**2021 Horse Advisory Council Meeting**

**Nov 13, 2021 Nelson Co. Extension Office**

**Agenda**

**Call to order:** Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

**Introductions**

**Officers:**

* + President: Stephanie Meredith - 2023
  + Vice President: Kendra Cunningham - 2023
  + Secretary: Laura Horn - 2023
  + Youth Representative: Emma Brown – Jessamine 2022

**Program Updates**

* + State of the Program:
    - Shortened show: Covid-19/decreased numbers; numbers decreased across nation, now prices of horses are on the rise and more participation anticipated in coming years. Kendra did not hear any negative comments and others agreed they did not hear anything negative from their areas. Even though it was shortened it did not feel rushed. Next year anticipation the same amount of numbers and same schedule
    - Using both arenas: At state show- went well
    - Qualifying shows/clinics: in 2021- Jan 1 – June 10 have to go to a show to qualify. District 6 prefers the district show, they still offer a district show and would like to only have district show. District 3 likes/misses the district show. D3 doesn’t have facilities and it costs more money to have a district show (Lakeside), they did not have a show in fear of not having youth show up as a requirement for state. D5 & D6 shared a district show. D5 had pros/cons with the shared district show. During the week parents could not get off work so they went to other shows. Horse camp held a qualifying event the last couple of days to accommodate the qualifying requirement. D3 and D4 have shared district shows in the past. District 7 had mixed feelings. They missed the district show but the time conflict with district show left them feeling ok right now. District 4 says it is more cost-effective to find another show than securing a facility for a district show. Madison county hasn’t showed since 2014, Laura enjoyed district shows but the cost was a burden. Other conflicts with events (graduations, other shows, etc). District 1 does not disagree with comments made. Comradery for district and state is important-having a show that coincides with schedules and supporting horse club enrollment. D1 would go with a local show for qualifier over a district show.
      * Fernanda gave update on transition from district to areas in Cooperative Extension and began conversation on regional/area shows. Campbell county has a large show (offers 3 shows a year), D6 is supportive of hosting a larger show. D4 (Laura Horn) is willing to host an area show in Madison County and will be in communication. Leslie Deaton and Stephanie Meredith are willing to host an area show.
    - Awards: Dr. Camargo explained why buckles were not an option in 2021. The chairs were $60 and would like to transition back to buckles if we can get entry numbers back up. Molly’s offers buckles for a comparable price to current awards. Buckles may be smaller but the tradition of the buckle is important to exhibitors. Drill team is OI and received buckles – new award: medals?
      * Buckles: Look at Molly’s - find more cost-effective options
      * Drill Team: medallions
      * High Point: Bridle bag, boot bag, cooler/scrim, grooming backpack
    - Volunteer Leader Certification Workshop: 11/20 canceled-lack of participation, 1/8 in Clark County, online option available also.
    - Recertification: 2 hours of continuing education. Videos need to be accompanied with a summary.
  + Class Numbers:
    - Combine: Western Judged – HUS Jr & Sr
    - Eliminate Western Judged - HUS W/T
    - Eliminate Children’s Hunter Pony from Hunters 2’ (can participate in long/short stirrup 2’)
    - Eliminate Dressage USEF First Level Test 3 from Hunters
  + Division Committees: Need revisions by January 30th, 2022. If we do not have them by then, we will use previous years.
    - WRM: Laura Horn, Linda Starnes, Angie Easley, Diane Cole
    - Western: Stephanie Meredith, Kendra Cunningham, Paula Jerrell
    - Speed: Kaitlyne Metsker, Mary McCarty
    - Minis: Paula Jerrell, Cheryl Meyers, Sam Barth (get contact from Stephanie Meredith)
    - Hunters: Katie Robertson, Leslie Deaton
  + Regional and National Competitions – Kentucky did a great job at the regional/national level in 2021.
  + New district/area/regional initiatives?

**District Recommendations and Suggestions: voting**

* **Revise wording in Flag Race: “Riders may touch the barrels or buckets (3 gallon buckets filled to the top with sand)” to “Riders may touch the barrels or buckets (3.5 gallon buckets filled to the top with sand).**
* **Organizing youth activities outside of the show during the state show. (Example dance, movie, pizza, etc). Discussion on clubs/areas/districts organizing event in barns and show management make announcement during show. Extra events need to be organized by area/district/club/etc not show management.**
* **Trail Riding Program: Voting members will send a blurb to Fernanda regarding language on website on hours’ parameters.**
* **Make Facebook post a few days before contest with rules. Encourage agents to share in their monthly newsletter.**

**Division Revisions**

2018: Hunters

2019: WRM

**2020: SS and minis (didn’t happen, postponed to 2021)**

**2021: Western and Speed, Equestrian with Special Needs**

2022: Hunters

2023: WRM

**Important Dates:**

* Volunteer Certification: January 8 – Clark County Extension Office
* Dixie National Quarter Horse Show: Horse Bowl & 4-H Job Shadowing: February 15-20
* Volunteer Forum: February 24-26
* American Youth Horse Council Symposium: March 18-20 - Murfreesboro, TN
* State Judging Contest and Horse Contest: June 1-3 (June 1: Lakeside; June 2-3: Hardin County)
* State Fair Horse Show: July 2-7
* Southern Regionals: no dates yet

**State Show Deadlines:**

* May 1st- Educational Hours Due
* May 1st – Eligibility Forms Due
* June 1st – State Show Entry Deadline
* Jan 1 - June 1: Qualifying Events Due