

Kentucky State 4H Meeting November 17, 2012

In attendance: Eric Smith 4, Kathie Robertson 4, Marilyn Midkiff 6, Layne Midkiff 6, Katy Wimsatt 6, Tresa Skaggs 6, Casey Cushenberry 6, Rebecca Cushenberry 6, Regina Hicks 2, Terra Schroeder 4, Kendra Hicks 2, Madeline Wermeling 3, Susannah Wermeling 3, Jessica Woods 3, Chad LeMaster 3, Donita Blair 5, Faith Blair 5, Barbara Dowell 5, Dalton Nottingham 5, Justin Carman 5, Dawn Cummings 5, Stephanie Meredith 5, Jenna Meredith 5, Amy Lawyer, Dr. Fernanda Camargo, Jean Smith 4, Lily Sutton 1, Sandy Woosley 1, Kim McCane 1, Kendra Cunningham 7, Paula Jerrell 7, Melanie Kelly 7, Deana Curran 4.

Call to order: Jean Smith; President 10:30 AM

Pledges: led by youth

Review of minutes: from February-No additions or corrections minutes, motion made to accept as printed by Faith Blair, seconded by Sandy Woosley motion passed

Election of officers: Youth Representative Deana Curran from District 4 elected by acclamation for one year.

Program Report: Discussed the classes that are below an average of 3 participants per class, next year if we have low numbers classes will be dropped. Numbers were low in horse/pony over fences, hunt seat equitation 2'9 to 3 feet. Discussed the possibility of merging the 2'9 to 3 feet high point division with another high point division since it had so few entries. Raising fees did not show a significant loss in number of entries, and with budget cuts we broke even this year. We will probably lose KDA money \$15,000 next year, still looking for company sponsors.

Horse Park: 75% were for Horse Park however the horse park would only guarantee a 50% discount for next year, but they said we would need to revisit every year. Decided to stay at the Fairgrounds, but are meeting with the Fairgrounds to improve conditions at the State Fairgrounds. Looking into using Freedom Hall; \$10,000 to add dirt and \$6,000 per day which is not feasible, we will try to negotiate that. Freedom Hall will be on rotation if we get it. Don't assume that last year's schedule will be the same this year, will have the State schedule by February. We are now the week after 4th starting the 5th-13th. National Contest; Hippology, team presentation, public speaking all went to Regional's; Hippology placed in team problem, Public Speaking placed 7th. Kentucky showed very well.

District Recommendations: Jean Smith

District 2:

- Motion made by Regina Hicks *to consider offering regular and heavy shod with the breed. Racking Horse Breeders Association of America (RHBA) does offer regular and heavy shod. If unable to have both classes, can we offer one class for both with the shoe size going to the maximum.* There was no second, motion died.

- *Permit of a band shoe: A band is permitted in the Walking Division on all light shod Walking Class, can we consider having bands in the Racking Division.* Breed Association does not support, no motion made, motion died.

District 3:

- Motion made by Sussanna Wermeling, to *change the rule limiting one year for walk trot to allow youth to ride for two years in walk-trot.* Seconded by Kim McCane, Motion defeated by vote.
- Motion made by Jessica Woods to *change the rule regarding alternate horses to allow for change to the date of the youths district show. This would still require documentation and youth would not be allowed to bring both horses and switch to alternated because primary horse does not pass the BCS.* Discussion, Dr Carmargo said the reason for that rule was to make it an even playing field and we are in the trial phase of the extra horse. It was a big headache to track last year. Marylyn Midkiff seconded the motion. The motion carried with 9 in favor, 8 not in favor and 1 abstained.
- District 3 Submission: *Allow for one adult in the holding pen if the child wants. Leaving it up to show management is not working because the suggestion has not been consistent. Some people working the gate have allowed it, and others have not.* After discussion Jessica Woods agreed to withdraw submission as a rule change and make it a suggestion.
- Motion made by Susannah Wermeling to *change the rule from Showmanship deciding a tie to; when there is a tie use the performance class, then showmanship.* There was discussion, and then motion was seconded by Jessica Woods. Not enough votes in favor, motion defeated.
- Motion made by Susannah Wermeling to *allow the use of bit less bridles.* There was discussion that National rules do not follow. Motion was seconded by Jessica Woods. Not enough votes in favor, motion defeated.

District 4:

- Motion made by Kathie Robertson to change *Ring Procedures – Dress:*
 - *Modify first bullet point, third sentence to include **handlers** when addressing footwear. **Modify to read as follows:***
 - *..... Appropriate footwear is required of the exhibitor and **handler** in all other classes (boots, tennis shoes or other closed –toed shoes).....* Motion was seconded by Susannah Wermeling, motion carried by unanimous vote.

- District 4 submitted a change in General Contest Class Rules #9:
 - *Modify/clarify language to be more consistent with AQHA rules:*
 - **Current language** – *Contestants may carry whips. The judge or official steward(s), at his or her discretion, may disqualify a contestant for excessive use of a bat, crop, whip, rope or hand, etc. in front of the cinch.*
 - **Change to read** - *Contestants may carry whips. The judge or official steward(s), at his or her discretion, may disqualify a contestant for excessive use of a bat, crop, whip, rope, hand or **reins, etc. anywhere on the horse.*** Dr. Carmargo stated she had already changed that rule to conform with AQHA. Request withdrawn.

- Kathie Robertson made a motion for Hunter Division to add new class called **Green Horse Cross Rails**
 - Rules for the class would read as follows:
 - Open to registered and grade mares and gelding of any size that are in their first year of showing in any class over fences. Exhibitors 9-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. 4-H members and horses/ponies in this class MAY NOT show in any other jumping class. Class to be shown at a trot or canter, without penalty, over a course of least four (4) 18” cross-rails and judged on the horse’s/pony’s manners, style of jumping, hunting pace and way of moving over the designated jumping course.
 - To be included in Hunter on the Flat Division for highpoint awards.

There was discussion, motion seconded by Susannah Wermeling, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Kathie Robertson to add to the General rules: **GENERAL RULES REGARDING JUDGES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Recommendation

- Motion made by Kathie Robertson to add to the General rules *Add a clause in all District, as well as the State, contracts with any judge asking for disclosure of any conflict of interest with youth or family members of youth participating in the show. The contract must state that “any and all relationships must be terminated 30 days prior to the official start of the show for which the judge is being considered or has been contractually obligated to officiate at”. Disclosure must be made immediately to the Show Committee upon realization that a conflict of interest occurs, whether before or during the show. Upon disclosure of a potential conflict of interest (whether real or perceived), the show committee will determine if additional action is necessary.*
- *Add the following the General Rules:*

- *A judge's clients, employers or employees, family members or member of the judge's household, may not compete in the show as an exhibitor, rider, driver, owner, lease or lessor, unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the show.*
- *A judge may not have trained or sold any of the horses competing in the show within 30 days of the show.*
- *A judge may not have coached any exhibitor or family member of an exhibitor, owner, lessor or lessee within 30 days of the show.*
- *A judge's trainer or clients of the trainer may not have had a relationship with the judge within 30 day of the show.*
- *☒A judge may not have had any type of relationship with the trainer of an exhibitor or family member of an exhibitor, owner, lessor or lessee within 30 days of the show.*
- *Show management should, when possible, announce judges that are hired for district and state shows as soon as possible so conflicts of interest (whether real or perceived) can be addressed prior to the show or class in question.*
- *Show management should, when possible, provide judge with a list of exhibitors so conflicts of interest (whether real or perceived) can be addressed prior to the show or class in question.*

There was discussion, and a second was made by Deana Curran. 12 votes in Favor, 3 votes against, 3 abstain. Motion carried as written.

- *District 4 submitted a recommendation to move the State horse show to the Horse Park. It was discussed that this was a suggestion, so no motion was made and recommendation was withdrawn.*

District 5:

- *Motion made by Donita Blair that we change the name to Equestrians with Special Needs.... to more correctly identify these determined and dedicated young people and their families. Katy Wimsatt seconded the motion, Motion passed by unanimous vote.*
- *Motion made by Faith Blair with showmanship being a requirement for all participants when qualifying at their district show, it should also be a required class at the state level. In doing so it would provide body score observation for all horses (during their respective showmanship class) at state such as is done at the district level and eliminate any borderline issues. At the same time it would also help generate additional entry fee income for the state show. There was discussion and a second was made by Barbara Dowell, motion was defeated by lack of votes.*
- *Motion was made by Donita Blair The 4-H'er is not allowed to switch horses between district and state shows under any circumstances. We would like to recommend that the rule be modified to read: In the event of death of a Primary Horse that has already qualified at a district show the 4-H'er can use their secondary horse to qualify at another district show pending proper documentation from attending veterinarian,*

county 4-H agent and district horse contact. There was discussion and a second was made by Dalton Nottingham. Motion was defeated by lack of votes.

- Motion was made by Donita Blair *we recommend returning to the previous 2011 point system or another system that distributes points fairly based on the number of entries in the class.* There was discussion; Dr Carmargo likes the new system because it is more versatile and fair across the board. A second was made by Dalton Nottingham. Motion was defeated by lack of votes.

District 6

- Motion made by Katie Add a Ranch Horse class as an option in Western Judged; motion amended by Melanie Kelly to reflect District 7 Submission to Recommend adding Ranch Horse Pleasure and Ranch Horsemanship to Western Division to accommodate Trail type horses and riders. They can also do Versatility Class for their third performance class. This would improve safety by not mixing natural lope horses with pleasure type horses. Each year there are instances where pleasure horses are run up on by other horses with a faster or natural lope. This would also open up your Western Judged Division to more participants. Ranch Horse Showing is a growing group of horse enthusiasts. You could also designate a “Pleasure” and “Ranch” Division of Western Judged. (If funding is the only issue, we will help find the funding.) If this is not possible, please add Ranch Pleasure as an Open Invitational class. Discussion that AQHA is adding this, and they show it at regional’s, also noted that that revisions on contest and western are this year. Amended motion seconded by Kathie Robertson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Kathie Robertson motioned for rule clarification: Need to define “arena”. Does this mean holding area and show arena? Does it mean only show arena? Confusion lies in WC-2 rule number 3. *Contestants will start their runs from a designated point defined by cones (depending on location). Handler may enter designated area with rider but cannot enter arena. Once the contestant enters the arena, the adult must leave the holding pen.* Motion seconded by Melanie Kelly. 15 votes in favor, no votes against and 3 abstain. Motion carried
- Practice time needs to be adjusted and policed. This was determined to be a suggestion and no motion needed.
- Suggest having a liaison to help exhibitors with issues at the fairgrounds. This was determined to be a suggestion and no motion needed.

- Post all patterns in pattern book, Dr Camargo advised that this is no longer an issue since we will no longer be getting pattern books due to budget cuts. All patterns will be posted one hour before the show.

District 7

- Motion made by Melanie Kelly to offer Horse Certification in all parts of the state: West, Central and East; or at least West and East. Central could choose between the two. There was discussion. Motion seconded by Kendra Cunningham. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Melanie Kelly Add buckles back to the Walk/Trot classes, even if they are smaller buckles. Even consider three sizes of buckles: smaller for Age Division I, medium for Age Division II/Jr. and larger for Age Division III/Sr. This could possibly save money. There was discussion that this was done for budget reasons and it might roll over to OI classes. Kendra Cunningham seconded the motion; motion was defeated for lack of votes.
- Motion made by Melanie Kelly *not to allow handlers (parents, whomever), in make-up arena to lead contest horses into arena. This is an issue of horsemanship as well as handler safety. Allow a fellow 4Her on horseback to walk next to a horse to guide certain horses to arena or gate marker, which some of them do now.* Kendra Cunningham seconded the motion, motion defeated for lack of votes.
- Melanie Kelly made a motion *to only allow a Primary Horse, not a Secondary.* There were actually no Secondary horses used in our district, and few across the state as we understand it. It was a major headache for volunteers to collect the information for both. Kendra seconded the motion, motion defeated for lack of votes

Suggestions

District 4: Suggestion Form an exploratory committee to investigate the feasibility of allowing youth to show multiple horses at our shows (both within the same division and/or a different division). It is suggested to talk with other states, such as Tennessee, who allow this to determine how it works for them as well as the pros and cons of allowing this. Kathie Robertson, Terra Schroeder, Stephanie Meredith, and Jessica Woods will be on the committee.

District 5: if you know of someone who should be on the lists of judges tell us so they can be added. If you end up with a judge at a district show that is horrible let us know as well.

District 7: Horse judging to be moved back with other state events. 12th 13th June

Dr Carmargo: Keep in mind due to budget cuts more classes might go to ribbons starting with OI

Need volunteers for revision committee for western/contest please give 2 names per district

Dr. Carmargo addressed the importance of teaching the kids on how to take a proper photo. Must show all 4 feet in picture and a head shot. No black and white photos.

Next state meeting will be February 2, 2013 in E-Town @ 10:00 am.

Judging clinic April 6, 2013.

March 27, 2013 youth festival at horse park.

Sandy Woosley motioned to adjourn; Barbara Dowell seconded Meeting adjourned by Jean Smith @ 2:18

Minutes Submitted by Jessica Woods; Secretary