

STATE 4H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Saturday, February 16, 2008
Larue County Extension Office
Hodgenville, KY

The February 16, 2008 meeting of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board was called to order at 10:10 a.m. EST by Secretary Jean Smith, there being no other officers present.

Present at the meeting were Regina Hicks, (D2V) Kendra Hicks (D2V), Toraleah Sowders (D2) Kathy Ballew (D2V), Eric Smith (D4), Jean Smith (D4V), Kim Ragland (D4 Contact Agent) William Robertson (D4V), Kathie Robertson (D4V), Todd Ray (D5V), Faith Blair (D5V), Donita Blair (D5V), Seth Cunningham (D7V), Kendra Cunningham (D7V), Melanie Kelley (D7V), Fernanda Camargo, Extension Specialist and Kristen Harvey, Extension Associate.

William Robertson led the group in the American Flag Pledge, followed by Faith Blair leading the group in the 4-H Pledge.

Next on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes from November 17, 2007. Kristen informed the group that the discussions of rules from the November meeting are attached to the on-line version of the Minutes, but not the hard copy presented. A **Motion was made by Kathie Robertson, seconded by Seth Cunningham that “The Minutes of the November 17, 2007 meeting be accepted as presented”**. There being no discussion after the Question, the Motion was accepted unanimously.

The Districts then gave updates. No one was present from D1, D3 or D6. D2 shared that they will have a clinic on March 8 and their District Show on May 17, both at 3R Arena in Williamsburg. D4 shared that they are considering a clinic in March. Their District Show will be June 7 and 8 at Lakeside Arena in Frankfort. They have a camp scheduled for the end of September in Mercer County. D5 shared that they will have a clinic on March 13 in Hardin County. Their horse camp will April 25-27 and their District Show will be May 24 and 25, both at the arena in Casey County. D7 shared that they will have a Judging Clinic on March 25, along with Hippology and Horse Bowl. Their camp is May 30 and 31. Their District Show will be June 1. All of D7's events will be held at Murray.

Next on the Agenda was the discussion of new rules for the English and Miniature Divisions for 2008.

Kristen stated she asked various folks to suggest rule changes for each division. Only Jean Smith replied with regard to the English. Jean stated that she was

disheartened that she was the only one to make any suggestions and that she had assumed that a committee would be formed to work on this division. Her written suggestions were shared with the group. There were minor changes which included equipment and attire clarifications. Some rules were modified to allow appropriately shod horses to show in more classes. The actual pattern in the Versatility Pattern has been updated. After much discussion with regard to the remaining proposed rules, a **Motion was made by Kathie Robertson, seconded by Melanie Kelley** that “Three classes be added to the English Division to include Western Country Pleasure, Natural Pleasure and English Pleasure, Non-ASB as Open Invitational classes and the participation in these classes be revisited after two full show seasons to see if they could be added as permanent classes or be dropped. There being no further discussion following the Question, the Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was then held with regard to changing the name of the English Division. Dr. Camargo shared that she found the name confusing as “English” could imply a variety of things. A **Motion was made by Kathie Robertson, seconded by Todd Ray, that “The name of the English Division be changed to “Saddleseat (Trotting) Division”.** There being no further discussion following the Question, the Motion passed unanimously.

With regard to the Miniature Division, Kristen shared that there were no changes to be made with the exception of some typos. Someone did suggest getting a better judge. Kristen stated that she is getting assistance in identifying appropriate judges. A **Motion was made by Melanie Kelley, seconded by Faith Blair, that “The Miniature Division rules be accepted as presented”.** There being no further discussion following the Question, the Motion passes unanimously.

Eric Smith then asked about the Drill Team Rules which were also to be revised this year as discussed in November. Kristen was under the impression that that would be a two-year process and has not pursued any changes to those rules. The Drill Team Rules will be addressed next year for the 2009 show. A discussion was held with regard to the process of collecting input from volunteers interested in Drill Team rule changes. Eric has already established a new score sheet more in line with the standards the group has indicated they would like to adopt. The group reviewed the score sheet. Eric asked if we should adopt the new score sheet which uses exactly the same rules as last year’s show, just proportionately increases the numbers so the professional judges would have more flexibility in judging. It does not, in any way, change the way teams are scored, it just makes it easier for the certified judge to judge the contest. A **Motion was made by Melanie Kelley, seconded by Regina Hicks, that “The revised Drill Team Score Sheet be adopted for the 2008 competition, and**

change the 100 point rule to reflect the new total score.” There being no further discussion following the Question, the Motion passes unanimously.

Kristen then shared the discussion of the items that were presented to the Animal Science Committee. The request to change the name of the Demonstration Contest to Presentation Contest in order to include both demonstrations and illustrated talks was granted. The score sheet is in the Leader’s Guide now on the web. The request to change the method for calculating individual Horse Bowl scores was granted, and that calculation is also in the updated Leader’s Guide. The request to change the method of scoring for Horse Bowl was NOT accepted by the ASC and rule is to remain as previously stated. The reasoning for this is that a team that sits and never buzzes in can actually win over a team that tries and buzzes in but gives incorrect answers (due to negative points). The adoption of USEDA rules for drill team presentations was referred to Drill Team Rule Review Committee. The request to change scoring of Flag Race was NOT accepted by ASC and is to remain as previously stated. The reasoning for this is that a young person can just run and not even attempt to pick up the flag, beating young people who actually try to pick up flag and do so unsuccessfully. The ASC is interested in seeing something in writing from another group or association that might help them align rules with industry standards as long as young people are not penalized for trying/rewarded for not trying. The request for a second project horse was NOT accepted by ASC and is to remain as previously stated. The reasoning for this that if a 4-Her turns in two horses for March 1, the 4-Her has as many horses as a 4-Her wants until May 1. The second horse is an open invitational horse. If one’s project horse does not work out, a 4-Her has a second horse...the OI horse serves that role and the 4-Her can still participate with that OI horse. The monetary issue of kids not being able to afford the second horse is a sticking point. There is also concern about what a “project” horse is and how the dates of declaration concern the ASC. The ASC is very concerned that if this rule is requested again, that it be written so that it truly reflects a “project” horse and that it not be unduly favorable toward 4-Hers with more resources vs. those without. The request to allow national competitors to return to compete in the same events at the state level was NOT accepted by ASC and is to remain as previously stated. The reasoning is that this is a national rule and we are not at liberty to change it. The request that Green Horse 2 foot be moved to the Hunter on the Flat Division was granted by the ASC because it is a learning-to-jump class.

Kristen shared that no horses have been donated for the 2008 auction to benefit the Scholarship program yet. She has a meeting with Tom Curry in March to discuss donations. She also stated that there is no deadline before which the horses need to be donated. Also to be decided when she talks with Tom is what the total amount of scholarship monies will be distributed.

A suggestion was made that crafts created by horse clubs could be donated to the State Horse Show to place in a Silent Auction to raise money. The group will take ideas back to the counties and districts for further discussion about how such an auction might generate funds at the State Show. Kathy Ballew indicated she would be willing to help coordinate such an effort.

Kristen shared that applications for the Kentucky Horse Council Scholarship are due April 1. The application is on the KHC web site and will be awarded to one 4-H'er. This group is also providing awards for Showmanship at the State Show.

Kristen shared that they have selected the winning design for the State Horse Show Teeshirt and the group was shown the design. She stated that due to Mary Kolb being out of the state during the State Show week, there might be a need for volunteers to help with sales during the show.

Kristen shared that, due to construction, the Horse Park will not be available on the Wednesday of the Horse Contest. Therefore, the Judging Contest will probably be at Lakeside Arena in Frankfort, about 30 minutes from Lexington. Masterson Station Park does not have enough seating. A suggestion was made to look at Red Mile, Keeneland, or Tattersalls. Fiddler's Run in Versailles and a covered arena at Midway were also suggested as possible venues. There was also some discussion of moving all the Horse Contests to Madison County and use their county fair facility and perhaps EKU. Kristen will look into all these options and email the final information to contact agents for them to pass it on to counties and their participants.

The forms to nominate a person, family, or organization to be named in the State Show Dedication and for Outstanding District, Volunteer, and Agent were handed out. Nominations are due to Kristen no later than June 1, 2008. The nomination forms are also on line. The group was asked to take the nomination forms back to their districts and counties to encourage applications.

Important upcoming dates were shared:

May 24, 2008 – State Team Penning Contest, WKU Ag Expo Center, Bowling Green, KY

June 10-11, 2008 – State Horse Contest, Holiday Inn North and TBA

June 29-July 5, 2008 – State Horse Show, KFEC, Louisville, KY

July 29-August 3, 2008 – Southern Regionals, Lexington, VA

September 20, 2008 – Kicking and Screaming: A Day with the Trainer (Ricky Wingfield) WKU Ag Expo Center, Bowling Green, KY

Todd Ray announced that a new state law states that the *In-state* health papers are now good for a full year, but they must be obtained in 2008 calendar year. They will be good for a full year over into 2009.

The group discussed “throwing” something during the Southern Regionals in the Parade of States. Kristen Harvey said ideas are welcome.

Kathy Ballew announced the Central Kentucky Racking Association has an open class at its shows for its members designed to allow any youth showing any breed to compete for a season-long high point award.

Dr. Camargo has requested information from breed associations for use in the certification materials currently being accumulated. In the process she found out that a Registered Paint Horse can be enrolled in a PAC program that allows the youth to compete for awards through the Paint Horse Association. Information regarding this is on the Paint Horse Association website. This information should be shared with districts and counties. It has already been shared with District Contact Agents.

There are also some Arab –sponsored programs March 14-16 free to 4-Hers. More information has been sent to the District Contact Agents to distribute to districts and counties.

The next State Advisory Committee meeting will be either November 15 or 22, 2008 preferably at the Elizabethtown Extension Office. A notice will be sent.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a **Motion was made by William Robertson, seconded by Kendra Hicks, that “The Meeting be adjourned”**. There being no further discussion following the Question, the Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Smith, Secretary

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