

State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting

April 5, 2017

PRESENT:

	<i>4-H Agent/Program Assistant</i>	<i>Volunteer Leader Representatives</i>	
Area A		Barry Hoffman	
Area B	Jessica Altum Cooper	Jill Amburgey	
Area C	Margaret Carden	Amy Wade	Kevin Yutani
Area D		Barbara Nagle	Liz Jett
Area E	Tycee Prevatt/Kristie Popa		
Area F			
UF	Dr. Sandra TenBroeck, Wendy DeVito, Dr. Carissa Wickens, Joel McQuagge, Shane Michael		

Meeting called to order at 11:20 a.m.

Board was interested in seeing UF conduct Leadership training for Agents, Leaders, and Competitive Event Coaches. Conduct the class in Gainesville, perhaps at HTU. Maybe end of September.

Dr. Wickens is still interested in holding a Horse Ethics/Wellfare Clinic.

AYHC

April 21-23 in Wakefield, MA, www.ayhc.com.

Don't forget to look around your county for a deserving candidate for the "Elaine Keir Memorial Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award"

(http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/documents/Adult_Horse_Leader_nomination.pdf).

Nominations from counties must be sent to your Area Youth 4H Horse Program Coordinator by June 3. The winner will be Florida's nominee for the National AYHC Volunteer of the Year Award.

AHYC is publishing a new document, "*Horse Smarts*", that will be replacing the "*Leader Guide*".

Hippology and Horse Judging Competitive Events

New 2-day format for Hippology (horse judging on Saturday and all other phases on Sunday) seemed to work well. There was more positive feedback than negative. It was pointed out that the intermediate age Hippology kids had a lot of down time on Sunday. Dr. TenBroeck suggested that the Hippology intermediates could still judge from videos on Sunday. But some Board members felt there was value to these kids judging the "live" classes. There was also some confusion on how to handle the placing cards for kids who were competing in both the horse judging and hippology contests. Wendy believes this issue can be solved easily with a single colored placing card.

A social on Saturday evening would work well if there is someone who can manage it.

State Events

Public speaking, individual and team demonstrations, Quiz Bowl – June 17. UF would like to see a large turnout.

Horsemanhip School

June 5-9, Western (Mon to Fri).

June 12-16, English (Mon to Fri).

The Monday to Friday format was adopted to reduce costs rather than raise the fee.

Registration is now open online. Limit of 20 kids per week. If more than 20 register, priority will be given to counties with a chaperone and the balance selected by a draw.

Rulebooks

As we look ahead to rulebook revisions for 2018, the following recommendations were made:

- Add to affirmative action statement the clause for special accommodations.
- Remove dressage tests from rulebooks.
- Do we need to clarify appeal rules (p. 6, #8) to specify appeals can be made for things other than judge's decision? As it is, almost looks conflicting with #5. After discussion, no wording changes were adopted.

UF will try very hard to publish (on the website) the rulebook 3 weeks after the fall Advisory meeting.

Area Horse Shows

Most areas are either status quo with entries or slightly down.

Areas will use 70% as the state qualifying percentage.

Reminder for Intermediates who qualify to State as Seniors: If an Intermediate shows as a Senior at Area, then they must show as a Senior at State.

Don't forget: Areas should be collecting Coggins tests with Area registration.

No helmet inspections are necessary.

There was a rather lengthy discussion on how to handle requests for accommodating special needs kids. The general consensus was that such requests would be handled by Agents/Show Management but supporting documentation must be submitted prior to the show to allow such accommodations to be planned. Such requests made on the day of the show only serve to disrupt and complicate the flow of the show.

State Horse Show

Dr. TenBroeck received four requests for moving straight to State without qualifying at their respective Area Horse Shows. Dr. TenBroeck determined three requests were not justifiable within our rules and one was approved.

Ranch Nationals starts the Sunday following our Saturday show day so this presents a conflict for the 4-H Ranch kids who have ranch classes on that Saturday.

Ranch kids who plan to go to Ranch Nationals can request an early order of go for the Saturday classes by emailing such request directly to Wendy when they register for the State show.

All class awards should be handed out in the arena. For large classes with individual performance go's, the announcer can give a heads up for when the class will be placed in the arena so kids can be present (with or without horse) to receive their award.

Check in times will be the same as last year:

- Tuesday, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Friday, 7:00 am to 9:00 am

Horseman of the Year interviews – 4:30pm Wednesday

Staff meeting time – 8:00 pm Wednesday

Two options for Ground Handling Classes:

- Split the covered ring
- Hold in east end of Lykes

The Board approved the following lineup for the over fences classes:

--*Schooling warm-up Trip A, 2'3" or 2'6"*

44. Jr. Equitation Over Fences

45A. Sr. Equitation Over Fences, small/med ponies

42. Pony Working Hunter

45B. Sr. Equitation Over Fences, large ponies

--*Schooling warm-up Trip B, 3'*

45C. Sr. Equitation Over Fences, horses

43. Working Hunter, over 14.2 hands, no ponies

46. Handy Hunter

A \$5 fee will be charged for each warm-up trip. Certain exhibitors can sign up for BOTH a Trip A (select height) AND a Trip B at 3'. Only entries in classes 44, 45A, 42 & 45B can warm up during Trip A. Only entries in class 45C, 43 & 46 can sign up for Trip B. This gives juniors on horses a chance to warm up at 2'3" for their Equitation trip and at 3' for their Working Hunter trip. It also allows ponies to warm-up at their preferred height.

Area E is in charge of the Social. \$300 budget

Golden Shovel & Emerald Award judging coordination will rotate to Area C.

NO theme for decorations.

Regionals

Volunteers are being solicited. Agents will receive a sign-up sheet.

UF website will be updated soon with Regional information.

Virginia is managing the show. The Regional event is on the Perry calendar until we tell them otherwise.

Consider an award for high point state based on points per exhibitor.

Social will be held in the Reeves arena.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Nagle

Inadvertently left off the agenda, but included here as a reminder...

Body Condition Scoring rule (p. 7, #9)

Areas should be discussing a protocol for observing body condition of horses entered and an SOP for handling borderline horses and horses that are too thin. Ideally, the education and monitoring should be happening in clubs/counties before the Area shows. Resources for body condition scoring and healthy weight management for horses are linked from this website,

<http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/BCS-guide.shtml>.