

4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2013

Best Foods Siler City, NC

Dr. Mitzi Downing, Interim State 4-H Interim Associate Director and State Program Leader for 4-H welcomed advisory board members and asked Pam Holland, Advisory Board Chair to call the meeting to order.

Dates and Locations for 2014 activities:

Horse Bowl:

Tentative date: March 1, 2014 at NCSU Riddick Hall

A date needs to be determined for counties to have horse bowl questions turned into EHH office.

4-H Judging Contest (includes the State FFA contest):

Tentative date: April 12, 2014 at St Andrews, Lenoir, NC

This date needs to be looked at because there were a few conflicts such as North Central District Activity Day and Northeast Horsemanship Camp at Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston.

Hippology Contest:

Tentative date: March 1, 2014 (Phase I), April 12, 2013 (Phase II)

Location: Phase I- NCSU Riddick Hall; Exams, ID's, team problem

Location Phase II- St Andrews, Lenoir, NC: Judging and awards,

Equine Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Events:

Deadline - May 1, 2014 postmarked to Edu. Committee chair, Lissy Newton and mailed to her home address

a. Areas of interest:

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| (1) Horse Essay | (3) Horse Drawing* |
| (2) Poetry | (4) Horse Poster* |
| (5) Short Story | (6) Horse Painting* |
| (7) Horse Crafts* | (8) Horse Photography* |
| | (9) Horse Sewing* |

**Exhibits submitted Friday, July 11 from 9am to 5pm. Entries to be judged Friday, July 11 beginning at 5pm. Sorry, early submissions prohibited.*

Horsemanship Camp (Camp Millstone, Ellerbe):

Tentative Date: June 15-21, 2014 at Millstone 4-H Camp

Western NC Horse Clinic/Camp:

Confirmed date: June 9 – 11 at WNC Ag Center

Contact: Colin Corbett at cblkshp1@aol.com

Northeast District 4-H Horsemanship School

Confirmed date: April 11-12, 2014 at Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston

Agent Contact: Heather Tart, heather_tart@ncsu.edu

District Activity Days:

North Central District – April 12

South Central District – May 3

Southeast District – March 29

West District – May 3

Northeast District – March 22

4-H Horse Communication Contests:

Confirmed date: June 21, 2014 at NC 4-H Congress, NCSU campus

4-H Horse Communication Contests will be held in conjunction with NC4-H Congress.

State 4-H Horse Show

Confirmed date: July 9 – 13, 2014 at Hunt Horse Complex

Southern Regional's 4-H Horse Championships

Confirmed date: July 30- August 2, James B. Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

Tentative: November 7-9, 2014, Louisville, KY

2014 State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting:

Discussion was held about dates and Bill Crouse made a motion to have meeting on **November 21 in Siler City at Best Foods Cafeteria**. Steve Driver seconded motion. Motion carried.

State 4-H Leaders Conference:

January 31-February 2, 2014 – Raleigh at Sheraton Imperial Hotel

There was a question asking if the NC/VA Leader Training was going to happen again?

Holiday Classic Horse Show:

Confirmed dates: December 7-8, 2013

Spring Show- April 19-20, 2014

Fall/Winter- December 6-7, 2014

All at the Hunt Horse Complex Raleigh, NC

2013-14 NCSU Horse Short Course and Clinic Series

- February 4, 2013 **Youth Horse Judging Team and Horse Bowl Training Clinic**
Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
Sponsored by the NC 4-H Horse Program
****Will this training happen in 2014? If so we need to get location booked and volunteers secured.****
- Fall Series **Blackboard Collaborate: Healthy Horse Owner's Series**
3rd Thursday of each month: topics focused on performance horse health
- Spring Series **Blackboard Collaborate: Healthy Horse Owner's Series**
3rd Thursday of each month: topics will focus on equine management
- Spring Series **Blackboard Collaborate: "Ask the Judge..."** an in depth look at equine evaluation and selection. Bi-monthly series, covering the basics of equine evaluation as well as including practice classes and professionals from the industry and their perspective.
- Summer Series **Blackboard Collaborate: "A look into Rider/Equine Psychology"** a monthly series starting in May focusing on rider and equine behavior and thought process when competing and preparing for competitions
- October 2014 **NCSU Horse Judging Short Course**
Recommended for new judges, horse judging team coaches, or judges attending a certification test
NCSU Campus
- November 2014 **NCSU Open Horse Show Judges Certification Clinic**
NCSU campus

District Sponsored Events

The following events, dates, and contact information were provided from each extension district.

North Central District

Mock Horse Bowl and Hippology January 25, 2014 Morgan Maness, Rockingham Co
Rockingham County Ext office (morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)

District Horse Bowl February 15, 2014 Morgan Maness, Rockingham Co
Guilford County Ext office (morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)

District Horse Show May 17-18, 2014 Morgan Maness, Rockingham Co
Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh (morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)

South Central District

District Horse Bowl February 8 Kristen Kaus
Moore County Ext office (snow date February 15) (kristenkaus@gmail.com)

Debbie Campbell
(Brandywine4h@yahoo.com)

Mock Judging Contest February 22 Debbie Campbell
Location TBD (brandywine4h@yahoo.com)
(fundraiser for state 4-H horse judging teams)

District Horse Show May 17-18 Laura Harper
Monroe, NC (saddleup@carolina.rr.com)

Northeast District

District Horse Bowl February 8 Heather Tart
Edgecombe Community College (heather_tart@ncsu.edu)

Northeast 4-H Horsemanship School April 11-12 Heather Tart
Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center (heather_tart@ncsu.edu)

District Horse Show May 3-4 Heather Tart
Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center (heather_tart@ncsu.edu)

Wake County 4-H All Youth Show May 17-18 Heather Tart
Hunt Complex in Raleigh (heather_tart@ncsu.edu)
(sharing location with NC District 4-H)

Southeast District

District Horse Bowl February 1 Tara Taylor
Mount Olive College (tara_taylor@ncsu.edu)

District Horse Show May 30 – June 1 Tara Taylor
Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center (tara_taylor@ncsu.edu)

West District

District Horse Bowl Location TBD	February 8 (snow date is February 15)	Lisa Mackey (lisamackey@charter.net)
District Horse Show WNC Ag Center	May 4	Shannon Coleman (Shannon_coleman@ncsu.edu)
Western NC Horse Clinic/Camp WNC Ag Center	June 9-11	Colin Corbett (cblkshp1@aol.com)

Review program Numbers/Participation/General Information – ES237 DATA:

Mitzi Downing reported that NC was using the new ACCESS system to report so we will be able to review the horse number later in that system.

Program Financial Support:

Financial report was reviewed. It was recommended that any questions or concerns regarding the financial report- please get them written down and send to Matt Downs at mpdowns@yahoo.com. The financial committee will review and take questions and concerns to EHH.

Mitzi Downing reported that the agent support will continue as it has in the past for this program. Enrollment fees will continue with reminder that cloverbuds and adaptive riders do not pay the fees.

Candace Norman reported on the Emergency Fund. Total income for the year from silent auction and consignment show was \$2,715.56 and the beginning balance as of 1/1/13 was \$2,184.18. Expenses were \$96.39 from bank service charges and flowers purchased. Current balance as of 11/22/2013 is \$4,803.35.

Finance Committee

Current finance committee is Matt Downs, Candace Norman, Bill Crouse and Donna McKinney. Nominees for 2014 can be made at January meeting next meeting, but Pam Holland was nominated to come for the coming year. It was voted on to accept her on the committee and passed.

New 4-H Horse Program sponsors and future fundraising

Several new potential sponsors were discussed and some that have supported us in years past were recommended to contact again for support – Nutrena, Farm Bureau, Purina, Carolina Farm Credit, Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot.

Bill Crouse asked if Wake County could put up banners that are through the banner program at Southern Regionals Horse Show. This needs to be okayed through Southern Regional Show Committee.

The following 2013 NC 4-H Horse Program Sponsorships have been confirmed:

Monies are still needed in many of these program areas!

Horse Program Sponsors

1) Horse Demonstration

West District	\$200.00
Matt Downs	\$100.00
Matt Downs (Verizon match)	\$100.00
Wake Co. 4-H Horse Youth Council	\$400.00
South Central District	\$200.00

2) Horse Public Speaking

North Central District	\$1,000.00
Wake Co. 4-H Horse Council	\$600.00

3) Horse Bowl

North Central District	\$150.00
Candace Norman (in memory of Michael Norman)	\$100.00
Southern States Coop.	\$1,500.00??? need to confirm
South Central District 4-H	\$200.00 (2013 will be paid soon and will do 2014)
Michelle Lahr	\$100.00 ??? need to confirm

4) Hippology

NCHC	\$2,000.00 (billed) ?? for future
Matt Downs	\$100.00
Matt Downs (Verizon match)	\$100.00

5) Horse Judging

NC Farm Bureau	\$300.00 ?? for future
South Central District 4-H	\$200.00
Orange Co. 4-H Horse Council	\$400.00
Union County 4-H	\$100.00
Matt Downs (Verizon match)	\$100.00

6) Horse Show

MD Barns (Scott Brookens)	\$ 500.00?? for future
Nutrena	Not able to continue

7) National 4-H Trip

SE District	\$500.00
Matt Downs	\$100.00
NE District	\$250.00

*NC 4-H Horse Program to cover amount if no sponsorship

8) Artistic Expression

Carteret County Roadrunners \$100 (Drawing) ??Matt Downs to confirm with group
Faith Ford \$100 (Poster)
(in memory of Pratt Ford)
Debbie Hollowell/Amanda Baucom \$100 (Sewing)

9) Creative Writing Events

Orange County \$100 (Essay)
South Central District 4-H \$200

10) Cumulative Record

Carolina Farm Credit \$500.00 ?? for future

11) Discretionary

Swapshop Funds and Wake County Banner Funds to be included

4-H Horse Program Hotel Proposals:

Look into Ramada on Blue Ridge and Hyatt Place. We need to get hotels for horse bowl and hippology with it being in Raleigh this year. Hotels will need to be reserved for state show and regionals with multiple hotels probably needed for regionals. More details in January.

Program Awards

Agreed to continue Padfolios in 2014, stall signs for Southern Regional Show exhibitors 2014, continue tee shirts to Southern Regional delegation (4-Her's only).
Continue with state show tee-shirt company - Stoney Fork Products.

Swap shop

Funds will continue to support educational contests. Require kids participating on traveling contest teams to work at swap shop.

Over \$1,700 raised in 2005; \$772.55 in 2006; \$1,392.16 in 2007; \$1,008 in 2008; \$2,202.47 in 2009; \$2,100 in 2011; \$2,112.73 in 2012; \$2,051.00 in 2013

Executive Committee:

Nominations and elections will be held in January at meeting. Incoming chair is Lori Stroud. Executive Board usually gets together at state horse bowl and state show.

Southern Regionals committee – people sent in names to EHH office, but have not heard anything concerning Southern Regionals.

An Eastern Nationals concern was brought up and group has asked Amy to please take back to the Eastern National committee. They heard that a rule was going to be implemented that would not allow parent, siblings, spectators in the horse bowl contest room. They do not feel that this is fair especially with families who come to see youth participate.

Scholarships:

A discussion was held concerning 4-H college scholarships and that the scholarship award winners were not being sent out when the rest of the NC 4-H scholarships were so it made it difficult for youth. The scholarships were not judged in a timely manner this year. Bill Crouse made a motion to move the NC 4-H Horse Program Scholarship process and review to the NC 4-H office with the knowledge that they would report back to EHH. Lissy Newton seconded. Motion carried 16 to 7. Mitzi Downing said she could make the recommendation that the advisory board be involved on the committee that judges those applications.

Curriculum Committee:

Membership: Lissy Newton, Debbie Campbell, Laura Harper and Amanda Baucom
Debbie Campbell had no report.

Horse Show

Steward Certification Program

The steward program needs to continue.

Southern Regionals

Amy will give report in January.

Dressage Report

Mary Hunt reported that the dressage and combined training division at the state show was well attended. Both dressage judges were very complimentary of the exhibitors both inside and outside of the arenas. The NCSU Western Riding Team set up and took down the Dressage arena and many thanks to them.

Recommendations for 2014:

-The non-trotting dressage test showed a large increase in entries. It is suggested that we add a second dressage test on Sunday for non-trotting horses. Candace Norman made a motion to add a second non-trotting dressage test on Sunday. Lisa Mackey seconded. Motion carried.

-The remaining classes in the division continue to be supported and she recommends that no changes are made to those.

-She would like to recommend that if entries warrant only one arena on Sunday that the arena at Barn E is used which would eliminate having to move the arena to the covered ring for Sunday; this was implemented this past year and worked out well.

-It was suggested last year at the board meeting that the combined training rule be updated. She has made revisions to align the rules with USEA. (see suggested revisions)

Lastly, she thanked everyone who helped with the division this year. Email Mary Hunt at kate50hunt@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns.

Dressage committee: Mary Hunt, Lisa Mackey, Amanda Baucom, Candace Norman and Laura Harper. Lisa Mackey made a motion to accept Mary Hunt's report. Bill Crouse seconded. Motion carried.

After the report, there was discussion of adding Western Dressage and Mary Hunt recommended that we wait because the division is still very young and also there was concern about fitting into show. Lissy Newton made a motion to form a sub-committee to do a feasibility study on the division and report back at the January meeting. Kay Driver seconded. Motion carried.

Sub-committee members are: Mary Hunt, Laura Harper and Amanda Baucom.

There was also a discussion on dressage representation at Southern Regionals. Amanda Baucom made a motion that if 1st level high score does not want to go to Southern Regionals that the 2nd high score gets offered to go to Regionals. Kay Driver seconded. Motion carried.

Stall Committee

Richard Isley made a motion for Travis Alford to continue to do shavings again. Debbie Hollowell seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Isley made a motion for the NCSU judging team to continue to check coggins if they wish to do so this next year. Shannon Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Schooling Supervisory Committee

Candace Norman gave the schooling supervisory report. Schedule changes for Wednesday: Main Arena – change 8 – 9pm from over fences to 30 min flat hunter and 30 min flat open. No 9-10pm schooling.

Covered – cut 1 hour saddle seat/non-trotting to 30 minutes

2014 schooling contacts:

West – Crystal Holden

South Central – Laura Harper

North Central – Candace Norman

Northeast – Lissy Newton

Southeast – Matt Downs

Lisa Mackey made a motion to accept schooling report. Shannon Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Show office Committee

Wednesday – Rachel Dominessy, Crystal Holden, Nan Guldenschuh

Thursday – Rachel Dominessy, Candace Norman, Faith Ford?

Friday – Candace Norman, Faith Ford?

Saturday – Candace Norman, Scott Dickerson, Faith Ford?

Sunday – Candace Norman

(Donna McKinney as needed)

-----Took a break for lunch-----

Swap Shop

Lori Stroud to continue to coordinate as well as get help from traveling team youth to run during show.

Ribbon Committee

- Western – Helen Isley, Donna McKinney and Jessica Holland
- Saddleseat and Non-Trotting – Lisa Mackey
- Hunter – Debbie Campbell
- Games – gaming participants/clubs
- Adaptive – Pam Holland
- Ranch Horse Division – discuss in January

Ring Crew and Coordinators

- Western – Bill Crouse and Richard Isley
- Saddleseat and Non-Trotting – Karen Jones
- Hunter – Southeast District and Nan Guldenschuh
- Games – gaming participants/clubs
- Adaptive – Pam Holland
- Versatility – Richard Isley and Tom Mackey
- Stock Horse Division – discuss in January

Social Committee

Lori Stroud will continue to coordinate.
Water jugs will be maintained by Orange County 4-H.

Jump crew

Southeast District, Marlo King, Annie Moore and Matt Downs

Show Tabulation Committee

Candace Norman will continue to help. This year there will be a QR code and will be web based. Candace will help with dressage tabulations but need runners to help. Scott Dickerson will coordinate runners for dressage.

Sponsorships: looking for additional options

Possibly for regionals do a watermelon social, Cheerwine/peanuts, NCSU ice cream. Kristen Kaus will contact someone about watermelon social (Bethany Barnes)

Subcommittees (subdivide Advisory Board into two committees)

Show Management:

Judges Suggestions

Hunter – Don Stewart first choice, Jimmy Lee, Jack Towell
Western – Clay Cavinder
Dressage- determined by Mary Hunt
Non-trotting – Jennifer Bingham first choice (probably can do saddleseat as well), Joe Campbell,
Roger Hand
Saddleseat – Virginia Goodwin, Betsy or Paul Boone
Adaptive Riding- Bill Crouse
Hunter in Hand – hunter judge
Gaming – Rebecca Liggins

Reviewed opening ceremony

Start with A in 2014. Suggestion was made to allow all county delegations of youth to come in first before doing any speeches, announcements because they miss everything standing in line. Continue with mounted shooting.

Show Program

It was suggested to give a discount for sponsors who are willing to give to state show and regional show. It was proposed to allow them to give a one-time gift that would cover both events, but would have to write two checks – NC State 4-H Show and Southern Regional 4-H Show. Possibly do class sponsors at \$50 and \$100 per division.

Keep ads the same price for state show and need to check on price for Southern Regionals.

Vendor Fees

Keep vendor fees the same. \$200 for show and then pro rate for days - \$50/day.

Show Fees & Shavings

Keep all show fees the same – youth cannot afford an increase.

Keep shavings price the same. We do not see there being an increase on supplier end.

Show awards

Everyone likes awards, but there was some interest in looking into director chairs for reserve champions.

Sportsmanship awards:

Jr.- Linda Hatfield - 4-H Agent Laura Byrd is going to check with Linda to confirm.

Sr.- Bill Crouse is confirmed for 2014.

2014-2016 Show Dedication

Nominees are Jim & Donna McKinney for 2014. Then Pam Holland and Robin Lynn if Robin has not already received the award.

Show photographer recommendations:

Continue with Billie Lewis; (www.billielewisphotography.com)if she wants to continue.

Other possibilities are Morgan Plemmons and Ginger Horse Studios.

Show announcers for state show:

All of these need to be confirmed - Angel Smith, Dave Goff, Angela Kalus, Debbie Hollowell

Electronic timers:

Primary timer provided by NC State Fair, but we need 2 sets as backup.

North Central District and South Central District will have backup timers available.

Farrier suggestions:

Chris Young was confirmed by Richard Isley.

District Show Management Suggestions:

1. Need to be sure we are following and enforcing the rules and utilizing the executive committee. → Board discussed that there needs to be a show steward for the state show to serve as a mediator. Potentially use one of our certified show stewards that have no kids involved in showing or hire someone. All protests/issues need to be in writing and brought to the show management and executive board before making a decision.
2. There should not be a drug test fee charged if there is not going to be drug testing. Some people are paying double on drug test fees if kids are sharing a horse or if they are doing dressage and filling out both entries. → Clarify this better on the entry form so that people are not double paying for sharing one horse. Also if there is going to be a charge for drug testing, it needs to happen at the shows.
3. Announcements need to be made on a consistent basis in the barn areas. Each ring makes different amount of announcements. One may make a 'starting back' announcement when another announces so many minutes till starting back, etc. → It was agreed that announcers were doing the best they can.
4. It would be nice if you have an ice vendor on site./ Have a dance in Barn F → Ask Murphy House concessions if they will sell ice. A social committee was formed to look at potential social events for the kids on Thursday night. Committee is: Jessica Holland, Matt Downs and Richard Isley.
5. No little children doing ribbons! Riders work too hard for their ribbons to be dropped on the ground. → Need to reinforce rule that they must be old enough and tall enough to reach rider. Also enforce that they must appropriate footwear.
6. Allow 4-Hers to choose what district show they want to show at. Make them declare a district and keep a list in each district as to who is showing them. The large districts make it difficult to travel, etc. That's why our numbers are down. → This was referred to the Show Classes, Rules and Schedule Committee. No new rule was made. 4-Hers can declare to participate in another county already if they want to change counties/districts. They need to talk with their 4-H Agent.
7. The games coordinator should be someone that is doing games! The gaming division should be run or mostly run by the gaming volunteers. It is not fair for them to come in, show, and leave not volunteering for anything else. They need to run their own division! → It was recommended to ask each district to submit a gaming helper/volunteer to run this division.
8. The Horse Program Rulebook needs a comprehensive review to clarify ambiguous rules and eliminate contradictions. It seemed to have been revised piecewise for so many years that the cohesiveness of the document has become compromised. → No action was taken on at this time.
9. Have all state show information in one .pdf on the website. → Continue doing the web postings as they have been for state show forms.
10. Really enjoyed the mounted shooting!

11. Have Travis to provide state and regional show shavings. Did a wonderful job!

12. If the first row of the stands are asked to be clean for the horses. I would like to see the gate cleaned also. It will help all the riders!→It is encouraged to announce that no one sit in the front row of the seats or maybe even rope off areas. As far as gate areas, the gate keepers can control folks in front of gate area.

13. When a rider is late and the volunteer decides to not allow the rider to enter the arena, then the volunteer needs to not allow any late riders. We had a rider be 30 seconds late for her ride because we could not hear the announcements over the speakers in the barn. The volunteer would not let the rider in but then we noticed that this same volunteer allowed a rider who was late, in for their ride.

14. This suggestion was submitted but was not included on agenda - look at adding another class for stock type hunters.

Candace Norman made a motion to accept the show management committee's suggestions/report. Amanda Baucom seconded. Motion carried.

Show Classes, Rules and Schedule Committee:

District Suggestions

1. Rule concerning an adult riding a horse without show management permission: If the rule is frequently violated then action must be taken! Follow our rules, if the kid was not at fault then ask trainer or person that violated the rule to leave the show. Use Executive Boards decision.→ This section in the rule book needs to be clarified by separating I-F.22 Schooling Supervisors which currently states:

All schooling times are subject to availability of schooling supervisors. If there are no schooling supervisors, there will be no schooling sessions and the rings will be closed. Sign-up sheets for volunteers willing to serve as schooling supervisors are available during the State 4-H Horse Show. A schooling supervisor, designated with the authority to maintain order in schooling areas, will be on duty each day of the show. A 4-H member may ride or lunge another 4-H member's horse but must wear an exhibitor back number. An adult may lunge or lead a 4-H member's horse but may not mount or ride a 4-H members horse unless that horse is deemed "dangerously uncontrollable" and the adult has received written permission from the schooling supervisor. Permission will only be given when the schooling supervisor is announced to be on duty. Exhibitors who violate this rule can be disqualified at the show committee's discretion.

Proposed new sections:

1st rule: (The first part of the rule stays the same just shortened)

All schooling times are subject to availability of schooling supervisors. If there are no schooling supervisors, there will be no schooling sessions and the rings will be closed.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers willing to serve as schooling supervisors are available during the State 4-H Horse Show. A schooling supervisor, designated with the authority to maintain order in schooling areas, will be on duty each day of the show.

2nd rule: (Needs to be a separate rule from above)

A 4-H member may ride or lunge another 4-H member's horse but must wear a exhibitor back number. An adult may lunge or lead a 4-H member's horse but may not mount or ride a 4-H member's horse unless that horse is deemed "dangerously uncontrollable" and the adult has received written permission from ~~the schooling supervisor~~ *a show official*. ~~Permission will only be given when the schooling supervisor is announced to be on duty.~~ Exhibitors who violate this rule can be disqualified at the ~~show~~ *executive committee's discretion. The decision of the executive committee will be final.*

2. Trail in the back arena is a good location! It allows us to have a schooling area. Keep Trail in that location.

3. Remember it's 4-H- the Hunter Courses were a little strange. Challenging courses are great, but not sure the courses were "Hunter"/Remember 4-H is to serve all. Level the playing field for all kids. / Hunter Judge was great- very fair!→ Keep courses as they were. No changes.

4. In Versatility They should include a couple of cross-rails to even out the advantage to the western horses for patterns and barrels. →Keep things the way they are.

5. Ranch Horse Division including cutting, penning, working cow classes (Refer to Amy at January meeting)

6. Costume contests were lots of fun. I suggest each entry tells what their "theme" is. Will be more entertaining for the audience and helpful for judge. Announcer sometimes says things that take away from entries.→ Possibly ask for theme on entry form or have them turn in their theme before class so theme can be announced.

7. Do not have division classes one after the other. Have JR, SR, JR Pony, SR Pony. Gives riders a chance to regroup.→ No keep as is, works out well.

8. Schedule Adjustment: JR Hunter O/F 3', JR EQ O/F 3', JR Hunter Hack 2'6", SR Hunter Hack 2'6", SR Hunter O/F 3', SR Hunter EQ O/F 3' To minimize fence moving.→Keep as is.

9. Allow leg wraps/splint or bell boots in the jumping rounds. It is protection for the horses legs, they are allowed in gaming, and reining.→ Keep current rules.

10. Track of and give out an award for the county with high points in western and English. I thought this was a great idea and would encourage the kids from each county to support and cheer for each other even if they were from different clubs in the county.→ Not recommended. Counties vary in size and participation this would not be fair.

11. Protests for pony heights should be required to be done before the end of the show. Would suggest that any height protests be limited to 15 minutes after the end of the pony's first class.→ Protests should be made by the end of the 2nd class that that questioned pony participates in.

12. Judge should be fairly consistent with the number of horses they can call back in a heat and once numbers are called back they cannot be excused to come back in the ring.→ This was

referred to the Show Management Committee. Show management should back the child and allow them to enter the ring if they were called back.

13. This suggestion was submitted but was not included on agenda- Change the name of Stock Seat Equitation to Western Horsemanship. We need to be following whatever Southern Regionals is saying which is believed to be horsemanship.

Donna McKinney made a motion to accept the Show classes, rules and schedule committees suggestions/report. Shannon Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Education Contest Coordinating Committee:

Candace Norman will continue to do tabulations for horse bowl. In the past Hippology has been done by scantron and Jessica Hicks took care of it. Discuss more at January meeting about reforming committee.

Educational Contest Evaluation and Future Recommendations:

Sponsorship needed for National 4-H Congress

See financial section.

Horse Leader Training

It was reported that the Leaders Conference in 2013 went well, but thought workshops were too long. They are now accepting proposals for the workshops if anyone wants to do a workshop.

Horse Camp

See Jessica Hick's report about 4-H horsemanship camp. Bill Crouse reported that the Camp Millstone Volunteer Association has dissolved. Mitzi Downing reported that there have been lots of renovations at Millstone 4-H Camp.

Horse Demonstration/Horse Public Speaking

Board felt that it was a good idea to keep state 4-H horse presentations/public speaking at NC 4-H Congress with all the other presentations. It worked well this past year.

Creative Writing Events/Artistic Contests (Drawing, Painting, Craft, Poster, Sewing & Photo)

Lissy Newton agreed to continue to be the coordinator. Lissy expressed the importance of getting judges. Lori Stroud will help get creative writing judges. It helps if judges are local. In 2013 we had over 240 pre-entries and 184 entries actually showed up for judging.

Contest rules/suggestions- submitted by Lissy Newton

Recommendations:

1. Craft: Eliminate automatic 25 point penalty for having "identifying information permanently affixed to entry" to align with all the other categories where having identifying information affixed to the entry isn't penalized.
2. Drawing: Eliminate maximum size requirement format border. If it's too large in comparison to the drawing the judge can deduct points under the "completed appearance and neatness" criteria.

3. Both Types of Photography: Delete automatic 10 point penalty for "mounting extending beyond edge" and add language on mounting expectations to the judging criteria "overall appearance, neatness and mounting"
4. Regular Photography: Delete "camera angle and got close to subject" from technical quality criteria as these items are covered under composition criteria
5. Digital Photography: decrease point value of composition from 40 to 30 points and increase technical quality from 10 to 20 points.
6. I think you should have a place for kids to drop off their artwork prior to Friday. So much of the art is destroyed by staying in a hot car until Friday. The mat boards warp in the heat and the judges often mark off for stuff that is not their fault. Also the art work should be able to be turned in earlier than Friday. →board felt this was not reasonable at this time due to volunteers and time.

Lori Stroud made a motion to accept recommendations #1 – 5. Annie Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Horse Judging

As stated before the tentative date of April 12, 2014 has a lot of conflicts. Is there another possible date such as April 26? Need to get a date asap. Contest worked well at St Andrews, Laurinburg, NC. Maybe make ring smaller so that the shade/sun does not affect vision of judging youth.

Horse Bowl

Board agrees that the volunteers need to be gathering through the teams as they sign up. Continue to ask for a volunteer from each team on the entry form. EHH usually secures moderators, judges. Kristen Kaus volunteered to be a moderator. Bill Crouse agreed to help with trash control.

Two suggestions that were submitted but were not on the agenda to be considered so the board decided to discuss them. It was suggested that we reevaluate the number of kids/teams that are allowed to come to the state contest. Youth are getting discouraged when they come to the contest and it is single elimination. Lissy Newton made a motion that there be double elimination for all divisions and to amend the rule that youth must compete in three matches to be eligible for individual high point awards. Helen Isley seconded motion. Motion carried. Lori Stroud made a motion that the top two teams in each division advance from each district and then based on the participation numbers EHH office can invite more teams until they have 12 total teams in each division with double elimination. Kristen Kaus seconded. Motion carried.

Hippology Contest

There will be 2 phases of contest - NCSU Campus, Riddick Hall (Phase I: exams, stations and team problems) and St Andrews, Laurinburg, NC (Phase II: Judging)

Debbie Campbell made a motion that the Hippology contest go back to judging live horses. Debbie Hollowell seconded. Motion carried.

One suggestion was made to look into – is it possible to do hippology awards before the judging awards because the hippology finishes so much earlier and kids are waiting around. Down side to that idea is some kids do judging contest and hippology so would potentially miss awards.

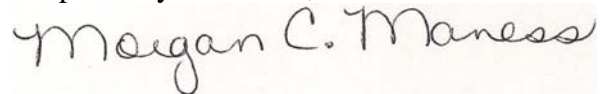
Horse Cumulative Record

Remember that there is a new cumulative record form that is available through NC 4-H.

Mitzi Downing reported that there will be another meeting scheduled for some time in January 2014. Amy McLean will send out a doodle poll to decide on meeting date.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morgan C. Maness". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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