

State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting

March 7, 2018

PRESENT:

	<i>4-H Agent/Program Assistant</i>	<i>Volunteer Leader Representatives</i>	
Area A			
Area B		Jill Amburgey	Kellie Anderson
Area C	Mark Shuffitt	Amy Wade	Kevin Yutani
Area D		Barbara Nagle	Liz Jett
Area E	Tyce Prevatt	Brandi Yancey	Suzanna Rucks
Area F			
UF	Dr. Sandra TenBroeck, Wendy DeVito, Shane Michael, Joel McQuagge		

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Miscellaneous

The group felt that the Horse Project Record Book could use an overhaul. Shane Michael will take the lead in promoting this endeavor.

Several of the Areas would like to get help promoting the educational events.

The adult horsemanship school did not work well this year and needs to look for a better date for next year. Maybe Sep 21-23.

Kevin Yutani and his group sent financial aide to the victims of the California fires.

Elaine Keir Memorial Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award

UF would like to receive a nomination from each Area for this award.

Each year Florida recognizes an adult volunteer who demonstrates outstanding service in working with youth and horses within Florida. Information about this award can be found at:

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

The chosen recipient of this award will also be nominated for the AYHC Leader of the Year Award and will be eligible to attend the 2019 AYHC Symposium to be held March 7-10, 2019 in Moscow, Idaho.

Information about the 2019 Symposium can be found at: <http://www.ayhc.com/symposium-2018>

AYHC

The 2018 AYHC Symposium will be held April 13-15, 2018 in Oklahoma City, OK. Liz Jett is Florida's nomination for the AYHC Leader of the Year.

If anyone would like to attend, they can request UF financial help.

Information about the 2018 Symposium can be found at: <http://www.ayhc.com/symposium>

Note that in 2020 Florida (UF) will host this event in Gainesville.

Competitive Events

April 7-8: State Hippology Contest: Will still run judging phase in conjunction with HJ contest on Saturday with the other phases being conducted on Sunday. Plans are in place to make it easier for kids participating in both HJ and Hippology contests during the judging phase of Hippology.

June 16 Events: Public Speaking, Team and Individual Demonstrations, and Quiz Bowl.

Quiz Bowl Contest: Intermediates and senior contests will run concurrently but in separate rooms. Would like to see more team entries.

Horse Sense book is a new reference for Hippology and Quiz Bowl.

Need to generate more interest in public speaking and demonstrations (particularly team demonstrations).

Horsemanship School

Cost will remain \$525 per week, but will likely go up slightly in 2019 due to increase in the housing costs. Each week is limited to 20 kids (with the potential to handle up to 24).

Western: June 11-15

English: June 25- 29

Both weeks Monday – Friday. Registration will be up the beginning of April.

Minimum age is 11 by September 1, 2017.

Horseman of the Year

Horseman of the Year interviews will continue to be held at Tampa in combination with the State Horse Show; Starting at 5 pm on Wednesday. Horseman of the Year information can be found at <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/HorseInfo.shtml>

2018 Regionals

Perry, GA; August 1-5, 2018

Regionals will have western dressage. Barb, Jill, Shane, Joel, and Montana will be there to volunteer.

Recommendations for Regionals hunter division committee: Make the Jumper class more of a jumper course. No flowers or ground lines. Square oxers. More turns with tight options.

2018 Area Shows

UF provided “official” pony measuring sticks to each Area. In addition, A USEF Pony Measuring Guide was sent to Area Show coordinators. UF is working on an “infographic” to post at each Area show.

State show qualifying percentile will be 75%. This is an increase from last year.

Areas should be collecting Coggins tests with their Area registrations. And the horse’s name on the Coggins test must match the name of the horse being shown by the competitor.

UF will provide class awards for the Area shows as 1st through 6th place ribbons. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will have streamers that are 3 inches longer than the other place ribbons.

Would like to find ways to increase participation in the Area level shows. 4H events compete with many other attractive alternatives.

2018 State Show

Last year parking around the barns got very congested with vehicles and golf carts. There were a lot of kids (unlicensed) driving golf carts. We need to do a better job of ensuring that only licensed drivers are driving golf carts. Any show official who is wearing their badge may enforce this rule.

Staff will use the “Remind” App to communicate status in the arenas each day. Updates will be performed by Announcers or possibly Exit Gate personnel.

Discussed the County High Point awards but made no changes to method of selection.

Check in times will remain 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

Staff meeting 8 pm Wednesday.

Hotel will be the Sheraton (was the Crown Plaza years ago).

UF staff is looking at re-arranging the schedule to accommodate a request to complete all the Ranch classes on Thursday at the State show so that the ranch kids could travel on Friday to another venue.

Emerald Award. With the removal of the Golden Shovel award, we will recognize the top three (3) counties in each of the two categories (Large, Small). The Emerald Award judges will be provided by Area D. Judging will be from Noon Thursday through 4 pm Friday. 3 Judges will judge twice during that time frame. There will be NO theme specified for decorations. UF will provide the judging rubric which will include a "cleanliness" component.

Thursday Social: Social will be hosted by Area F with a budget of \$300.

Official t-shirts will continue to be pre-purchased. The same t-shirt vendor will be used.

Changes to Consider for 2019

Hunter showmanship should be judged more like an "inspection" rather than a pattern precision class. So rules should include limitations on what maneuvers can be used in the pattern.

Do we want to offer Western Dressage at the Area and State shows in 2019? Maybe poll exhibitors this year with a questionnaire that can be put in their registration packets at the State show.

Next meeting September 21, 2018, 1 PM, Welaka.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Nagle