

## **4-H Horse & Pony Advisory Committee**

### **02/26/08 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Becky Teeters, Diana Hart, Sherrie Martin, Ginny Bailey, Cindy Baker, Richard Daffron, Patty Dow, Emma Dunbar, Shellie Johnson, Buffy Prater, Linda Rainier, Rena Sheldon, Janelle Sommerville and Kim White.  
Absent: Julie Botkin.

Becky called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the 4-H Building on the Morgan County Fairgrounds. She handed out minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, an agenda for the meeting, and numerous show bills.

Becky asked that everyone review the minutes for corrections. Rena suggested that we call the 4-H Open Show the 4-H *Invitational* Show. Rena said that this isn't a correction to the minutes and asked if this ever poses a problem at other counties. Linda replied no it hasn't. Kim stated that on page 3 in the last paragraph about the trophies, "Kim and Emma said yes." should read, "*The group* said yes." Buffy moved to approve the corrected minutes. Richard seconded the motion that passed.

Becky brought up that we have no representative on the Fair Board. Becky talked to Rena and we need to stay with the 2007 format for the county 4-H shows due to it's too late in the year to change the dates. Becky said that we'll gather in August to discuss the changes to the 2009 shows. Kim asked who our representatives are on the Fair Board. Becky mentioned the changes to Pat and assumed it would be discussed at the Fair Board meeting, but it wasn't. We need to call in to get on their agenda. Diana said that we need to consider the ambulance situation, too. We have the ambulance for July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Pat will check into getting the ambulance for the July 12<sup>th</sup> Contesting show for approximately another \$100. Diana suggested that the Mini's dress up at a workshop and let parents/grandparents take pictures of them. Kim mentioned that there would be no trophies available at the workshop. The 4-H backdrop needs to be moved to the Horse & Pony Arena for pictures. Everyone agreed to return to the 2007 county 4-H show format.

Becky handed out more examples of old show bills for format and content purposes. The Open 4-H Contesting Show will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and the Open 4-H Pleasure Show will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Becky asked if we could discuss the Contesting classes. Linda asked if we could combine horsemanship into 1 junior class and 1 senior class. Then add a walk/trot horsemanship class and do the same with equitation. Walk/trot could also be divided into junior/senior, too. Becky suggested that we work on the Contesting show bill first. Buffy asked if we could keep the Contesting classes at the bottom of the 2005 Morgan County show bill the same and add walk/trot classes. Kim asked if this show was for 4-H'ers only and what about some Payback classes. Becky replied that this is for 4-H'ers only. A lengthy discussion followed concerning walk/trot classes, a stick horse class for Mini members, stick horse crawl thru the barrel class, warm-up classes, dividing classes into pony/horse and junior/senior, entry fees for regular classes being \$5 each, payback classes being \$10 each, the mini class being \$2, and payback percentages, minimum number of entries for payback, the order of classes, rain or shine, no refunds, office charge per horse, selling tickets for the classes rather than registering horse/rider for each class, dash for cash class, and fun classes. Diana suggested that the payback

classes have a minimum of 10 entries for payback and the payback will be \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$15 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and \$10 for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Rena mentioned that for insurance purposes, the show bill needs to state that the 4-H members need to have their Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony enrollment forms. And that we can't accept any 4-H'ers from any states other than Indiana. Becky asked if anyone had an open ended barrel. Buffy said that she had a plastic one. Diana said that we need a final decision person. Linda said that Area VI is not having a judge for the Contesting Show; they have designated someone to watch for penalties. Diana asked if we should ask Dan Ladyman to work the gate. The consensus was yes. Diana will make sure that we have a back-up stop watch. Diana moved to have Janelle type up the Contesting show bill and e-mail it to everyone. Shellie seconded the motion that passed.

Rena asked how soon we wanted her to e-mail the show bills out after she receives them. Becky said to e-mail them out as soon as she receives them. Linda asked about advertising in the Show Bill Horse Magazine during the Hoosier Horse Fair for about \$150. Becky said not this year and we'll try it as is with Rena e-mailing them out to other counties. Buffy volunteered to put the show bills in some booths at the Hoosier Horse Fair.

Becky opened the floor for discussion on the Open 4-H Pleasure Show. Diana suggested that we start off with showmanship as the first class of the day beginning with seniors, changing the general halter class to western horse halter and adding an English horse halter class. A discussion followed with members suggesting English walk/trot equitation, separating hunt seat and saddle seat into two classes, combining classes with less than 3 entries, adding a hack class, gaited pleasure classes, walk/trot horsemanship split up into junior and senior classes, pony pleasure classes, walk/trot pleasure split up into junior and senior classes, ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> place, stick horse equitation for Mini 4-H members held between western and English halter classes, and an office fee of \$2 per horse. Rena asked if we get special ribbons for the open shows. Diana replied that she gets straight ribbons. Diana said that we can charge \$5 sponsorship per class and with 28 classes that would be \$140. Buffy moved that we accept Open 4-H Pleasure show bill as discussed. Cindy seconded the motion that passed.

Becky brought up the Disciplines and Evaluation workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup> that assesses the youth on their horses. She is concerned with the assessments upsetting the youth or parents. Becky has a volunteer from the outside to assess the horse and rider, but it would need to be handled diplomatically. Kim and Shellie said that they would like to stay away from that. Linda asked if it could be voluntary/sought after. Buffy suggested that we could bring examples of "This is what the judge is looking for..." Diana said that 4-H is about having fun in all events. Linda said that we should steer away from putting people/animals into brackets.

Becky brought forward concerns about the Horse & Pony County Fair placings being posted at the stalls during the Morgan County Fair. Some youth could take this as a negative that they didn't win first place, always placed last, or didn't place at all. Shellie brought up that the newspaper listed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placings. Diana suggested that each member provide pictures of themselves with their horse and we post them at the stalls rather than posting the placings. Everyone agreed to this suggestion.

Rena said that the 2008 theme is “Set Sail with 4-H”. Stall decorations were discussed and Diana suggested that the stall committee should decide on the decorations.

Becky asked Kim if she has had any luck with parents signing up for the committees. Kim said no. Becky passed around a committee sheet and said that we need to find people willing to be on these committees.

Someone asked when Versatility was scheduled. Diana asked if it was the night before the fair. Diana moved to table this discussion until after the fair. Buffy seconded the motion that passed.

Becky covered new and pertinent dates and times on the calendar. The Morgan County 4-H Contesting Show will remain on July 12<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 4:00 p.m., the Morgan County 4-H Western Show will remain on July 19<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 9:00 a.m., the Morgan County 4-H Mini Show will remain on July 20<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 8:00 a.m., the Morgan County 4-H English Show will remain on July 20<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the Musical Freestyle is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Becky passed around the list of clinicians brought forward at the previous meeting. We were supposed to assign clinicians at this meeting. Becky asked for everyone to please write down any more clinicians that they know of on the sheet and initial by the name. There was much discussion on which clinicians on the list will/will not, could/could not put on one of the workshops. Linda asked if we’re paying the clinicians anything. Diana replied that we have \$35 per workshop allotted for clinicians.

Becky asked for any Horse Bowl and Hippology updates. Kim said that they’re meeting weekly at the River Valley Church and March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Area VI Qualifier.

Becky asked for any Horse & Pony club updates. Kim said that their next meeting was scheduled on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Central Elementary School at 6:30. Diana said that their next meeting was scheduled on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Morgan County Library at 7:00.

Rena said that the 4-H Open House was rescheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Administration Building.

Becky asked for any Horse Judging updates. Buffy said that they already had a Horse Judging Clinic at Dana Dill-Coffee’s Arabian barn, they’re rescheduling the Tennessee Walking Horse Clinic, they have a Miniature Horse Clinic scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Mooresville/Camby, and their first competition is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hoosier Horse Fair.

Kim said that the Morgan Wranglers are having a Tack Auction March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Buffy moved that we adjourn the meeting. Richard seconded the motion that passed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Bailey  
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