

**STATE 4-H ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2015**  
**Nelson County Extension Office**  
**Bardstown, KY**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. ET by President Jean Smith.

Present at the meeting were: Kim Agee (DAV), James Agee (D1AV), Shyanna Ritchie (D1YV), Sydney Agee (D1YNV), Pamela Wilson (D2AV), Kathy Ballew (D2AV), Chloe Wilson (D2YV), Skyler Ballew (D2YNV), Kim Henley (D3AV), Linda Greenwell (D3AV), Madeline Wermeling (D3YV), Leslie Deaton (D3ANV), Kathie Robertson (D4AV), Jean Smith (D4AV), Madeline Howard (D4YV), William Robertson (D4ANV), Stephanie Meredith (D5AV), Chassity Warner (D5YV), Jenna Meredith (D5YNV), Andrea Cooksey (D5YNV), Christine Warner (D5ANV), Renee Cooksey (D5ANV), Rebecca Cushenberry (D6AV), Laura Nobles (D6AV), Kelsey Nobles (D6YV), Eli Cushenberry (D6YNV), Kendra Cunningham (D7AV), Elizabeth Brown (D7YV), Fernanda Camargo, Extension Specialist and Amy Lawyer, Extension Associate.

- **Pledges** were lead you youth in attendance.
- Jean Smith welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
- **Officers:** Current officers Jean Smith (President) and Kendra Cunningham (VP) are not eligible for another term in their current office. Kathie Robertson (Secretary) is eligible for another in in her current office.

Elections were held with the following outcome. These officers will take office in the spring:

- President – Kathie Robertson; approved by acclamation
- Vice President – Stephanie Meredith; approved by acclamation
- Secretary – Kendra Cunningham; approved by acclamation
- Youth Representative - Elizabeth Brown; elected by majority vote
- **Program Report:**
  - Adding the fourth performance class at the State Show was beneficial.
  - Financially we are doing OK and staying 'even'. The addition of the additional class has helped to offset some of the costs.
  - Continuing to look for ways to increase participation in the Saddleseat Division. It is hoped that the change in the attire rule will help, along with encouraging and promoting other breeds to participate.
  - The American Youth Horse Council Symposium will be in Lexington in the 2016. We should be encouraging our youth to attend this event.
  - Our youth did very well in Regional and National competitions this year. Everyone was reminded we should be encouraging our youth to participate in the speech and communications competitions. As an additional reminder about judging - youth can participate as an individual – this is a rule change.
  - Clubs are encouraged to consider doing a Cloverbud program when possible.
- **Bylaws**
  - The proposed language for a change in the by-laws regarding the scheduling of meetings was presented at the spring meeting and needs to be voted on at this meeting. A motion was made, seconded and the motion passed that would allow the Spring meeting to be held in the first three months of the year and the Fall meeting to be held in the last three months of the year.
- **2016 Division Revisions**
  - Saddleseat and the Mini Divisions are up for review in 2016

- In 2017 it will be Western and Contest
- **Important Dates in 2016**
  - Spring Horse Council Meeting – February 27
  - American Youth Horse Council Symposium – April 22-24
  - State Judging Contest – June 8
  - State Horse Contest – June 9 – 10
  - State Horse Show – July 3 - 9
- **District Recommendations;** before discussion started Jean Smith reviewed ‘Robert’s Rules’. Everyone was also reminded that there will be a 5 minute limit on all rule discussions, similar rules recommendations will be combined and a motion may die for lack of a second.
- The following recommendations were approved and will be going forward to the Animal Science Committee (refer to Recommendations Document for complete language):
  - **District 3** (Combined with several other recommendations)
    - Allow youth entered in Ranch Riding Division to cross enter into Western Horsemanship and Hunter Under Saddle classes
  - **District 4**
    - Add a new class in the Hunter Division – Jumpers 2’ – 2’3”
  - **District 5**
    - Will clarify and have correct pattern for Ranch Riding classes that are in line with appropriate discipline rules.
  - **District 6**
    - Will clarify and have correct patterns reflected in the rule book
  - **Other Recommendations**
    - Would like to have some sort of Youth Party at the state show
    - Division I youth entered in walk/trot classes be allowed to participate in those classes for two years
    - Create a Humanitarian Award to be award to a youth member

All other recommendations were deferred to the Mini and Saddleseat Rule Revision Committees, not approved or died for lack of a second to a motion.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathie Robertson