

STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Hardin County Extension Office
Elizabethtown, KY

The November 18, 2007 meeting of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board was called to order at 10:30 a.m. EST by Bob Campbell, President. In his opening remarks President Campbell expressed a special welcome to the youth who are representing their Districts as we value their input. He also welcomed District 1, attending the meeting by video conferencing technology. Present at the meeting were: Bob Campbell (D5), Tina Snelling (D3), William Robertson (D4), Sue Hughes (D4), Kelly Maxedon (D3), Amanda Seibert (D3), Melanie Kelley (D7), Rachel Talent (D7), Kendra Cunningham (D7), Daniel Hayden (D6), Faith Blair (D5), Todd Ray (D5), Donita Blair (D5), Jean Smith (D4), Julie Robinette (D1), Cheyenne Black (D1), Debbi Taylor (D6), Vicki Hensley (D6), Kristen Janicki-Harvey. Guests included Kim Ragland, Assistant District Contact in D4, Eric Smith, D4, Ally Hensley (D6), Dottie Barnett (D3), Lori Johnson (D3), Jean Jenkins (D3), and Jessica Jenkins (D3).

The American and 4-H pledges were led by Kristen Janicki-Harvey.

Next on the Agenda was the Treasurer's Report, prepared by Tom Curry, Treasurer, and presented by Kristen, record attached. The Board was reminded to have the youth of their Districts send thank yous to Richie Farmer, Commissioner of Agriculture, for monies the Horse Program received. Kristen reviewed how monies are distributed to each District for participation numbers, etc. as well as premiums to youth in show. A Motion was made by Todd Ray, seconded by Vicki Hensley, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. With no further discussion after the Question, the Motion was approved unanimously.

Kristen announced some changes at the University with an Equine Initiative going on. There are plans to make a new degreed program for an Equine Management Degree, including three new faculty members and a riding arena and facility. These plans have been in the works for 18 months or so, and there is a big push for this because of Kentucky's horse reputation. Dr. Bob Coleman now in charge of the Equine Science Degree Program and Adult Extension. The next Extension Specialist will be focusing on the youth. A person has been offered the position, but has not yet accepted. Bob Campbell requested that the Minutes reflect a great appreciation to Bob Coleman for his time and efforts to the 4-H Horse Program. Kristen is currently our only contact for 4-H.

The Board heard a scholarship report-income from the auction and plaque sales. Currently they are working on getting a Miniature Horse donated and still interested in having more donations.

With regard to future fund raising for 2007, Tom Curry will still be in charge of getting horses, but it was requested that suggestions be sent to Kristen. The plaque committee has had some difficulty getting the monies to Tom. The committee thinks there were more sold than they received monies for. A request was made for someone to take

responsibility for the entire thing, including collecting the money, to reduce confusion. Bob Campbell reiterated that this may not seem like a lot of money, but this project basically funded one of the scholarships. Kelly (D3), (Pendleton County) volunteered to do this job. Kristen agreed to work with her to get this done. Bob Campbell suggested that Kelly bring a report on how this proceeds to the November 2007 meeting in order to track the success/concerns of this project.

Kristen reported that Mary Kolb will again take responsibility for the teeshirts offered at the State Horse Show. Artwork for this is due to Kristen by January 5, 2007. A suggestion was made that the shirts be available at the State Horse Contest also. This is a possibility if someone will take responsibility for selling them. A group of youth will again pick the design. The same format with regard to "presales" will be used again this year. Mary expressed to Kristen that she was pleased with the sales in 2006.

Bob asked if anyone else has any ideas for fundraisers for the scholarship funds...??? It was agreed that Tom Curry has started a great program for us and we would like to keep this going. The Board was again reminded about the parameters and need for donations of horses. Remember that we would like to expand the money we hand out in scholarship funds.

A question was raised regarding monies from the Drill Team videos. Kristen will contact them regarding their contribution to the fund.

Bob brought up the possibility of doing a round-table discussion at the Horse Contest also. Kristen stated that this is a possibility IF someone will facilitate them.

Next was the presentation of the Minutes from the March 25, 2006 meeting. A Motion was made by Debbie Taylor, seconded by Daniel Hayden, that the Minutes be approved as presented. With no further discussion after the Question, the Motion was approved unanimously.

Next on the Agenda was the election of officers. Bob Campbell announced that he is ineligible to serve as he was not an elected voting member this year. Tom Curry serves as the appointed-position Treasurer. The Board agreed that it was to its' advantage to have Tom continue in this position. Kelly Maxedon nominated Tina Snelling to serve a President. Melanie Kelley declined a nomination by Debbi Taylor for the position. Melanie Kelley made a Motion, seconded by Todd Ray, that the nominations cease and the position be approve by acclimation. With no further discussion after the Question, the Motion was approved unanimously. Debbi Taylor was nominated for Vice President. Melanie Kelly again made a Motion, seconded by Todd Ray, that the nominations cease and be approve by acclimation. With no further discussion after the Question, the Motion was approved unanimously. With regard to the Youth Representative office, Bob Campbell stated he would like to see them get involved in conducting the round table discussions and organizing those better, etc. Melanie Kelley then nominated Rachel Talent D7. She has been in 4-H since age 9, has done Horse Contest from the start and went to Nationals this year. Todd Ray nominated Faith Blair D5. She has been in 4-H since age 9 and has shown at State for the past three years, where she was champion in her Showmanship class. Tina Snelling made a Motion, seconded by Debbi Taylor,

that nominations cease. The vote took place by private ballot. D1 voted orally after the two nominees left the room. After the counting of ballots, Rachel Talent was elected as Youth Representative.

President Tina Snelling then asked Kristen to give her program report on numbers of participation in the various shows and contests. All in all, the numbers were up slightly. She announced that the Hunter Division rules were up for change this year. It was decided that the Walking/Racking rules also needed attention as their entire industry is doing major revamping due to all the problems they had with the "Government" in 2006. Kristen stated she would get in touch with the Walking Horse Association to coordinate that process. Kristen requested names of people from each District to form committees to work on these changes and that those names be given to her as soon as possible.

Kristen shared the results of youth who represented Kentucky in national contests. All youth did well. Kristen stated that she was especially proud of Myers girls as they placed first at Southern Regionals, Congress and Eastern Nationals in Team Demonstration. Kristen also shared that all youth who participated on national team received jackets donated by Nutrina.

Kristen is still waiting on numbers from Districts with regard to Department of Agriculture money allocations. This money is to be used for awards and premiums. The Board was reminded to make sure they are using the monies in that manner. She stated that the numbers have not changed too drastically throughout the Districts, so most can expect to receive about the same amount this year.

Kristen then talked about the AYHC Symposium to be held in Denver, Colorado March 9 through 11, 2007. There will be sponsorship for three teen and three adult leaders to attend. Any youth can go, but there is sponsorship only for three. This will include registration plus \$100 for travel. Andy Smith, William Robertson and Sarah Myers went last year and had a great time and represented Kentucky well. Those in attendance this year will also be able to attend the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. Those interested should send their applications by January 10, 2007. This should include why they are interested, why they should be chosen and what information would they bring back to share in Kentucky. It was announced that in 2007 there will be a "Youth Leader of the Year" award. The board was encouraged to be on the lookout for the recommendation form, passed at the District level. Kentucky can send as many recommendations for this award as desired, with the only stipulation that they must be 14 – 18 years of age.

Kristen then shared that Southern Regionals will be August 1-5, 2007 in Memphis, TN, with Kentucky as the sponsor this year. She shared a tentative schedule of events. She requested that a committee be formed to help plan and run the show. She stated that locations in Kentucky were either not available or not large enough to host this event. It is hoped that after World Equestrian Games, Kentucky would be able to host this event at the Horse Park. Kentucky has never hosted this event, but we campaigned to get this. 2008 is in Virginia, so rotation is every ten years or so. There are 13 states in this Region. The facility in Memphis is a good facility for what we need to do. Kristen referred to a letter calling for volunteers, with the last page outlining jobs that needed to be done. She was not sure about monies for travel expenses, but is looking into this

and will let us know after she sees how the Southern Regional budget is going. Usually there is not much money left over from show to show. Melanie asked if Kentucky has any funds available for this. Kristen will talk with Dr. Kurth and others regarding this. She would really like to see us use all our 42 available delegates, reminding that \$100 is given toward the expenses for the youth who participate. The events start on Wednesday with Hippology and Horse Bowl. Thursday sees Oral Presentations, Demonstrations and Judging. A lengthy discussion was then held with regard to the Parade of States. Usually each state that is hosting has a presentation type of show for all such as drill team or some other presentation. We need some good ideas for our display of Kentucky 4-H – Kristen would like to show the drill team, as our teams usually have a good display of all breeds – minis, Walking, Quarter Horses, etc. Debbi Taylor suggested Todd Warnineke and Beverly _____ at Horse Park might be willing to help us put together a good showcase. Kristen wants to form a show committee who will plan and run this show. Daniel would like to send our winning drill team, stating that last year's demonstration was not even as good as our lowest teams. It was suggested that this be opened up to all drill teams, that they offer to go paying their own way, etc. and that the top team be funded. Sue Hughes suggested maybe a "parade of breeds" to music would show our diversity. Dottie suggested that she open this up to all drill teams to see who is even interested. There was question about sponsoring youth financially and how to choose who receives the funds. Kristen stated she might be able to find money to sponsor a team entirely. This is all going to be sent back to committee to figure this out. Kristen sent around signup sheets for committees to get things together, not necessarily committing to attending the show. Another discussion was held regarding helmets at Southern Regionals. Supposedly this cannot be enforced. Melanie Kelley would like to have Kentucky on record as promoting the helmet rule for the Southern Regionals and would like to get that started. It was suggested that Kentucky make a statement strongly encouraging our Kentucky 4-H youth to wear their helmets. A Motion was made by Melanie Kelley, seconded by Todd Ray, that Kristen take the recommendation to the Regional board that all youth be required to wear helmets. With no further discussion after the Question, the Motion was approved.

The folks from District 1 who were attending by video conference had to leave at this time due to another commitment.

Lunch was then served, with the Youth representatives meeting during lunch.

After lunch break, the Board then proceeded with the discussion and voting on of the District Recommendations. A full report of that is attached.

Next Rachel presented the "Youth Suggestions from State Show Meetings". The youth want posted practice times and desire that those be more organized. They also want the ability to qualify in another District for State, basically qualifying only by the Danish, but not for placing ribbons or high point. The kids also want a pattern book including showmanship and equitation patterns handed out in their State packets. There was also a suggestion that Roping be offered along with Team Penning, and that there be no finals in Team Penning.

Kristen shared the Drill Team score sheets that were revised by Eric Smith. All the information is same, just with "lines" on the score sheets to clarify which item is being scored. Kristen and the drill team coaches expressed their thanks for this.

Kristen announced that she and Paula Jerrell are making several corrections and clarifications to the craft item rules and guidelines.

Kristen then inquired about interest in a Horse Educational Leaders Program (HELP) for 2007. The general consensus is "yes". She will work on getting that together.

Kristen has a request from a gal who wants to be the official State Horse Show photographer. She is a former 4-Her from Kenton County. She does more artistic shots than still. Dottie requested another background be available for those who cannot afford professional pictures. No official action was taken.

Kristen then announced dates to remember:

May, 2007-Special Event

June 12-13th, 2007-Horse Contest (again back at Holiday Inn North)

July, 2007-State 4-H Horse Show (Don't know a date yet, but pushing for the 2nd week July 8-14, 2007)

August 1st-5th, 2007-Southern Regionals

March 24, 2007 was chosen as the tentative date for the next meeting, preferably in the same location and same beginning time.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a Motion was made by Rachel Talent, seconded by Kendra Cunningham, that the meeting be adjourned. Due to the apparent approval of the Motion, all in attendance left without voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Smith, Secretary