

Minutes from Mar 20,2006 Advisory Council

The Mar 20th meeting of the SE District Horse Advisory Council was held in Kinston at 6:30 at the Barn Steakhouse. Seventeen adults and five 4hers were in attendance. Jeramie opened the meeting and asked for the minutes. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes. The treasurer's report was given next, and the balance stood at \$4996.00.

Old business was called for, and Esther announced that Adrian Nall had been given gas cards totaling \$75.00 in appreciation for his instruction at the District Retreat.

We then discussed the District Horse Bowl. We had 16 teams compete. We decided to mail the participation ribbons to the 5th place and down teams since we didn't hand them out at the contest. We also decided to hand out ribbons to those teams who want them at the end of a match. At the State contest, Wayne county Jrs. were third, and one of their members was second overall individual. The Craven county mixed team was sixth, and the Onslow mixed team was fourth, with a member as seventh overall individual.

Jeramie thanked everyone for their support of the Belt Buckle Series schooling shows, and announced that they intend to hold the series again next year.

Eileen spoke about the East Carolina Regional Horse Festival. She said they need more support, and announced that they will have a 4-H group rate.

Jeramie then informed the Council that the Bylaws committee had met and revised the Bylaws. A motion was passed to put the revised Bylaws on the website and at the next meeting vote on accepting them. Application forms were handed out and explained.

Amy Haire took the floor to discuss sponsorship issues. She informed the council that she had mailed out about 100 copies of the sponsorship letter. She asked anyone who knew of potential sponsors to mail her the names and addresses of those sponsors so she could mail them the letter. DeLeon challenged the other counties to step up and make an effort to get sponsors so that the burden would not fall only on Craven county. The council also informed Amy that there was a \$500.00 budget for awards and prizes directly from the District.

Eileen told us that the Billy Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee met on Mar 6 to come up with the judging criteria and requirements for awarding the scholarship. A motion was passed to put the requirements and application on the website and accept them at the District show and award at the State show.

Wayne Moore informed us that there would be a trail ride/cross country school at the Walter Moss Foundation on May 6th. The ride will cost \$10 per person and everyone should bring a lunch to share. Details will be on the website.

We then moved on to new business, consisting mainly of details for the District show. Courtney Hathaway is confirmed for our Western judge, Christine Ipock at either \$100 or \$150 for our Dressage judge, and Melissa Phillips at \$350 plus lunch is confirmed as our Hunter judge.

A motion was passed to have the vendor fee of \$50 collected up front and if vendors need extra tables they must pay for them themselves.

The Murrays will provide the announcer for Sat, and the Neads will provide the announcer for Sun.

The Woodys will provide the timers for the gaming division.

A suggestion was made to use EMTs who were licensed but volunteered for free. Discussion ensued about the merits of getting rid of the EMT fee for exhibitors versus the liability and availability for using volunteers. A motion passed at 8-2 to pay EMTs.

Shavings will be handled by Esther, Wayne, and Vickie Yelverton.

The old Code of Conduct and Medical releases will be used this year again, rather than the new ones.

Vickie Y will handle the Nancy Gates Award.

The Youth Council presented some suggestions to the Council, and after discussion, decided to have a dance on Sat night from 8:30-10:30. DeLeon volunteered to DJ. Sarah Woody will make a flier to be included in the District packet.

We also encourage any clubs to decorate their stalls.