

**NC State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Best Foods, Siler City, NC**  
**November 18, 2011**

Bob Mowrey welcomed the committee. Lisa Briley, Executive Committee Chair asked Dr. Mowrey to conduct the meeting.

The following State 4-H Horse Program dates were announced. Please refer to the Extension Horse Husbandry Website at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\\_EHH\\_4-H\\_Homepage.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_4-H_Homepage.html) for additional entry and contact information.

- District Horse Bowl Contests:
  - West District District Horse Bowl Contest – February 18, 2012; Location TBD; Contact Lisa Mackay 828/584-3423 or [LisaMackay@charter.net](mailto:LisaMackay@charter.net)
  - Northeast District Mock Horse Bowl Contest – February 4, 2012; Location TBD; Contact Cameron Lowe, Currituck CES; 252/232-2261 or [Cameron\\_lowe@ncsu.edu](mailto:Cameron_lowe@ncsu.edu) ; District qualifying contest not scheduled at this time.
  - South Central District Horse Bowl Contest – February 11, 2012 (February 18, 2012 snow day); Location TBD; Contact Debbie Campbell, [brandywine4h@yahoo.com](mailto:brandywine4h@yahoo.com)
  - West Central District Horse Bowl Contest – February 11, 2012; Iredell County CES Office; Contact Ashley Lee at [Ashley\\_lee@ncsu.edu](mailto:Ashley_lee@ncsu.edu)
  - North Central District Mock Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest – January 14, 2012; Rockingham County CES Office; Contact Morgan Maness at [morgan\\_maness@ncsu.edu](mailto:morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)
  - North Central District Horse Bowl Contest – February 11, 2012; Guilford County CES Office; Contact Morgan Maness at [morgan\\_maness@ncsu.edu](mailto:morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)
  - Southeast District District Horse Bowl Contest – January 28, 2012; Mount Olive College; Contact Tara Taylor at [tara\\_taylor@ncsu.edu](mailto:tara_taylor@ncsu.edu)
- State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest – March 3, 2012 (NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC)
- State 4-H Horse Judging Contest – April 14, 2012 (Martin Community College, Williamston, NC)
- State 4-H Hippology Contest – March 3, 2012 (Exams, ID's, Team Problem, Judging (DVD's), and Awards (NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC)
- Equine Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Contests – May 1 Postmark Deadline (Send entry forms to Lissy Newton, Chairperson) \*Exhibits submitted Friday, July 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Entries to be judged Friday, July 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m. No early submissions permitted.
- Horsemanship Camp – June 17-23, 2012 (Camp Millstone, Ellerbe, NC)
- Western NC Horse Clinic/Camp – June 11-13, 2012 (WNC Ag. Center, Arden, NC) – Contact Colin Corbett (828/446-0329) or [Cblkshp1@aol.com](mailto:Cblkshp1@aol.com)
- Northeast District 4-H Horsemanship School – April 6-7 (Open Horse Show on 8<sup>th</sup>) ( Sen. Bob Martin Center, Williamston, NC). Contact Lisa Briley ([lisasbriley@yahoo.com](mailto:lisasbriley@yahoo.com))
- District Activity Days – NC District (June 19, 2012); WC District (June 20, 2012); SC District (Not Determined); West District (June 19, 2012); NE District (June 21, 2012); SE District (June 22, 2012)

- 4-H Horse Communication Contests – July 4, 2012 (NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC)
- State 4-H Horse Show – July 11-15, 2012 **REVISED DATE** (JB. Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC)
- Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships – July 31-August 5, 2012 (Perry, GA) (2013-LA; **EFFECTIVE 2014, NC HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL HORSE SPECIALISTS TO HOST THE REGIONAL SHOW ON AN EVERY OTHER YEAR BASIS AT THE FLETCHER FACILITY [2016; 2018, ETC.]**)
- Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup – November 2-4, 2012 ( Louisville, KY)
- State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting – November 16, 2012 (Best Foods, Siler City, NC)
- 2012 District 4-H Horse Shows:
  - Northeast District – April 27-28, 2012 (Sen. Bob Martin Center, Williamston, NC); Contact Cameron Lowe ([Cameron\\_lowe@ncsu.edu](mailto:Cameron_lowe@ncsu.edu))
  - West District – May 6, 2012 (WNC Ag. Center, Arden, NC); Contact Anita Bryant 828/337-1643 or [Savannahbear68@aol.com](mailto:Savannahbear68@aol.com)
  - South Central District – May 19-20, 2012 (Location TBD); Contact Elena Eller, Moore Co. CES, 910/947-3188 or [Elena\\_eller@ncsu.edu](mailto:Elena_eller@ncsu.edu)
  - West Central District – May 19, 2012 (Latta Park Plantation); Contact Amanda Baucom at [ambaucom42608@gmail.com](mailto:ambaucom42608@gmail.com)
  - North Central District – May 19-20, 2012 (JB Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC); Contact Nan Guldenschuh at [firenanchfd@gmail.com](mailto:firenanchfd@gmail.com)
  - Southeast District – May 19-20, 2012 (Sen. Bob Martin Center, Williamston, NC); Contact Tara Taylor at [tara\\_taylor@ncsu.edu](mailto:tara_taylor@ncsu.edu)
- State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference – Confirmed AYHC National Symposium, March 23-25, 2012, Herndon, VA. Hosted by Va. Tech. For registration call 1-800-TRY-AYHC or information at AYHC.com (January 26-27, 2013 - NC/VA Leader Training Conference to be hosted by NC 4-H Horse Program. Location TBD near the VA border.)
- Holiday Classic Open Horse Show co-hosted by NC District 4-H Horse Program and Equestrian Western Club at NC State (Winter Holiday Classic Show December 3-4, 2011; Spring Holiday Classic Show March 30-April 1, 2012); J.B Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC.

Website: [holidayclassicopenhorseshow.webs.com/](http://holidayclassicopenhorseshow.webs.com/)

### **2011-2012 NCSU Horse Short Course and Clinic Series:**

October 28-30, 2011	<b>NCSU Horse Judging Short Course</b> Recommended for new judges, horse judging team coaches, or judges attending a certification test Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC
November 12, 2011	<b>Ring Steward &amp; Scribe Short Course</b> (CANCELLED) Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC <i>Coordinated by NC A&amp;T State University in cooperation with NC State University          Contact Dr. Rusty Miller (336-334-7786 Ext. 2029)</i>
November 12-13, 2011	<b>NCSU Open Horse Show Judges Certification Clinic</b> Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC

*Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative*

January 5-7, 2012

**AQHA Specialized Novice Judging Short Course\*\***

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC  
*Contact AQHA for information; Judge Department*  
(<http://www.aqha.com/showing/judges/index.html>)

January 28-29, 2012

**Equine Nutrition Short Course for Veterinarians**

Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh, NC  
*Sponsored by Arenus, Inc.*

February 4, 2012

**Youth Horse Judging Team and Horse Bowl Training Clinic**

Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC  
*Sponsored by the NC 4-H Horse Program*  
(Lissy Newton, Julia Little, Lori Stroud (to provide Johnston Co. volunteers) and Bill Crouse to assist with Horse Bowl and Hippology; Debbie Campbell to assist with judging; Nan Guldenschuh to help organize volunteers)

**NCSU Horse Advisory Committee Budget Update:**

Bob Mowrey reported that the 12% federal budget cut which equates to a 6% cut at the University level. In the near future, only university research programs will employ technician positions and those positions will be paid through grant funds and programs will be limited to one technician. Bob Mowrey stated that he believed that the 4-H Horse Program would be allowed to maintain two technicians. (Bob Mowrey is currently under negotiations with administration to try and convert the two technicians to EPA status, with a pay increase and the elimination of comp time). Current budgets require programs to pay 25% of their technicians salary. Eventually, requirements will be raised to pay 50% of the salary. Bob Mowrey proposed instituting an annual North Carolina Program Awards Fee of \$25.00 per youth to participate in the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program. As per the recommendation, the awards fee would pay for entries into all State 4-H Horse Program Educational Contests for that youth (does not include State 4-H Horse Show). This \$25.00 fee would generate approximately \$150,000 annually which would support technicians salaries, travel and operation funds. The State 4-H Horse Program Executive Committee has strongly favored the proposal. A motion was made to adopt the Annual Program Fee of \$25.00 which passed unanimously (the fee would be paid at any time throughout the year for any new 4-H members; the fee would be paid at the beginning of the calendar year for current members). Bob Mowrey has contacted Dr. Marshall Stewart, State 4-H Leader for his support and approval. Bob Mowrey is still awaiting approval from Dr. Stewart as well as upper level administration. If the program fee is established, Bob suggested the funds be housed in a foundation that would be protected. The board voted that the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board is to maintain control and administration of the funds.

Bob Mowrey reported on progress of the Capital Campaign efforts to form two endowments. The first endowment has a goal of \$2.6 million dollars. This endowment will be divided in all 4-H Horse Program areas. This endowment will be set up where a donor can give to the general fund or to a specific program area. The second endowment is the Dr. Bob Mowrey Program fund. This endowment will not have a target dollar goal. Forms to donate will be available on the Extension Horse Husbandry website:

[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\\_EHH\\_4-H\\_Homepage.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_4-H_Homepage.html) The goal is for funds generated through the endowments to support the program and release the need for the 4-H Horse Program Awards Fee.

Bob Mowrey led board members through the 2011 NC 4-H Horse Program Financial Report. Board members were given an opportunity to review all program account reports. The summary of the total funds of all accounts showed a current balance of \$84,949.85 for the Non-Interest Bearing Accounts (\$31,688.21 for the Ext. Horse Husbandry Account and \$53,096.44 for the Donation Account). He explained that with current funding issues, by having to support half of the technician's salaries (\$50K) and paying out Scholarships (\$2K), Extension Horse Husbandry funds will soon be depleted. This supports the immediate need for the Program Awards Fee as well as the Capital Campaign.

Finance Committee members including Bill Crouse, Candace Norman, Donna McKinney, Richard Isley, Lori Stroud and Matt Downs are currently involved with the NCSU Animal Science Department combined Equine Campaign.

Bob Mowrey also reminded the board of other opportunities to provide financial donations to the program through company matching programs.

Candace Norman, Emergency Fund Coordinator reported on the status of the Emergency Fund. The Executive Committee recently voted to house the newly created "Travel Fund" with the Emergency Fund. The travel fund was created to provide travel support to 4-H members and coaches representing the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program at Regional and National events. In 2011, each district donated \$500.00 to the Travel Fund and one private individual made a \$300.00 donation. Candace reported that she spent \$2000.00 on travel reimbursements for 2011. The board voted to leave the balance for future travel. The current balance is \$2,444.86.

The following sponsorships were verified for 2011-2012:

1) Horse Demonstration	
West Central District	\$150.00
West District	\$200.00
Ride It 4-H Club of McDowell Co.	\$200.00
Matt Downs	\$200.00
Wake County	\$200.00
South Central District	\$300.00
2) Horse Public Speaking	
North Central District	\$1,000.00
Wake Co. 4-H Horse Council	\$600.00
3) Horse Bowl	
Wake Co. 4-H Horse Youth Council	\$350.00
Southern States Coop.	\$1,500.00
South Central District 4-H Bd.	\$300.00
Candace Norman	\$100.00
Michelle Lahr	\$100.00
4) Hippology	
NCHC	\$2,000.00
West Central District 4-H	\$250.00
Farm Credit Service	\$250.00
Matt Downs	\$300.00
5) Horse Judging	

	Purina Mills	\$1,000.00
	NC Farm Bureau	\$300.00
	South Central District 4-H	\$300.00
	Orange Co. 4-H Horse Council	\$400.00
	Haywood County Silver Spurs	\$100.00
	Matt Downs (matched funds)	\$200.00
6)	Horse Show	
	Nutrena Feed	\$1,500.00
	Still needed Res. Ch. Sponsor	\$1,000.00
	Board members suggested the following as potential sponsors for the State 4-H Horse Show: Penfield, Cavaler Feeds, Partrade, Horsecwear.	
7)	National 4-H Trip	
	SE District	\$500.00
	Matt Downs	\$100.00
	NE District	\$400.00
	Still needed	\$150.00
8)	Artistic Expression	
	West Central District	\$300.00 (Painting, Craft, Photo)
	Carteret County Roadrunners	\$100 (Drawing)
	Faith Ford	\$100 (Poster)
	Debbie Hollowell and Amanda Baucom	\$100 (Sewing)
	South Central District	\$100 (Drawing)
	Hilltoppers 4-H Club	\$100 (Digital Photography)
9)	Creative Writing Events	
	Orange County	\$100 (Essay)
	South Central District 4-H	\$200 (Short Story and Poetry)
10)	Cumulative Record	
	Carolina Farm Credit	\$500.00

#### **North Carolina Horse Council Update:**

Bob Mowrey updated the board on continued grant opportunities through the North Carolina Horse Council. County extension programs are encouraged to apply.

#### **4-H Horse Curriculum and Educational Materials and Participation:**

Matt Downs reported that the State 4-H Office is revising current curriculum. Also, Lori Stroud announced that there are current updates for the Horse Industry Handbook. The State 4-H Horse Program Office provided one Handbook to each county a few years ago, but there may be a need for county offices to re-purchase and secure updates. Information on securing the updates and re-ordering the manual can be located at the following website:

<http://www.ayhc.com/resources.htm>

The board reported that the district libraries are continuing to function efficiently. There were no contact changes.

Bob Mowrey recommended that the board consider offering two leader conferences in the future, one for veteran leaders and one for new leaders. Elluminate sessions are also being offered annually for program updates.

Bob Mowrey reported that Extension has again realigned the 4-H districts and has reduced the number of districts from 6 to 5 districts. The North Carolina State 4-H Horse Program will adopt the new district realignment in future years but will continue to operate status quo with six districts for 2012.

**Program Numbers/Participation (ES237 Data):**

The State 4-H Office reported State 4-H Horse Program numbers of 13,526 for 2012, down from 15,752 in 2010 for a 16% decrease in participation numbers from 2011. Agents on the board reported several problems with the new reporting system utilizing Access to report county program numbers to the State Office. Agents reported being instructed to not worry about breaking down program numbers into species, therefore, numbers being reported continue to be inaccurate. Bob Mowrey recommended that the board write a letter to Dr. Marshall Stewart about problems with the reporting system. The board recommended that Extension Horse Husbandry include a reporting form on the website. Dr. Stewart will have to approve this recommendation.

**Hotel Proposal:**

The board reviewed the hotel proposals submitted and approved to secure Comfort Inn and Suites Crabtree as the host hotel for NC 4-H Horse Program activities for 2012. The secured room fee is \$62.99 with a comp room policy of 1 per 10 rooms, and a hot breakfast. Contact information for the hotel is: Comfort Inn and Suites Crabtree, 6209 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612; (919) 782-1112

**Program Awards:**

The board voted to continue current awards for 2012. Buckles for Show champions (with design change), buckles for Horseman-of-the-Year and Res. Horseman-of-the-Year awards for Hippology, medals, padfolios, lapel pins. Nutrena has committed to sponsor champion awards for the State 4-H Horse Show. Southern Regional delegates will continue to receive stall signs and t-shirts.

Stoney Fork Products was awarded the t-shirt project contract for the State 4-H Horse Show with the continuation of providing a percentage of sales back to the NC 4-H Horse Program.

The swap shop funds will continue to support educational contests. \$2,100.00 were donated back to the NC 4-H Horse Program to support national and regional travel scholarships for 2011; \$2,820.00 in 2010; \$2,202.47 in 2009. Lori Stroud and Joyce Bohn agreed to continue to coordinate the swap shop in 2012.

**Dr. Todd See Report:**

Dr. Todd See, Animal Science Department Head joined the board to field questions concerning the status of the budget, predictions of the future for Extension Horse Husbandry, the status of the technicians and filling Dr. Bob Mowrey's position following his retirement on January 3, 2012. Dr. See voiced his concerns on Bob Mowrey's retirement and how to keep the 4-H Horse Program "afloat". He assured board members that the department, 4-H and the College of Ag. and Life Sciences views our program as critical. Dr. See stated that hiring the new specialist to replace Dr. Mowrey will take six months and stated that the plans are to actively proceed

towards hiring the position upon Bob Mowrey's retirement the first part of January. Donna McKinney questioned the plans for hiring the specialist position. Dr. See stated that a board member would be identified to serve on the search committee. Dr. See plans on soliciting input from the board on goals and characteristics for the new hire and would like feedback on the position candidates. Plans are to get the job description completed in January and start recruiting immediately.

Laura Harper emphasized to Dr. See the strong 4-H leader/extension personnel relationship that the NC 4-H Horse Program maintains and asked to what extent the department plans on financially supporting the program. Dr. See stated that the current plan is to keep the program staffed at current status if possible and pay as much on office operating budgets as possible (including copying, mailing expenses, etc.). Dr. See did recommend that the program be looking towards endowments to support the operating budget.

Board members questioned "who decides the control of the money?" Dr. See reported that it depends on the funds; staffing and operating funds are controlled by the department.

Matt Downs voiced concerns on the breakdown in communications between the board and administration and requested pro-active communications on decisions that affect budget plans for the program. Donna McKinney agreed to create an email list of key volunteer leaders representing the 4-H Advisory Board that will be provided to Dr. See in an effort to enhance communications between parties. Dr. See believes that the communication breakdown comes from administration being falsely optimistic.

Nan Guldenschuh asked what the short term plan is following Dr. Mowrey's retirement. Dr. See replied that the program will rely heavily on the current positions including Robin Lynn, Jessica Hicks and Mike Yoder to oversee operations of the program, with the continued utilization of the strong 4-H horse program leader support. Lissy Newton asked if the technicians would get a salary increase to accompany the increase in responsibilities. Dr. See could not confirm.

Bill Crouse asked for assurance that the horse program account funds be protected. Dr. See guaranteed that the university will not touch the funds but that he could not speak for state government.

Laura Harper asked how we can assure that the program protect the two technician positions. Dr. See does not anticipate any reductions for 2012. He stated that outside funding support is the best course of action to protect the positions.

Lissy Newton asked if Bob Mowrey's position would be hired with the same qualifications as Dr. Mowrey. Dr. See stated that the position would not be offered as a full professor. The department is looking to hire an Associate Professor with a significant financial savings.

Richard Isley asked if the two technician positions would get reclassified as EPA positions and would the program have to continue to support 25% of the salaries. Dr. See offered that EPA positions are less secure and that SPA positions are more protected from budget cuts. Richard asked if the technicians will have authority to control accounts and pay bills. Dr. See confirmed

that technicians do have this authority. Candace Norman asked if the Advisory Board could manage the State 4-H Horse Show through a separate account that would make it easier to pay judges “on the spot”. Dr. See stated that this is possible. Bob Mowrey stated that there are several Imprest Checking Accounts throughout the university. Dr. See confirmed that these would continue. Mike Yoder will need to be added to the 4-H Horse Program Imprest Checking Account.

Debbie Hollowell questioned if the new centralized accounting situation will affect paying bills in a timely fashion, specifically at the State Show. Dr. See stated that the funds are available and easy to access. Mike Yoder will be at the State Show and will assume those financial responsibilities.

Pam Holland asked if part of Bob’s salary could be used to pay the technicians salaries and reduce the amount of salary to new specialist position. Dr. See stated that Dr. Zublena is still trying to decide where Bob’s salary will be best used in the Cooperative Extension Service (CES). Bob’s position is governed under the CES. Dr. See offered to take Pam’s proposal to Dr. Zublena for consideration.

Laura Harper asked about the reduction in force for Animal Science with the latest budget cut. Dr. See reported that the department lost 12 positions.

Bob Mowrey asked if after 2012, Dr. See foresees hiring the new specialist position but losing both technicians. Dr. See stated that he does not foresee any additional budget cuts for 2012. No comment on beyond 2012.

**Executive Committee:**

Executive Committee members were voted as follows:

Chairperson: Debbie Hollowell (WC) – 1 year

V. Chairperson: Pam Holland (NC) – 2 year

Lisa Briley – (NE) – 2 year

Colin Corbett – (W) – 2 year

Karen Jones – (SC) – 1 year

Joyce Bohn – (SE) – 1 year

**Scheduled meetings:**

State 4-H Horse Show (July 11, 2012); State Horse Bowl (March 3, 2012 if needed); State Judging Contest (April 14, 2012); additional meetings as needed. Review scholarships and State Horse Bowl Contest.

The Executive committee is to serve as work crews for evening show classes in the main arena (Versatility, Pleasure Pairs, Costume Classes) during the State 4-H Horse Show.

Bob Mowrey announced that the 4-H Horse Program Steward Program is in place. Stewards are to be updated via illuminate broadcasts as needed. The steward list is available on the Extension Horse Husbandry Website. District shows are encourage to utilize these stewards. Currently nine stewards are certified.

### **Curriculum Committee:**

The curriculum committee has been disbanded. All 4-H horse program memorandums/newsletters/rule updates are located on the EHH website. All rule changes continue to be added onto the website. An Elluminate broadcast will be scheduled to provide an update on 2012 rule changes to show stewards and district show managers.

Bob Mowrey announced that the EHH office has upgraded horse judging DVD classes for judging certification and Hippology with improvements in lighting and timing.

### **New Riding Safety Headgear Rule:**

Beginning in 2012, all exhibitors in the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show will be required to wear safety helmet in every class/division and while being mounted on the grounds. This rule will apply to anyone 18 and under that is riding on the grounds during the event.

### **Southern Regional Report:**

Bob Mowrey reported on the success of the North Carolina 4-H delegation at the 2011 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships held in Tunica, Mississippi. Complete results can be viewed at the EHH Website. The 2012 event will be hosted by Georgia and be held in Perry, Georgia on July 31-August 5, 2012 with a similar show schedule as in previous years. A new Ranch Horse Division will be offered in 2012. This division will eventually replace the Roping Division. North Carolina is scheduled to host the Southern Regional event in 2014 at the WNC Ag. Center in Arden, NC and will host Southern Regionals every other year (even years; 2014, 2016, 2018, etc.) in Arden, NC. Extension administration has already confirmed agent support for the event.

### **State 4-H Horse Show:**

The State 4-H Horse Show enjoyed another successful event with entries totaling 2,129 (316 horse/rider combinations). Even with the decrease in total entries, several divisions showed an increase in numbers for 2011. A class entry summary was provided to all board members to review.

David Stroud (Lori Stroud's husband) created a new horse show program that was utilized during the 2011 State 4-H Horse Show. The program is now available for purchase by the districts at a cost of \$300.00. Any districts interested may contact Lori or David Stroud for more information at [Dstroud4@nc.rr.com](mailto:Dstroud4@nc.rr.com)

### **Dressage Division:**

Mary Hunt, Dressage Coordinator, provided a Committee Report. The 2011 Dressage Division was well attended.

Mary provided the following recommendations for 2012:

- Continue to offer the Non-Trotting Dressage Test
- Change the Dressage Test ridden in the combined tests as follows:
  - Baby Novice = USDF Intro Test A
  - Novice = Training Level, Test 2

- Training – First Level, Test 2

The board agreed to the recommendations for 2012.

With no sponsor for the dressage division to support hiring a ring crew to transport, set up and tear down the dressage ring, the entry fees for dressage will be raised from \$12/\$24 to \$15/\$30 for 2012. (The NCSU riding team is not confirmed for 2012.)

### **Stall Committee:**

Scott Haley has agreed to continue to serve as the Coordinator for the stall/shavings office for the 2012 State 4-H Horse Show. His fee will be \$1,200.00 We will continue to offer Tuesday check-in for youth competing in the communications contests on Wednesday. Anyone moving horses in on Tuesday that were not pre-approved by Show Management will be charged a \$50.00 fine/horse. The barns will be closely monitored and fees will be collected by Bill Crouse.

### **Schooling Report:**

Candace Norman, Schooling Supervisor, provided board members with a schooling report. The following individuals agreed to serve as contacts to help secure schooling supervisors for the 2012 event:

- o NC – Candace Norman
- o SC – Laura Harper
- o W – Lisa Mackey
- o WC – Amanda Baucum
- o NE – JoAnne Eike
- o SE – Matt Downs

Schooling time schedule changes will be reflected on the schooling schedule for 2012 and can be found at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\\_EHH\\_State\\_Horse\\_Show.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_State_Horse_Show.html). The board approved the following:

- Enforce the dress code during schooling times.
- Do not allow riders to school with Ipods, MP3 players or anything where the rider has earphones or earbuds.

### **Show Office:**

The following board members agreed to serve in the show office for the 2012 State 4-H Horse Show:

Wednesday, July 11 – Donna McKinney, Lisa Briley  
Thursday, July 12 – Candace Norman, Donna McKinney  
Friday, July 13 – Shannon Nelson, Donna McKinney

### **Swap Shop:**

Lori Stroud and Joyce Bohn reported that 825 items were sold at the 2011 State Show for a total of \$11,908.50 income. They collected \$2,381.70 in consignment fees. \$2,100.00 was donated to the N.C. 4-H Horse Program leaving \$37.70 for start up funds for 2012. Joyce Bohn agreed to continue to serve as the coordinator for the 2012 State Show.

### **Ribbon Committee:**

The following board members agreed to be responsible for securing district representatives to serve as ribbon crews for the 2012 State Show:

Western Division – Pam Holland (NC)  
Saddleseat and Non-Trotting – Lisa Mackey (W)  
Games – Lisa Briley (NE)  
Hunter – Debbie Campbell (SW)

**Ring Crew:**

The following individuals agreed to serve as ring crew for the 2012 State Show:

Versatility – Richard Isley and Bill Crouse  
Western Division – Richard Isley and Bill Crouse  
Saddleseat and Non-Trotting – Mike Yoder  
Speed Events – Recommended Terry Temple (not confirmed)

**Social Committee:**

Debbie Hollowell and Amanda Baucum agreed to maintain water coolers during the 2012 State Show. EHH to provide coolers. Lori Stroud agreed to continue to manage the hospitality room.

**Jump Crew:**

Marlo King, Annie Moore, Matt Downs and Tara Taylor will serve as Jump Crew for 2012. Committee to obtain greenery for the jumps and confirm jump equipment needs directly with the fairgrounds. The committee is to forward jump course options to Robin Lynn for selection and inclusion in the pattern book. Please provide courses by June 1, 2012.

**Show Tabulations:**

Candace Norman will continue to serve as tabulations coordinator for 2012. Nan Guldenschuh will provide runners for judges cards during the 2012 show.

**Subcommittees:**

The board divided into two State Show subcommittees: Show Management (led by Bob Mowrey and Show Classes, Rules & Scheduling (led by Robin Lynn).

The Show Management recommendations that were approved are as follows:

- Create a Steward Judges Committee to be formed to assist districts with judge recommendations and to receive complaints about judges. Lissy Newton, Nan Guldenschuh, Bill Crouse and Lisa Mackey will serve on the committee.
- The State 4-H Horse Program Office will draft an ethics letter to be added to contracts sent out to judges to ensure ethical judging behavior.
- Recommend judges
  - Dressage – Mary Hunt to recommend
  - Hunter - Don Stewart (Hired for 2012)
  - Western – Ronald Stratton; Brad Kearns
  - Trail – Same as Western judge
  - Non-trotting – Nicole Carswell; Bobby Richards
  - Showmanships - Western judge
  - Speed Events – Roger Moore

#### Adaptive – Bill Crouse

- Opening ceremony performance. Nan Guldenschuh, Matt Downs and Morgan Maness formed entertainment committee to locate performance for 2012 opening ceremonies.
- Opening Ceremony county write-ups have been eliminated. Counties will be introduced starting with A and work to W in even years (reverse alphabet in odd years). 4-H'ers will stay in the ring and pin aging out youth (will shorten the ceremony).
- Show Program—keep the same advertising/sponsorship fees:
  - (a) Continue class sponsorships: \$35/class, \$60 division
  - (b) Continue ads—now full- \$100, half \$50, fourth \$35, business card \$20
  - (c) Provide award to county with most ads or sponsors
- Vendor Fees will continue to be \$200; Pro-rated on number of days
- Continue tee shirt contract Stoney Fork Productions, Va.
- Show fees (entry and stall);
  - Show entry: \$12/class
  - Versatility entry fee \$24
  - Stall: \$60; Increase to \$65
  - Administrative fee: \$6/horse
- Continue shavings. William Johnson's, Triangle Trucking
- Show awards- Continue with same awards
- Show photographer: ([www.billielewisphotography.com](http://www.billielewisphotography.com))
- Show announcers: Pam Holland, Richard Isley (very limited role), Dave Goff, Jim McKinney
- Electronic timers: North Central District and Southeast District to provide timers. Terri Temple to coordinate speed events division.
- Farrier: Chris Young (per Richard Isley) 252/339-3906; Pay camper fee; \$300.00 fee for show. (Greg Brittenham per Jessica Hicks as backup)
- Show management suggestions (Bob Mowrey, Coordinator)
  - The definition of “regular care” in regards to eligibility for youth keeping a horse at a boarding barn or training facility is defined as “a trainer is not allowed to ride a 4-H members horse more than 3 days per week within 60 days of 4-H show”.
  - Western Wake Fire and Rescue at \$20.00 per hour (\$1,060 for show) will serve as the medical service for the State Show.

The Show Classes, Rules & Scheduling Sub-Committee recommendations that were approved are as follows:

- Add rule clarification to the Hunter Hack rules: Martingales are not allowed.
- Eliminate the “in and out” in the Hunt Seat Equitation Medal Class.
- Adjust the schedule for the hunter division on Saturday of the State Show to keep the divisions together: Sr. Hunter Horse; Jr. Hunter Horse; Sr. Hunter Pony; Jr. Hunter Pony.
- Clarify gaits to be called in the Non-Trotting (other breeds) Classes: Gaits will be “Flat Walk or Walk for your appropriate breed”. The Intermediate Gait shall be the “appropriate intermediate gait for the breed exhibited”. The final gait will be the “3<sup>rd</sup> Gait appropriate to your breed”.

#### **Education Contest Coordination Committee:**

The following board members agreed to serve on the Education Committee for 2012. The committee members will be responsible for tabulations/running cards for Horse Bowl, Hippology and Judging Contests.

Donna McKinney – Bowl, Hippology and Judging  
Nan Guldenschuh - Bowl, Hippology and Judging  
Michell Lahr – Horse Bowl and Hippology  
Matt Downs - Bowl, Hippology and Judging

**Leader Training Committee:**

Candace Norman, Bill Crouse, Mary Hunt and Debbie Campbell agreed to serve on the Leader Training Committee to review conference topics and develop program for January 2013. The 2012 Leaders Conference will be hosted by VA Tech in Herndon, VA in conjunction with the AYHC Conference on March 23-25, 2012.

**Horse Camp:**

Jessica Hicks provided handouts for the board to review. Camp Millstone is scheduled for June 17-23, 2012. Jessica informed the board that campers are still facing problems with Registration through the camp office. She stated that all complaints should be forwarded directly to the camp office Larry Hancock at [larry\\_hancock@ncsu.edu](mailto:larry_hancock@ncsu.edu). Any demonstration ideas and instructor suggestions can be forwarded to Jessica Hicks at [Jessica\\_hicks@ncsu.edu](mailto:Jessica_hicks@ncsu.edu). There have been several improvements to the camp facility, but numerous improvements are still necessary. The Camp Millstone Volunteer Association has been disbanded, but Bill Crouse encouraged the board to re-organize. Richard Isley, Nan Guldenschuh, Laura Harper and Amanda Baucum agreed to serve in the newly revamped association. The SC district is also interested in contributing to camp improvements.

Registration for camp opens in January. Jessica Hicks will forward camp information to county agents the first part of January.

**REINS Program Update:**

Dr. Mike Yoder provided an update on the REINS Program. This past year was spent working with Tom Melton, Assoc. Dir. Ag. and Natural Resources & Rural Development as well as district directors to train agents on the REINS program.

Anyone interested in the REINS program should contact their county agent or Mike Yoder.

**Horse Demonstration:**

Sponsors: West Central District (\$150.00); West District (\$200.00); Ride It 4-H Club of McDowell Co. (\$200.00); Matt Downs (\$200.00); Wake County (\$200.00); South Central District (\$300.00)  
No new rule changes. Bob Mowrey reminded the board members of other national contest available: Walking Horse Celebration; AQHYA World Contest; Quarter Horse Congress Contest.

**Horse Public Speaking:**

Sponsors: North Central District (\$1,000.00) and Wake Co. 4-H Horse Council (\$600.00)  
No new rule changes. Bob Mowrey reminded the board members of other national contest available: Walking Horse Celebration; AQHYA World Contest; Quarter Horse Congress Contest.

**Creative Writing Events:**

Sponsors: Orange County (\$100 - Essay) and South Central District 4-H (\$200 -Short Story and Poetry)  
Lissy Newton agreed to continue to serve as coordinator for 2012. Updated rules can be viewed at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\\_EHH\\_Horse\\_Creative\\_Writing.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Horse_Creative_Writing.html)

### **Artistic Expression Contests:**

Sponsors: West Central District (\$300.00 -Painting, Craft, Photo), Carteret County Roadrunners (\$100 -Drawing), Faith Ford (\$100 -Poster), Debbie Hollowell and Amanda Baucom (\$100 - Sewing), South Central District (\$100 -Drawing), Hilltoppers 4-H Club (\$100 - Digital Photography)

Lissy Newton agreed to continue as coordinator for 2012. Kim Nead (Assistant)

The following board members agreed to assist:

- 4:00 p.m on Saturday – Bill Crouse, Kim Nead, Lissy Newton and a Wake Co. Vol. (per Bill Crouse)
- 8:00-10:00 p.m. Friday night – Pam Holland and Orange County Vol. (per Nan Guldenschuh)
- 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday – Nan Guldenschuh to provide 2 Orange Co. Volunteers

The following rules were passed concerning Artistic Expression Events. Please consult the rulebook online at for updated rules after January 1, 2012

[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\\_EHH\\_Artistic\\_Expression.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Artistic_Expression.html)

- (1) Change short story judging criteria to Creativity, imagination and originality 35 pts, plot/story line development 30 pts, grammar and spelling 25 pts, and neatness 10 pts.
- (2) Drawing contest: add etchings and markers to acceptable media.
- (3) Digitally enhanced photography contest- need to better define what goes into this category. DE category be the place for anything digitally enhanced meaning drawing, cutting, re-coloring, pixelating, or involving the use of post-processing filters. It should not include histogram or white balance adjustments, uniform-color filters, desaturation or noise filtration to clean up sensor noise or film grain or retouching. Basically, if you could have done it with a filter on the lens, good darkroom skills, and a paintbrush, that doesn't put it in the DE category, but if you would need scissors or a computer to pull it off, then it's DE.
- (4) Painting contest: eliminate max size requirement on matted border.
- (5) Eliminate penalties for name being on entry in AE and Creative writing contests.
- (6) In AE, have a minimum score to place.
- (7) Art competition- please consider allowing exhibits to be of a maximum area, rather than restricted to rectangular sizes.
- (8) Sewing contest- Add requirement that articles without any type of stitching done by contestant will be disqualified (i.e. hot gluing binding on a piece of fabric does not constitute sewing; contestant should submit this type of article into craft contest.
- (9) Eliminate min and max size requirement on drawing, painting, photography contests.
- (10) Creative writing contest rules: edit CW rules so that each CW contest has its own sub section in the rule book instead of all 3 contests being together.

- (11) Change poetry judging criteria to: poetic structure, rhyme and/or meter 30 pts, creativity, imagination and originality 25 pts, grammar and spelling 20 pts, overall impact/impression of content 15 pts, neatness 10 pts.
- (12) Drawing and painting contest judging criteria change to: composition, balance, harmony and overall design 40 pts, skill level, degree of difficulty 30 pts, use of materials and appropriate selection of media 20 pts, completed appearance and neatness 10 pts.
- (13) Photography and DE contest change point value on judging criteria to give more weight to creativity and less weight to neatness and mounting. Composition camera angle, close to subject, pleasing to look at, elements balanced, simple background 40 pts, technical quality, depth of field, lens artifacts, focal length, sharp clear image, exposure, lighting, camera angle, got close to subject 35 pts, creativity, interesting to look at, one central idea, idea shown clearly, experimentation, subject spontaneity 15 pts, overall appearance, neatness and mounting 10 pts.
- (14) Drawing division rules to:  
 VII-B.3.c Media Used- Pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen and ink, or pastels. Cloverbud members, however, may use any “drawing” medium of their choice “excluding a paint type medium.”  
 VII-C.3.c Media Used- Watercolor, acrylic, oil, or tempera paints (Juniors only) may be used. Cloverbud members, however, may use any “paint” medium of their choice “excluding a drawing type medium.”

### **Horse Judging Contest:**

Sponsors: Purina Mills (\$1,000.00); NC Farm Bureau (\$300.00); South Central District 4-H (\$300.00); Orange Co. 4-H Horse Council (\$400.00); Haywood County Silver Spurs (\$100.00); Matt Downs (\$200.00)

Contest to be held in conjunction with FFA at Martin Community College in Williamston.

The following individuals agreed to help with the contest:

- Group Leaders: Laura Harper, Matt Downs, Nan Guldenschuh, Jim Williams, Donna McKinney, Tricia Lee, Gina McAllister and Angie Gwaltney
- Announcers: Deb Hollowell and Debbie Campbell
- Reasons Room: Lori Stroud, Elizabeth Rhodes, Debbie Campbell
- Trash Patrol: Union County

Oral reasons scoresheets will be used again in 2012 and available to pick up at the awards ceremony by coaches.

### **Horse Bowl Contest:**

Sponsors: Wake Co. 4-H Horse Youth Council (\$350.00), Southern States Coop. (\$1,500.00); South Central District 4-H Bd. (\$300.00), Candace Norman (\$100.00); Michelle Lahr (\$100.00)

To be held at NC A&T University, Greensboro. Food will be available for purchase. New Cordless buzzers are to be purchased. Jessica Hicks will secure 9 judges, 3 moderators, 6 scorers, 3 door keepers and 3 hallway monitors. North Central District agreed to serve as Trash Patrol for the event.

No Rule changes.

**Hippology Contest:**

Sponsors: NCHC (\$2,000.00); West Central District 4-H (\$250.00); Farm Credit Service (\$250.00);  
Matt Downs (\$300.00)

Judging classes will continue to be judged from DVD. DVD classes have been improved on color and quality. Jessica Hicks informed the board that National Tests cannot be released.

No additional rule changes.

**Cumulative Records:**

Sponsored by Carolina Farm Credit (\$500.00)

Bob Mowrey informed the board that participation numbers are drastically dropping in this event.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by

Robin Lynn  
Extension Horse Technician

Dr. Bob Mowrey  
Horse Commodity Coordinator