

Area A Horse Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 29th, 2014
6:30/5:30 Central

Members present:

- Escambia County- Anne Peterson, Kelley Thompson, and Diane Amatt
- Santa Rosa- Prudence Caskey
- Okaloosa- Terry Stout and Brittany Wade
- Holmes- Niki Crawson and Jim Forman
- Bay- Dara Strickland, Lucy Notestine, Shane Thomas, Paula Davis
- Jackson- Angel Granger, Katricia Edenfield, Melanie Harrelson
- Gulf- Jean McMillian and Russell McMillian
- Franklin- Jeannette Spann
- Gadsden- Yolanda Goode, Terry Harris, BJ Harrell
- Wakulla- Eric Westbrook
- Leon- Marcus Boston

Meeting was called to order by Niki Crawson at 5:01PM Central.

Anne made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written; Paula seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

Angel Granger gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$3,950.72.

Terry Stout gave a report from the state horse advisory committee. Highlights include:

- Next year, only 5 classes can be entered (one must be showmanship)
- Stake race patterns will be included in the rule book
- New test will be used for Dressage in 2015
- Area A will be responsible for hosting the state show social and for securing judges for the golden shovel and emerald awards
- State Committee would like to energize Hippology and Horse Quiz Bowl events

Discussion about including a walk trot class or event for next year (either a special class at the area show or a schooling show/clinic for beginners).

Heather Kent gave a short orientation for the committee that included the goals of the 4-H horse program, goals of the committee, organizational structure, and the responsibilities of area a volunteers. The committee decided to collapse the dressage chair into the English Division and the Speed Chair into the Western Division to simplify the structure.

Heather also shared the draft Area A Handbook. Committee members recommended following state rules for cancellations/entry fees, as well as substitutions for horse shows. Heather will make the changes and send the draft to everyone for review and consideration. Niki will schedule a meeting in early November to approve/adopt the handbook and to elect officers.

The 2015 Area Show will be held in Marianna on April 17-18.

- Schedule- Brittany, Lucy, and Terry volunteered to work on a draft schedule to present to the committee at the next meeting.
- Jean asked that the committee do research on having cow/calf classes. Heather and Niki will poll district agents to gauge interest and work with Angel to secure calves/equipment.
- Agent Liaisons (and responsible for registration, show bill, photo booth, and t-shirts) will be Niki Crawson and Prudence Caskey.
- Bit and Helmet Check- Terry Harris volunteered. Terry Stout and Jean McMillian will bring the measuring stick for ponies
- Facilities- Angel Granger
- Announcer- Angel Granger
- Judges- Anne Peterson (Brittany will help if needed)
- Scoring- Paula
- Awards- Lucy, Shane, and Dara
- Western Chair- Marcus will check with Barry
- English Chair- Anne and Brittany (Shane will be ring steward)

Eric Westbrook volunteered to chair the youth education committee.

Heather will work with Dr. Vergot to invite Dr. Tenbreok to meet with Area A County Extension Directors.

Niki will email out a doodle poll to schedule a meeting in early November to adopt the handbook, elect officers, and finalize the show schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM Central.