

Mat-Su District 4-H Horse Council  
1/04/2024  
Meeting Minutes  
Location: CES Office

**Members Present:** President Sarah Rodriguez; Secretary Stephanie Haase; Treasurer Sonna Hanson, Lexi Malone, Lydia Hanson, Faith Stewart, Elsa Rodriguez

**Call to Order:** 5:04PM

**Pledges**

**Agenda** Faith motioned to add Chuckwagon Business Licensing to the agenda, Elsa 2nd, motioned carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** None

**Persons to be heard:** None

**Secretary Report:** Sonna moved to add Treasurer's Report from December, Faith 2nd, motion carried minutes accepted with edits.

**Treasurer Report:** See attached. Checking \$852.28, Savings \$107.98, MM \$13004.84. Next month Sonna will be voided checks over 6 months from last year.

**Agent Report:** Excited about upcoming 4-H Summit in Fairbanks. Parliamentary Minute - How to Make Motions and Persons to be Heard.

**Club Reports:** KKR had a great Christmas Party and game. S&S pretty quiet after the parade and holidays next meeting tomorrow night.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. Fundraising Update

- a. New fundraising campaign and materials: Fundraising packet was shared with Eugenia for final approval, Kalea will check the IANRE statement for compliance.
- b. Folders, Sonna has plenty from last year.
- c. Sarah will print materials once final approval is given, hopeful in time for next week's Horse Contest Study Group.
- d. Awards levels:
  - i. \$500 - District Horse Contest
  - ii. \$1000 - District Horse Contest + ½ Camp
  - iii. \$2000 - District Horse Contest + Full Camp
  - iv. Motion by Sonna to add a \$2500 Level - District Horse Contest + Full Camp + State Horse Contest

- B. 2023-2024 Budget - Still on hold until we have District meeting regarding changes to 4-H Handbook.
- C. Chuck Wagon Licensing
  - a. Sonna has looked into City of Palmer Licensing. We will need a Special Event Permit for events it is \$10 for a 1-3 day event. Sonna will find out if we need two for a 5 day event like QH Shows. Unsure of State and Borough fees, Sonna will look into and pursue.
  - b. Motion by Lexi to allow Sonna to spend any necessary funds on licensing needs for the Chuckwagon, Elsa 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

- A. Equine Science class starting January 10th @ Silver Legacy Stables 4:30-6PM
  - a. Class Schedule:
    - January 10th - Horse Contest Overview/Anatomy Activity
    - January 17th - Public Speaking/Demonstration
    - January 24th - Vitamins and Nutrition
    - January 31st - Horse Judging
    - February 7th - Oral Reasoning
    - February 14th - Breeding and Genetics
    - February 21st -
    - February 28th - Practice Presentations
    - March 6th - Stations/Quiz Bowl

Members would like to have 10-20 min at the beginning or end of each practice to have a station or quiz bowl activity.

Sabrietta will be leading Contest study groups on Tuesdays that will cover both livestock and horse.

- B. District Horse Contest
  - a. Facility Reserved - Need confirmation on Price for Debbie's
  - b. Registration form - Sarah will update with this year's dates, Price will be raised to \$20/event to better cover costs.
  - c. Motion by Stephanie to allow Sarah to purchase up to \$2000 for District Horse Contest Awards, Lexi 2nd motion carried unanimously.
  - d. Committee Leaders for District and State
    - i. Judging: Still need someone
    - ii. Public Speaking/Demonstration : Amanda Kula and Kalea
    - iii. Quiz Bowl: Stephanie
    - iv. Hippology: Sarah
    - v. Awards for District: Sarah
    - vi. Food/Social: Templar
    - vii. Symposium: Stephanie
      - 1. Vendor Tables
      - 2. Class Schedule
- C. State Horse Contest

- a. Facility Reserved? Cost? Kalea will follow up again with proof of insurance.
  - b. We will be covering the cost of the awards dinner, the pizza social and \$1000 towards the awards, everything else is covered by state.
- D. Purchase of Supplies
- a. Table cover
  - b. Logo Runner
  - c. Display Banner
  - d. Display Banner Holder
- Sonna motions to spend up to but not exceeding \$200 on supplies, Lexi 2nds, motion carries unanimously. Stephanie will make banner, Sonna will order.
- E. Alaska Trail Trial/CTR
- a. May 25th Clinic & Trail Trial
  - b. June 22nd Clinic and Trail Trial
  - c. July 26th-28th CTR
  - d. Cosponsor with BCHA (next meeting Jan 27th 4PM @ Coleen Fisk's)
  - e. Spring meeting to go over conditioning, reach out to experience CTR folks to run a clinic for us.
- F. Alaska 4-H Summit
- a. Sarah and Sonna have decided not to go, expense and time.
  - b. Kalea said there is an opportunity for a break in fees in exchange for volunteer time.
- G. Vaccine Clinic
- a. Dr. Neu has offered to run one, prices and das/times TBD
  - b. It will be advertised only through the clubs and sign-ups will be done through the leaders.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:01PM**  
**Next Meeting Feb.1st 5PM @ CES**