

## Horse & Pony Project January Meeting Minutes - 1/12/2021

1. Called to order 6:35pm

2. Attendance: Kristina Foster, Briana Froseth, Ellen Andrews, Anna Landmark, Linda Montgomery, Courtney Montgomery

3. Financial Report

- \$2,908.98 on balance, plus \$81.29 in the Horse Bowl account. This is on par with previous years (\$2,735 in December 2019 and \$3,151 in December 2016).

- Cheri Dallman is the new Treasurer and is now getting the financial materials, updates and notifications.

4. 4-H Safety Protocol

- Report by Ellen on current safety protocols. Virtual meetings/activities preferred, in-person activities possible for groups of 10 or less (or up to 3 groups of 10 pods with masks & separation of pods). Leaders of in-person gatherings are required to participate in a 20 minute video training before the activity.

- The project committee may want to explore separating out some fair-specific planning meetings and preparation that would not be under the umbrella of 4-H, but under their duties as Fair Superintendents, such as setting up the riding arena. Insurance is a factor to be considered.

- Fair will most likely be happening this summer.

5. Kick-off Meeting

- Decision by the committee to not hold a specific kick-off event. Instead, relevant information will be updated in the Horse & Pony Project packet, along with deadlines and calendar, and that will be distributed via email and/or mail to project members.

- Senior youth project members will record a video to distribute to members on how to complete the Riding Safety Test. Video to be completed by end of February to distribute in March.

- Any news/updates for the March newsletter must be to Ellen by February 15th.

6. Ride Nights

- Linda will be lead coordinator for ride nights again and will look at calendar dates and potential themes/focus for particular nights.

- Participation will be limited to 10 total - 8 youth and 2 volunteers - parents will need to remain by trailers or they will count towards the total participation limit.

7. Horse Bowl

- Anna will lead horse bowl/hippology again for 2021.

- Practices/study sessions will all be virtual to start. Some practice sessions with the buzzers will be scheduled with just one team at a time, in May & June.

- Currently, the state Horse Bowl competition is scheduled for June 21/22 and will be in-person.

8. 4-H Clinic Schedule

- Committee will work on scheduling clinics. Participation is limited to 10 (7 youth, 1 instructor and 2 volunteers), unless UW changes this.

- If space allows, we can have up to 3 pods of 10, rotating between 3 instructors.

#### 9. Project forms

- The committee unanimously agreed to streamline all deadlines - all forms and Coggins due May 1, with the Riding Safety Test to be completed and turned into the Extension office by June 24th, 4:30pm.

- Anna will coordinate with Lana to make updates to deadlines on the forms in the packet.

#### 10. Budget planning

- Courtney made the motion to lower the dues to \$15/individual \$30/family for 2021, and to make them optional for 2021. Briana seconded the motion. All committee members voted to approve.

- Committee will vote at the February meeting to approve the budget. Any changes/updates to the budget will be discussed then.

#### 11. Future Meeting Topics

- State 4-H horse expo

- Tack sale - not possible under current COVID restrictions

- Movie night - not possible under current COVID restrictions

- Committee member recruitment

12. Next meeting date: February 9, 6:30pm. Virtual.

13. Kristina adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm