. Silent auction of art contest entries with an 80:20% profit split
14. **Implement a helmet rule for the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program with details left up to EHH**
 - This suggestion was pulled
 - Bob Mowrey summarized the NCSU's lawyer's statements, which indicated that there are no insurance issues, and that we are liable if we require kids to wear helmets and are liable if we do not
 - Bob Mowrey gave the history of helmet rules in the 4-H Southern Region, explaining that rules such as these are typically set by industry standards
 - The motion to institute a helmet polity was seconded and passed for 2010
15. Move the DQP to a location in front of the warm-up arena where they can still see the Non-Trotting ingate

Show Classes, Rules and Schedule Suggestions Sub-Committee Report

Robin Lynn went over all of the changes made by the show class, rules and schedule suggestions subcommittee, which are listed below:

1. Costume class shoe rules to be the same as all other classes
2. Minimum fence heights for the hunter divisions to be:
 - Horses- 2'6"
 - Medium and Large Ponies- 2'3"
 - Small Ponies- 2'
3. Only the finalists (minimum of 10 riders) in hunt seat equitation are to run patterns, with the exception of short stirrup (will NOT run patterns)
4. Add a non-point Little Britches trail class to Saturday
5. Schedule a lunch break for Trail on Saturday
6. Drop the saddle-type halter classes (9-13). Add Academy walk/trot and walk/trot equitation, which are to be non-point classes at the State Show, but will have to be

added to the list of required classes at District Shows. No Cross-entry will be allowed with the exception of showmanship. Academy classes will not qualify for Southern Regionals.

7. Place the academy walk/trot equitation class after class #88 and put Academy walk/trot after class #83
8. Padded horses will be allowed to go in hunter pleasure and western pleasure saddle seat classes
9. Eliminate park classes and add a country english pleasure class for non-padded horses only.
10. Start the covered outdoor arena at 8am on Friday morning. Schooling times are to be adjusted accordingly.
11. Move the DQP tent to the right side of the arena.
12. Restrict all saddle seat classes to trotting horses only to reduce confusion.

Education Contest Coordinating Committee

Betty Hathaway presented the 2008 report, recommending that the advisory board needs to conduct the creative writing and artistic expression contests. Betty Hathaway requested a co-coordinator, and Union Co. volunteers agreed to assist Betty throughout the contests.

Education Contest Report, Schedule, & Helpers Needed

Friday, July 10th, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- Accept entries

9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. -- Two people to accept entries and put pre-addressed labels on each entry.

- (a) Karen Mullins
- (b) Debbie Campbell for Union Co.

9:45 a.m. -- Two people to sort entries into respective contests

- (a) Betty Hathaway
- (b) Debbie Campbell for Union Co.

Staggered judging to begin at 3 p.m.

Photography – 3:00 p.m. (1) Maranda Young, Forever Young Photography, Raleigh, NC

3:00 p.m. (2) Maranda getting second judge

Judges are still needed for following contests:

1. Craft ----- 2 judges -- 4:00 p.m. _____ 4:30 p.m.

2. Drawing – 2 judges -- 4:30 p.m. _____ 5:00 p.m.

3. Painting – 2 judges – 5:00 p.m. _____ 5:30 p.m.

4. Poster --- 2 judges -- 5:30 p.m. _____ 6:00 p.m.

 5. Sewing -- 2 judges -- 5:30 p.m. _____ 6:00 p.m.

After judging ends, judge's cards are collected, math is re-checked and scores are entered in computer.

Someone is needed to monitor contest while other workers have meal break.
 (approx. 1 p.m) Tricia Dean (approx. 6 p.m.) Pam Holland

"Committee of 3" to review the DQ's.

- This committee is composed of:
- (1) Jessica Hicks
 - (2) Candace Norman
 - (3) Betty Hathaway

Artistic Expressions DQ review should take about an hour on Friday afternoon.
 Creative Writing DQ review can take place Thursday in Show Office.

Order of Ties being Broken:

1. By staggering judging for each contest, the 2nd judge can hopefully break any ties that occur.
2. If no judge is available to break the tie, highest "Creativity" score is used.
3. If that doesn't work, the "Committee of 3" will decide.

Saturday—10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Exhibit Viewing

4:00 p.m. – 7 p.m. Exhibit and Prizes awarded – (begin one hour earlier than 2008.)

- 9 a.m. -- Karen and Betty to put cardboard ribbons (made by Debbie Wentz' club) on exhibits
- 10 a.m. – Karen and Betty to put scorecards and awards in envelopes
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – People to man contest during viewing
 - (10 a.m. – 12 noon) Lissy Newton
 - (12 noon -- 2 p.m.) _____
 - (2 p.m. -- 4 p.m.) Debbie Hollowell
- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Exhibit pick-up

Education Contest Revisions to Rulebook

Under Craft Objectives:

1. Delete: **“sewing and/or”** since we now have a sewing category

Under Craft Regulations:

1. Delete **“a maximum of three articles, with”** since now have sewing category and participants are limited to one entry per contest.
2. Delete: **“be made by the participant and”** (words are repeated)

Drawing and Painting:

1. Information on matting is separated in both Drawing and Painting by **“media used”** category.
All information pertaining to matting needs to be together.
(Order currently is as follows: “B.3.b.**Size**” mentions “matting”, then “VII-B.3.c. **Media**” has no mention of matting and then “VII-B.3.d. Presentation” talks of matting.)

Drawing:

1. Change “f. Hanging Devices” heading to “Framing” and have it follow “d. Presentation.” so all information regarding framing in drawing contest is together.
2. Add statement “Drawing entries are (are not) to be framed”.
3. Delete information on “hanging devices” if framing is not required.
4. Delete sentence “Glass is allowed” if framing is not allowed.

Painting:

1. Change “f. Hanging Devices” heading to “Framing” and put under “d. Presentation” so all information regarding framing in painting contest is together.
2. Under “d. Presentation”, sentence reads “all oil and acrylic paintings must have a suitable frame for hanging the work.” ADD “Watercolors and tempura paints are (are not) to have suitable frame for hanging the work.”
3. Delete sentence on “hanging devices” if framing is not required.
4. Delete “glass is allowed” if framing is not required.

Poster:

1. Put “VII-D.3.f. Materials” after “VII-D.3.b. Size” so that 3-dimensional information is not lost.

Photography:

1. Delete “j. Hanging Devices” information since framing (3.f) is not permitted.

Sewing:

1. Delete: **“and/or craft”** since we have separate craft category.
2. Delete: **“or other such articles including leather crafts”**
3. Delete: **“a maximum of 3 articles, with”**
4. Delete: **“be made by the participant and”** – words repeated

5. Add: **“If article is part of a set containing more than one piece, choose the best piece to be judged.”**

Add on all entry forms: **“Entries with incorrect postage may be disqualified.”**

Miscellaneous

1. **Add under “Awards” in craft, painting, photography and sewing:**
“Cloverbud participants will not be ranked but will be evaluated and receive participation ribbons” so as to be consistent with other contests.
2. Add “and that relates to the Horse and Pony Project” to craft, photography and sewing under “regulations” so as to be consistent with other contests.

CREATIVE WRITING

1. Add under “Eligibility—Divisions”: **“Cloverbuds are not eligible.”**
2. Add **“Entries with incorrect postage may be disqualified.”**
3. Add “Short Stories are to be typed double spaced or written legibly in ink. Papers handwritten in pencil will not be accepted.”
4. Same for Poetry: “Poetry is to be typed double spaced or written legibly in ink. Papers handwritten in pencil will not be accepted.” (Many entries are DQ’d because poetry is not double spaced.)
5. Same for Essays: “Essays are to be typed double spaced or written legibly in ink. Papers handwritten in pencil will not be accepted.”

A motion was made to accept these revisions, was seconded and passed.

State Horse Facilities Reports

Bob Mowrey told the advisory board that any suggestions made on the James B. Hunt Horse Complex were included under State Horse Show Management in this agenda. Western representatives stated that the Western NC Agricultural Facility was adding barns and possibly permanent footing in the Davis Arena, as they are potentially planning on a new covered arena. Eastern representatives stated that the Senator Bob Martin Eastern NC Agriculture Center was “great.” Bob Mowrey said that all state facility complaints were to go to Ray Cross, but warned the advisory board that there is little to no money to be had for fixing facilities at this time. Hopefully, the new manager of the James B. Hunt Horse Complex will attempt to fix up the facility.

Educational Contest Evaluation and Further Recommendations

Sponsorship for National 4-H Congress

Bob Mowrey said that sponsorship is needed for National 4-H Congress, as we currently have \$250 committed from both the Southeast and Northeast districts. A suggestion was made by Northeast district advisory board to provide 50% sponsorship with the State 4-H advisory board. EHH will invoice sponsors and then forward the funds to the State office.

Horse Leader Training

Bob Mowrey reported on the 2008 conference and a committee composed of Candace Norman, Molly Maxson, and Bill Crouse was formed to discuss potential topics and find speakers for the 2009 conference. Virginia has proposed several options, which include Horseless Horseshow, certified Horse Measuring Clinics, the Roles of 4-H Leaders, etc. Bob Mowrey asked the advisory board if they wanted to budget to send 2 adult leaders to the 2009 AYHC conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. The motion was seconded and passed. Bob Mowrey passed out application forms and information on the symposium, and requested that completed forms be sent back to EHH as soon as possible. The 2010 conference will be hosted by the NC Horse program, and the advisory board decided to wait until the 2009 advisory board meeting to discuss details. The advisory board decided to discontinue presenting horse leader awards at the state horse show. Some funding was provided by the Sate 4-H Office to reimburse partial meal expenses at this advisory board meeting.

Youth Horse Leaders Institute

Bob Mowrey reviewed the grant proposal (see handouts) and potential dates (August 10-12 or 11-13, 2009). This institute is nearly completely funded, but an additional \$2,500 is needed to make it free for youth to attend. The projected audience for this institute is senior 4-H members or youth who are interested in a career in the equine industry, farm management, or agribusiness. A committee was formed, composed of Joyce Bohn, Jessica Holland, and Erin Desloge, to develop a program and find speakers.

Horse Camp

Jessica Hicks presented participation numbers by county, age and riding discipline in 2008 and reported that horse camp will be the week of June 14th-20th, 2009. Participation numbers were down from 2007. Suggestions from the Horse Camp Committee included offering supervised trail rides, extra help with instructors, reclassifying bedtimes based on age, and offering the choice between free time and additional demonstrations or camp activities. Jessica Hicks also told the advisory board to expect an increase in camp costs from \$325 in 2008. Hopefully, these increases will remain around \$25. Additionally, the Horse Camp Committee would like to include other disciplines, such as gaming, non-trotting, or dressage if numbers permit. Jessica Hicks went over the camper evaluation summaries, which were mainly positive, with complaints about the poor bathroom facilities and lack of free time. Instructor evaluations were overall positive, and the majority of 4-H'ers liked demonstrations, but some wanted demonstrations for pertinent to showing, or have the option of free time. The Camp Millstone Volunteer Association reported on the present state of Camp Millstone facilities, mentioning that funds are available to update electrical service at the barns. Additionally, an adopt-a-barn plan is available to help with repairs. The Association reported that no trails were cut this year, but fire lanes will be cut, and those can serve as trails. The Western North Carolina Horse Camp dates are confirmed, but it was announced that more leader support is needed, likely 5-7 agents.

Horse Demonstration

Bob Mowrey announced that horse demonstration has sponsorship totaling \$1600 in 2009, mentioning that Mobile Milling has confirmed but hasn't yet paid, and that the Southwest 4-H Horse Council no longer exists. Bob Mowrey said that he would call to determine if the West or West Central District is interested in continuing this sponsorship. After talking to the advisory board, Davidson Co. 4-H Horse Club is donating \$300 towards the horse demonstration contests and Orange Co. is donating \$250 with a one year commitment. Bob

Mowrey announced that additional national contests were available for participants (see 2008 advisory board agenda). \$100 is required for district activity day awards for the horse demonstration winner.

Horse Public Speaking

Bob Mowrey announced that the Wake County 4-H Horse council will continue to donate \$600 to the public speaking contest, and the North Central District 4-H Horse Council will meet on December 16th to determine if they will continue their donation of \$1,000. Also, Amber Nead is planning on competing at the AQHYA contest in 2009, and there are additional national contests for Horse Public Speaking if youth are interested in attending. Public Speaking has the same \$100 district activity day charge as Horse Demonstration.

Creative Writing Events

Bob Mowrey asked the advisory board if the following counties are planning on sponsoring the Creative Writing events for 2009: Orange Co. (\$100 for Essay contest), Alamance Co. (\$100 for Poetry contest), and the Northwest District 4-H Horse Council (\$100 for Short Story contest). The 2009 contest theme will be open, so long as it is horse-related. A panel of judges still needs to be selected. Betty Hathaway recommended that 4 copies of each entry are to be submitted and any papers handwritten in pencil are not to be accepted (see above rule changes). Additionally, Betty Hathaway suggested giving out additional awards to encourage participation in the creative writing events. It was motioned, seconded, and passed that as long as a sponsor can be found to provide an additional award to creative writing contest winners.

Artistic Expression Contests

Bob Mowrey asked for confirmation on all 2009 contest sponsors, including the Southwest District 4-H Horse Advisory board, Carteret County Roadrunners, Mrs. Faith Ford, and Debbie Hollowell and Amanda Mathews. Please see above schedule (under Education Contest Coordinating Committee) for more information on rule changes and suggestions that were approved by the advisory board. Additionally, more help is requested with the Artistic Expression Contests. Betty Hathaway suggested that winners and reserve champions have their work posted on the EHH website, and to include a release form for this purpose as part of the entry form.

Horse Judging Contest

Bob Mowrey announced that sponsors are needed for the 2009 Horse Judging State Contest. NC Farm Bureau has committed \$300, and Purina Mills has said that they will donate \$1,000, but no commitment has been formally made from Purina Mills. The South Central 4-H Horse council (\$200), the Orange County 4-H Horse Council (\$400) and the Wentz Family (\$150) have all committed to sponsoring the 2009 judging contest, and the State Horse Show Swap Shop may provide additional funding if needed. The contest will be held at the Raleigh Hunt Horse Complex in conjunction with the Quarter Horse Show, with oral reasons presented at Millbrook High School, to be coordinated by Horace Johnson from FFA. The FFA Horse Judging Contest will be held in conjunction with this contest, and entries will be allowed to cross enter. The following people agreed to serve as group leaders for the judging contest:

Kim Nead
Erin Deloge
Debbie Campbell (to provide 6)

Debbie Hollowell agreed to announce at the contest, and Bob Mowrey proposed using the Southern Regional Oral Reasons Scorecard at the state contest. This card will be handed back to the coaches following the conclusion of the contest. This motion was made, seconded, and passed. A copy of this scorecard will be available on the EHH website for viewing. Bob Mowrey also announced that there will be a judging contest held May 16th, 2009 for Clemson, SC and that the December 6th, 2008 Youth Judging Clinic is still open, but the deadline is November 18th, 2008. If there are not enough entries, the clinic will be canceled.

Horse Bowl Contest

Bob Mowrey told the advisory board that Southern States Cooperative and Triple Crown Feeds are continuing to sponsor the Horse Bowl contest for 2009. This contest will be held at NC A&T, in Greensboro, NC and food will be available for purchase at the facility, as in 2008. The NC A&T Equestrian team volunteered to provide 9-11 volunteers for scorekeepers, door monitors, etc. Franklin Co. agreed to “police” trash at the facility during this contest. The question was posed as to how many teams could come from each district after district realignment? The motion was made, seconded, and passed that 14 teams will be selected for the state contest, therefore, even if a team is not in the top 2, they should continue to compete as 2 extra teams will be selected from among the districts to attend the state contest.

Hippology Contest

The North Carolina Horse Council has committed to sponsoring the 2009 Hippology Contest. The Northwest District Horse Council (\$250) and Farm Credit Service (\$250) are both confirmed to sponsor the 2009 Junior and Senior Horsemen of the Year Awards. The 2009 Swap Shop funds are to be used to support national team travel. This contest will be held in conjunction with the Horse Bowl contest at NC A&T. Bob Mowrey suggested that video tape classes be used for the judging portion of the Hippology contest on March 7, 2008. Several ideas were suggested, such as using multiple screens in two different classrooms, and starting at an earlier time (8:00am) to finish at a reasonable hour. This motion was made to make traveling easier on 4-H clubs located in the mountains and to reduce the number of 4-H'ers at the state judging contest to make viewing easier. This motion was made, seconded, and did not pass.


New Ideas or Concerns

Wake county provided funding for the State Horse Show Banners, and it was suggested that there may have been more participation if the information had been sent out with the original State Horse Show packet. This will be done in 2009.

Bob Mowrey announced that Debbie Wentz will not be able to coach the Horse Bowl team at the 2009 AQHYA World Championships and asked anyone interested in coaching and traveling with this team to contact EHH.

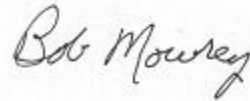
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jessica E. Hicks
Extension Horse Technician

Reviewed by:

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Dr. Bob Mowrey
Extension Horse Commodity Coordinator

Reviewed by:

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Alison Rumfelt
Extension Horse Secretary/Interim Accountant