

SE District Horse Advisory Council Minutes-Jan 23, 2006

The January meeting of the SE District Horse Advisory Council was held Jan 23, 2006, at 7:00, in Kinston at The Barn Steakhouse. Twenty-one adults and six 4-H youth were in attendance.

Jeramie West opened the meeting and called for the minutes. A correction to the minutes was made. The amount committed to the state level Communications contest was incorrectly recorded (in the minutes from Dec) as \$150.00. Our actual commitment was for \$250.00. The minutes were then accepted with the recorded change. The treasurer's report was not given at this time because the treasurer was not present. This led to discussion about making sure the previous treasury total is included in the minutes.

DeLeon gave us a report on his discussion with Dr. Bob Mowry about the SE district not volunteering at the Southern Horse Festival later this year. He reported that the response from Dr. Mowry was favorable because of the SE District's heavy commitments to the State Horse Show and the Regional Horse Show.

The Bylaws committee formed at the last meeting set a date to meet to revise the bylaws. This meeting will be held on Feb 26, 2006 at 3:00pm in Jacksonville at Sunset Run Stables. Any suggestions for revisions of the bylaws should be sent to Esther Sutherland at ejsuth@hotmail.com.

Discussion then moved to details about Horse Bowl. Onslow County agreed to staff the Sr. Room, Wayne County the Mixed Room, and Brunswick County the Jr. Room. Concessions will be provided by two 4-H clubs from Duplin County. Two sets of buzzers were committed, one from Connie Johnson in the Onslow county school system, and one from Wayne county. DeLeon will arrange for the third set. Awards for Horse Bowl are being handled by Marlo King and Teresa Murray. They reported that the medals for the first place teams in all three divisions will cost \$42.00. We agreed to give ribbons for the second and third place teams and to give participant ribbons for all other teams. We decided to procure ribbons for 20 teams. Marlo and Teresa made a motion to change all ribbons handed out in the SE District Horse program to read 4-H Horse Program so that they would be interchangeable between the District Show and other events. The motion passed unanimously. DeLeon also informed the council that social security numbers were no longer required for participants in Horse Bowl. He agreed to make a line through the space on the entry forms.

We then moved on to the District Horse Show. The Council approved the suggestion of Courtney Hathaway as the Western Judge, with the possibility of doing Showmanship as well. Jeramie will check to see if she can. Ginger Court was also suggested as a choice for Showmanship. The Council also approved the suggestion of Christine Ipock as the Dressage judge. The Hunter judge is still pending at this time. Jeramie suggested that the checks for the judges be made out and signed and left in the show office prior to the show. This will assure that judges do not have to wait around.

Discussion moved on to a possible schooling show series. Tara Taylor agreed to chair a committee for next year. Suggestions were made to support shows already going on, possibly adding special 4-H classes, and to doing some sort of open show program where points will count toward District awards.

Amy Haire is chairing the committee to provide the awards at the District show. She needed to discuss what levels of sponsorship she could take to possible sponsors. The council decided on a \$1000.00 level (provide booth at our charge, literature in rider's show packet, space for a banner, regular announcements, and a full-page ad in the program), \$500.00 level, \$250.00 level, and a \$100.00 level. Jeramie West, Sarah Woody, Marlo King, Tara Taylor, and Teresa Murray agreed to be on the awards committee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for the committee to approve sponsorship decisions. For more information or to help with this committee, please contact Amy Haire at: appy1kc@yahoo.com .

DeLeon led discussion on our next item on the agenda, a Billy Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund in the SE district. The fund would provide a \$500.00 scholarship to a 4-H Horse Program high school senior going on to college. The fund already had \$1200.00 at that time. A committee was formed to help determine guidelines for necessary criteria. Members are: Kim Nead, Judy Woody, Billy Privette, DeLeon Wilkes, and Eileen Coite.

At this time we heard the treasurer's report. The current balance in the account stands at \$6035.43.

Esther Sutherland requested the approval of the council on some matters pertaining to the retreat. She requested payment of a \$50.00 facility fee to Moore's Stables for the use of the facility. The motion passed. She also requested that the instructors for the retreat be compensated for gas, however all local instructors waived reimbursement. DeLeon asked that we remember that 4-H is based on volunteerism and label this as mileage reimbursement. Amy Haire reminded us that our Level 2 Western instructor, Adrian Nall, drove in from Charlotte. The council passed a motion to send Adrian a \$75.00 gas card as a thank-you for offering his time and expertise to our 4hers. We also agreed to pre-plan for mileage reimbursement for the instructors for our retreat.

Jeramie called for open discussion. At this time Sarah Woody asked for the floor and presented a request from current 4hers for a Youth council to meet during the SEDHAC meetings and bring us their suggestions. Some suggestions they presented in this meeting were fun classes and a dance at the District show. Jeramie challenged the youth to send a representative to the Bylaw committee meeting to put into writing provisions for a youth council.

The next meeting was set for 6:30pm Mar 20, 2006 in Kinston at the Barn Steakhouse. Wayne Moore asked that the St. Jude's trail ride be put on the Agenda. Any other items that members want on the agenda can be emailed to Esther Sutherland at: ejsuth@hotmail.com .