

Lincoln County 4-H Horse Leader's Meeting

September 8, 2009

7:00 PM

Fairgrounds - Davenport, WA

Those attending:

Robin N., Lydia W., Bridget Rohner, Denise W., Justine W., Tamara W., Dusti C., Jeanie C. Marci Dayton.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

MINUTES

Lydia made a motion to approve minutes. Justine seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Denise had a year-end statement to pass around. All transactions are listed. She paid the insurance \$5.75 for fair. \$100 check received from Camp Na-Bor-Lee. No bills were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair: Bridget stated that it looked like the games went well. There were lots of positive comments made about the games that were held.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for clinics, Summer Sizzler, etc. need to be set as soon as possible for the upcoming 4-H year. Jeanie would like everyone to bring 2 possible dates each for each event to the next meeting. Denise stated she'd like to see Horse Camp return. Denise will look into this. Robin thought maybe Summer Sizzler could be an open show, as well – maybe make it a bigger production. A discussion was had about the importance of prizes/ribbons acknowledging kids' achievements – maybe having bigger rosette ribbons given.

Dusti was here as a judge, in addition to being a 4-H leader. She set up a showmanship course and gave us the pattern to read. We were then asked to come up individually, pretend we had a horse, and do the pattern. Some of us didn't understand what was being asked of us when we read the pattern. A discussion was held afterwards regarding if it is the judge's responsibility to show kids how to do the pattern at each show. The general consensus of the group is that it is the responsibility of the leaders, parents and kids themselves to know what the judge is asking for when looking at the pattern that is posted at the shows. Also, the 4-H Contest Guide is available, as well.

We were informed that the 4-H Leaders' Council was presented with two new rule proposals that would directly affect the 4-H Horse Program in Lincoln County. These proposals were submitted by a parent, which were then presented to the state council. The 4-H Horse Leaders were not aware of these proposals. It was decided that we have a policy change – any rule proposals regarding the Horse Program be brought to the Horse Leaders first for discussion. If timing is an issue in regards to getting it to state council for consideration, additional Horse Leader meetings can be asked for to discuss the proposals. Robin will write the policy change and bring it to next month's meeting.

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Another discussion was held about how judges look at things differently. Also, it was mentioned how difficult it is to get judges. We need to contact them early. Robin said she gets the judges' list on the Internet. You can get an apprentice judge or an accredited judge. Money is also a big factor in who we use. Sometimes we are using judges at the lower end of the pay scale. We also need the judges to accurately judge on the Danish system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin mentioned the Drovers' rodeo clinic and how she is trying to convince them to come to the Davenport fairgrounds for the clinic. She said the clinic is just not for rodeo kids and thought some of the 4-H kids would like to go.

Tamara is resigning as secretary. Jeanie is resigning as co-facilitator. Robin will be facilitator. Denise will continue as treasurer.

Next meeting will be on October 5th.

Tamara made a motion to adjourn. Justine seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Winfrey
Secretary