

STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Saturday, March 6, 2010
Hardin County Extension Office
Elizabethtown, KY

The March 6, 2010 meeting of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board was called to order at 10:00 EST by President Jean Smith.

Present at the meeting were Michelle Robinson (D1AV), Kim Martin (D1AV), Donna Dean (D2AV), Regina Hicks (D2AV), Charity Dean (D2YV), Jean Jenkins (D3AV), Kathie Robertson (D4AV), William Robertson (D4YV), Jean Smith (D4AV), Eric Smith (D4AN), Peggy Jo Denney (D5AV), Nancy Eller (D5AN), Gene Ray (D5AN), Susan Ray (D5AN), Kelsie Ray (D5YN), Heather Ray (D5YN), Todd Ray (D5AN), Denise Ray (D5AN), Pat Moore (D6AV), Robyn Moore (D6YV), Tresa Skaggs (D6AN), Alice Skaggs (D6AN), Kendra Cunningham (D7AV), Clayton Jerrell (D7YV), Fernanda Camargo, Extension Specialist, and Kristen Harvey Extension Associate, and Keith Rogers (4-H Foundation).

- Pledges; William Robertson lead the American Pledge and Clayton Jerrell lead the 4-H Pledge.
- The minutes from the previous meeting (November 21, 2009) had the following corrections:
 - The Agriculture fiscal year was changed from June 31, July 1 to June 30, July 1
 - A clarification on the minimum body condition scoring was made - horses must receive a score of 4 or above in order to participate in 4-H activities.

The minutes were approved with the corrections made.

- An update was given on from the Animal Science Committee meeting held on December 17, 2009 – see attached copy of the minutes from the Animal Science Committee meeting.
- District Representatives gave updates regarding activities in their districts, including dates of their shows.
 - District 1 – Show on May 22nd with rain date on May 29 (in Boyd county)
 - District 2 – no updates
 - District 3 – Show on June 4-6 at Lakeside Arena (in Frankfort), Judging Clinic on April 10th, Camp the end of April. They also noted that Jessica Jenkins was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame.
 - District 4 – Education Day on May 8th, the Horse Show will be held June 12-13 at Lakeside Arena (Frankfort).
 - District 5 – Camp on April 23-24, Show on May 22-23 and a Judging Clinic in mid-April.
 - District 6 – Two camps will be held (one north and one south) on April 16-18 and the show is on June 21-23.
 - District 7 – Judging clinic on April 1, Camp on June 4-5 and Show on June 6.

PROGRAM ITEM UPDATES

- New Rules for 2010 – Hunter Division
 - The following summary was given:
 - There are now 4 divisions over fences, based on height of fences, not age
 - There are now 3 division on the flat, based on age (this has not changed from previous years)
 - Dressage classes are not based on age; they are based on level with the youth member choosing which level and test is appropriate for them to ride.
 - First level is no longer an OI class – it is high point eligible.
 - The new rules were reviewed – the following additional recommendations were made:

- Add Showmanship to the list of high point eligible classes for all divisions.
 - Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences 2' and 2'3-2"6"; add "...fences in order **with** horse and ponies..."
 - Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences 2'9" – 3'; delete the following riders cannot enter into any classes where fences are higher than 3".
- Walking/Racking/Mountain Horse/Saddle Seat will be under review for 2011.
 - It was noted that the rules regarding shoeing have changes in the Walking Horse Association Rules – it was noted we follow the National Horse Association rules. Kristen will review all the rules and the current rules for the year will be posted on the website.
- 4-H Horse Program Funding – Keith Rogers, Executive Director 4-H Foundation, gave a report on the fund raising efforts to date. Mr. Rogers announced the Kentucky Corn Growers Association has come forward as the presenting sponsor for the program. It was noted that this is the first major donation by this group to 4-H. A list of contacts was handed out and everyone was asked to send thank you notes; leaders, members, parents, etc. They have created named levels of sponsorship. Banners will be available and should be displayed at all district shows and other activities. When appropriate, the logo can also be used. Please check with Kristen regarding the use of the logo and the banners.

Mr. Rogers shared additional information – he will be visiting with Jane Basher regarding the current situation – he has been able to raise awareness to our situation.

- Volunteer Leader Certification – effective with the 2010 4-H year, all youth members must have 6 hours under a certified leader. Workshops will be held beginning in November or December and there will be three held initially. Complete kits will cost approximately \$800. If counties have the Ohio kit they may purchase supplemental information for a lesser cost.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

- Applications are due June 1st
 - The following scholarships will be offered for 2010
 - 3 at \$500
 - 1 at \$250
 - Kentucky Quarter Horse will offer one at \$500
 - Kentucky Horse Council will offer one at \$1,000
- Fundraising ideas – videos of the drill team competitions have been sold - they made a small profit of about \$1200 over the past two years. All proceeds have gone to the scholarship fund. I

STATE EVENTS ITEMS

- Note change in dates – Judging Contest is earlier and has been separated from the rest of the Horse Contest competition. This will allow youth members to participate in both competitions.
 - Youth members who are still in school will be excused for the day and counted a present.
 - Remember not county markings should be on shirt.
- Designs for the state t-shirt were voted on - income goes toward the scholarship fund.
- A reminder that applications for outstanding district, agent and volunteer applications are due by June 1st.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- March 19th – Kentucky Equine Youth Festival, Lexington, KY
- March 19-21st – Kentucky to host American Youth Horse Council Symposium, Holiday Inn North, Lexington, KY
- June 3rd – State 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Lexington, KY
- June 10-11 – State Horse Contest, Holiday Inn North, Lexington, KY
- July 4-10 – State Show, KFEC, Louisville, KY
- July 27 – August 1; Southern Regionals, Clemson, SC