

Minutes From Dec Advisory Board Meeting

The December meeting of the SE District Advisory Board was held on Dec 10 during the Fall Retreat held at Moore's Stables in Jacksonville. The minutes from the Aug meeting were read and approved, likewise the treasurer's report.

Old business was the Southern Horse Festival. A motion was made and approved for DeLeon to make the suggestion at the state level that the responsibility for providing volunteers for the Southern Horse Festival be rotated among some of the other organizations and districts in the state since the people primarily volunteering from our District will also have responsibilities at our District, State, and Regional shows.

We then moved on to new business. Annie Moore and Marlo King are in charge of jumps at Regionals and asked for help in providing decorations of live greenery and potted trees. For more information about this matter, contact Annie at: amoore@ec.rr.com.

Another matter of new business is our commitment at the state level to provide \$150.00 to provide hospitality at the State Communications contest.

We also formed a committee to review and update the bylaws governing our Advisory Board. The committee is Jeramie West, Esther Sutherland, Annie Moore, Amy Haire, and Kim Nead. The bylaws are available online for review. If there are any suggestions for the bylaw review committee, please email your suggestions to Esther Sutherland at ejsuth@hotmail.com.

Horse Bowl will be held on Feb 11 at the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Center. Onslow county, Brunswick county, and Wayne county will be responsible for staffing rooms. Duplin County 4-H club will provide refreshments at the Horse Bowl. We also agreed to give awards for Horse Bowl. The budget for awards was set at \$150.00. To provide for this expense, the entry fee for horse bowl was set at \$10.00 per team. Marlo King volunteered to handle the awards/ribbons for horse bowl. The Council agreed to give High Team sashes and medals, ribbons for the second and third place teams, and participation ribbons for other attending teams in each of the divisions (Mixed, Jr, and Sr).

The SE District Horse Show is scheduled for May 19-21 at the Senator Bob Martin Ag Center in Williamston, NC. Annie Moore will schedule a Hunter judge, Tara Taylor will check on getting a Showmanship judge, Kim Nead and Amy Haire will gather names for Western judging, and Jeramie West will arrange for the Dressage judge. At the next Board meeting, judging candidate names will be submitted to the Board for approval. Amy Haire will chair the committee for awards for the District Show. She will start looking for sponsors for these awards. Any one interested in helping with these awards or sponsorships should contact Amy at: appy1kc@yahoo.com.

Our District Fall Horse Retreat was very successful. We had 30 mounted and 5 unmounted 4hers. Possible improvements for next year include bringing in someone to talk or demonstrate on a topic, doing a scavenger hunt, and some sort of educational game. We also agreed to have Coggins, Code of Conduct, and medical release forms as part of the registration packet, and to consider an earlier deadline and setting a limit on the number of riders. Thanks to everyone who helped instruct and organize the retreat.

The date of the next meeting was set as Jan 23, a Monday. It will be in Kinston at 6:30, and Tara Taylor will make the arrangements for a meeting room or get it catered for 10.00 or less per plate, and put the info on the website.