

Mat-Su District 4-H Horse Council  
6/27/2024  
Meeting Minutes  
Location: FEC

**Members Present:** President, Sarah Rodriguez; Vice President, Templar Wilson; Secretary, Stephanie Haase; Treasurer, Sonna Hanson; Lydia Hanson, Elsa Rodriguez, Lexi Malone, Charlotte Smith, Bob Smith

**Call to Order:** 4:10PM

**Pledges**

**Agenda:** Sonna moved to approve agenda, Elsa seconded, none opposed, agenda adopted as written.

**Announcements:** Stephanie shared that there is a professional photographer who reached out to see if our group would be interested in setting up an equine photography learning session and she would be willing to provide each participant with photos of them and their horses. Stephanie will reach out and express interest in setting something up for the fall.

**Persons to be heard:** MSCR Senior Hippology team (State Champions) presented a request for help funding their upcoming trip to Nationals. They are actively fundraising with events including, Chuckwagon, tack sale and pony rides, and donation requests from businesses. Horse council will take under advisement and respond to their request at a later date.

**Secretary Report:** Sonna moved to approve May and June 6th minutes, Templar seconded, none opposed, May and June 6th minutes adopted as written.

**Treasurer Report:** No report prepared for an early meeting, June numbers are relatively accurate. Sonna will pursue a special approval from the State office to get a debit card for the Chuckwagon before fair.

**Agent Report:** Email shared by Kalea, not much applies to Horse. Kalea's last day is tomorrow the 28th of June.

**Club Reports:**

**S&S** Enjoyed camp looking forward to district, next meeting is July 5th.

**KRR** not much in the way of meetings due to all the horse activities currently running. Will be organizing participation in the 4th of July parade.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. CHA Testing: Miss Debbie will be holding a CHA camp July 22nd-26th at Silver Legacy. Details TBD.

- B. Fundraising update: banners ordered and here, just need to be put up. Still need to get a banner listing ALL sponsors for 2024.

### **New Business:**

#### A. District Show

##### a. Jobs

- i. Show Manager: Stephanie Haase
- ii. Show Steward/Stall Manager: Sarah Rodriguez
- iii. Ribbon Steward: Colette Cook
- iv. Ring Secretary: Sonna Hanson
- v. Gate Keepers:
- vi. Food?
  - 1. No food, but CHarlotte suggested due to heat that we provide oranges/grapes/and water for participants only.
  - 2. Stephanie moved to allow the purchase of participant snacks/waters and Judge's gifts not to exceed \$200. Sonna seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- vii. EMT Nurse: Bobbi and Sarah Malone will be available.
- viii. Judges:
  - 1. Lori
  - 2. Stefanie Bergman
  - 3. Sarah Gotschall
  - 4. Beth Theisen
- ix. Stephanie needs to check the show box for: numbers, walkie talkies, etc.

#### B. CTR/Trail Trial

- a. Stephanie motioned to purchase a generic trail challenge banner, Templar seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- b. Stephanie did apply for a \$500 youth grant from BCHA, needs to follow up with a question they had on the application.

#### C. 4-H Leasing/Lessons

- a. Are prices good as set? Sarah brought up concerns that our costs are not being covered by the current leases and that Fairbanks clubs charge \$350/mo.
- b. Sonna mentioned that cost of living may be higher in Fairbanks.
- c. Further discussion tabled until start of new 4-H year.

#### D. District Show

- a. Registration paperwork is complete
- b. Stephanie asked about cost of the show, should we raise it? Sonna suggested we keep it as reasonable as possible. Templar moved that the cost be raised to \$100 flat sign up fee which would include the office surcharge but not include stall deposit. Lydia seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- c. Awards need to be ordered. Stephanie moved for Sarah to purchase district awards not to exceed \$1000, Templar seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- E. Funding for Hippology team to go to Nationals.
  - a. Donations:
    - i. Arctic Equine & North Star Animal Hospital
  - b. Fundraising:
    - i. Tack Sale July 20th
    - ii. Fall Horse Camp
    - iii. Chuck Wagon Summer events
  - c. Horse Council?
    - i. We want to provide them with what they need, but don't want them to give up on fundraising. Wait until things come due to determine the amount funded.
    - ii. Charlotte suggested reserving a block of hotel rooms now with a deposit and waiting until later to pay in full.
    - iii. Templar moved to fund the balance needed when necessary to send the Hippology Team to Nationals. Stephanie seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- F. Camp Follow Up
  - a. We almost need an additional meeting for follow up.
  - b. Dates for next year - Tabled until August (but need to book soon)
    - i. Separate weeks for junior and senior? Concerns about seniors not having enough depth, and riding, plus having such a quick turn around to then have to be emotionally ready to counsel the juniors. It was a lot this year.
  - c. Camp Committees - Need to have separate committees for senior and junior camp.
  - d. 2 Levels of instructors for BOTH junior and senior camp
  - e. How to deal with new folks? We want to avoid being exclusive, but we also have to consider safety of horse, rider, and volunteer.
    - i. Ideas: Safety checklist (min. requirements for horse and rider to be safe at camp - just barebones), Packing list (again bare bones, nothing exclusive), Have an evaluation 1st night for horse and rider combos we haven't seen together, Tack fitting 1st night, changes to registration form: where do you ride? Do you ride with a trainer? Who? How long? What are you hoping to learn? Etc.
  - f. Volunteers not volunteering or paying the fee.
    - i. Templar suggests having a deposit just like stall cleaning that isn't refunded until after the volunteer shift.
- G. Awards Night
  - a. Dates: Sept. 27th, 28th, or 29th? Check with Debbie.
  - b. We need an executive committee meeting for awards (no kids) TBD
- H. Fair
  - a. Tickets/Parking Passes Sarah will pick up

- i. Will be handed out at State Show or people can arrange to pick up with leaders.
  - b. Chuck Wagon Training Date TBD
  - c. Chuck Wagon Hours TBD
  - d. Meet the 4-H Horses is a go!
- I. State Horse Show
  - a. Ribbons are ordered
  - b. Marla will send out registration
  - c. We will ask Kalea to honor premium checks for horse this year since there is no response yet on the \$500 towards awards.
- J. Comments/Questions?

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:31PM**  
**Next Meeting August 1st @ CES**