

Mat-Su District 4-H Horse Council  
12/07/2023  
Meeting Minutes  
Location: CES Office

**Members Present:** President Sarah Rodriguez; Secretary Stephanie Haase; Lexi Malone, Natiley Robinson, Faith Stewart (Quorum not established)

**Call to Order:** 5:08PM - Holy Moley we are consistent!

**Pledges**

**Agenda Approved**

**Announcements:** None

**Persons to be heard:** None

**Secretary Report:** November minutes approved

**Treasurer Report:** None available, secretary reviewed last months' numbers: Checking \$1285.32, Savings: \$107.49, Money Market \$12992.88

**Agent Report** Kalea reports that the 4-H COngress was THE BEST youth conference she has ever attended. Wants to see twice as many kids go next year. Feb. Youth in governance is coming up in Juneau, District can provide 1 scholarship application due Jan.4. Otherwise it is \$1500 to attend. Certificates are printed, tomorrow is the Open House and Saturday will the the Colony Christmas Parade with a 4-H Float.

**Club Reports:** KKR had a great clinic at their last meeting learning how to perform myofascial release while grooming and prepping their horses. S&S had their monthly club meeting and did a paint night. They had a parade float decorating party last weekend.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Fundraising Update
  - a. We need to have training on the new financial procedures so we can move forward with fundraising in January. Kalea will check again on this.
- B. 2023-2024 Budget
  - a. We need to create one that allows for carry over of funds. POSSible categories:
    - i. Chuckwagon
    - ii. Scholarship
    - iii. District Show
    - iv. State Show
    - v. District horse OCntest

- vi. State Horse Contest
  - vii. Equine Science class
  - viii. Clinics
  - ix. Alaska State Fair Program
  - x. Building Facilities Upkeep
  - xi. 2024 FEC Improvement Projects (showers/painting)
  - xii. Other?
- C. 4-H Advancement Program
- a. Leaders have discretion on ground level tasks and ultimate passing of levels 1 and 2.
  - b. @ State level we need to have rubrics and patterns available for standardized testing across the state that can be used by CHS certified instructors. Videos? We will bring this to Marla at the next State meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. Equine Science class starting January 10th
  - a. All kids together, juniors will be doing same activities and lessons.
- B. State Horse Contest
  - a. Facility Reserved has been requested , haven't heard back yet confirmation or price, will get this ASAP.
  - b. Judging reserved \$1500 State
  - c. Spaghetti Awards \$300 State
  - d. Social Pizza Party and Line Dancing (District/Price?)
  - e. Awards \$1000 from district, \$3500 from State
- C. Alaska 4-H Summit - Sarah will post info in KRR Classroom Stephanie can copy from there.
  - a. Who plans to go?
    - i. Stephanie and Natiley will be going but may not drive, depends on schedule.
  - b. Transportation? No MH this year. :(
  - c. Lodging \$119/night (4 people/room) only until **January 26th**.
  - d. Horse Program Funding? \$150/each?
  - e. VLA Funding? \$200/year/person?
- D. Executive session will be called when Sonna and Templar return to complete voting items.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:50PM**

**Next Meeting January 4th 5PM @ CES**