

Southeast District Council Minutes
January 13, 2005

The January 13, 2005 meeting of the Southeast District Horse Council was held at 7:00 pm at the Country Squire Restaurant in Kenansville. Jeramie opened the meeting by handing out the minutes from the previous meeting (Sep. 23) and an agenda for the current meeting.

She then called for old business. Annie made a motion to accept the minutes from the Sep 23 meeting. There was a second, and the motion so passed. Kim Nead gave the treasurer's report, stating that the treasury stood at \$1733.00. We discussed the district workshop/retreat, and some suggestions made to improve it for next year were—putting out a suggestion box for the present 4-Hers and parents, doing the workshop in the spring before the District show, and making the paper trail more complete. Discussion on the Southern Horse Festival brought out several issues. The main issue was that some people signed up to work did not receive notification about where and when to arrive to work. The suggestion was made to have the 4-H agent in each county receive a confirmation letter of the volunteers in that county signed up to work. Also there was the suggestion that the festival should reinstate a three-day pass of some sort. Next, we elected officers for the positions of Vice-chair and treasurer. Wayne Moore was nominated for the position of Vice-chair. He accepted the position and was elected. Teresa Murray and Kim Nead were nominated for the position of treasurer. Kim was reelected to serve as treasurer for the next term.

We then moved on to new business. We discussed location for the next meeting. Jacksonville and Kinston were determined to be the most centrally located areas for the meetings. Jacksonville was chosen as the location for the next meeting, and Wayne was to confirm the meeting place as Logan's Roadhouse. Discussion of the District horse bowl then followed. We discussed the location (Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Office), and why it got moved from Onslow County (Onslow had a date conflict with the facility). DeLeon stated that we would be running three rooms and that he needed volunteers to staff those rooms. Brunswick county, Wayne county, and Onslow county each agreed to staff a room. Carteret County agreed to bring a set of buzzers. Lenoir County offered to do refreshments. A question was raised about whether the contest would be single or double elimination, and was answered that it depends on the questions sent to us from the state office. The discussion of the District Horse Show then commenced. We explained the district eligibility requirements, including the new policy to have every 4-Her obtain a \$20 sponsorship fee to help offset the inflation in the rate of the facility. We determined that eligibility would run from May 15 of the previous year to the current May 14. We then discussed a committee to go over the class sheet. We agreed to send out a letter to all counties to confirm by March 15 whether there would be any Saddle Seat riders wanting to show at District. We were reminded to have the entrants send only copies of the eligibility cards in with their entry packets, and that the name of the horse that is on the Coggins test is the name they will be required to show under.

Other business brought forth was the possibility of having district shirts made to sell at the show (discussed in more detail at the next meeting in April), and getting a committee to oversee dispersal of the Learning Kit.