

**STATE 4H HORSE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2005**  
**Bunbaker's Restaurant**  
**Elizabethtown, KY**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tom Curry, D3, President. Present at the meeting were Dr. Bob Coleman, Kristen Janicki, William Robertson, D4, Sue Hepner, D4, Heather Yaste, D5, Bob Campbell, D5, Linda Starnes, D6, Hardin Warren, D5, Nick Goss, D6, Andrea Langford, D7, Kendra Cunningham, D7, Melanie Kelley, D7, Sarah Myers, D3, Kim Mills, D3, Tina Snelling, D3, and Jean Smith, D4.

Tom Curry led a discussion about the scholarship monies. Tom stated this is his last year to be active as his daughter has graduated and he is no longer eligible to serve as President. Therefore, he would like to continue to serve by working on the scholarship funding. He felt this was a way to provide value to youth and asked the Council's opinion on various ideas concerning this. The Council expressed agreement that this continue as it is an opportunity to help youth who want to pursue continuing education, a good opportunity for advertising 4H, and a good experience for youth in filling out applications with the youth also being able to realize all their accomplishments in 4H. There was also an expressed need to set up guidelines. Dr. Coleman stated he would love to see this expand to 4-year scholarship if possible. Tom stated that he personally did all the campaigning last year to get both horses and the round pen. This year, he has donated two seasons to his stud whose Grandsires are #2 and #4 in cutting. Someone else has donated two mares to be bred and then will donate the foals. Tom expressed his desire that this type of donation grow so we do not have to seek more donations of other items. He plans to put the stallion information on line so hopefully there would be more mares donated for this purpose. However, the program needs more than just his donations. It would be awesome for each District to donate at least one weanling/yearling. If this were to happen, we could possibly raise \$16,000 a year and then be able to hand out four \$1000 scholarships, i.e. to support four students for four years at \$1000 per year. Tom stated that there was a variety of ways to disperse those monies, but that should be decided after we get the funding in place. He talked about the possibility of creating our own 501C3 so this scholarship effort can operate independently than Friends of 4H funding. In light of this, Melanie Kelley made a MOTION that we form a 501C3, to have its own board, separate from the 4H Horse Council Board, in order to ease the paperwork for administering these scholarship funds. The Motion was seconded by Hardin Warren and approved unanimously. Tom stated he believed the formation of this could possibly cost between \$1000 to \$1500 and then cost around \$200 each year after to maintain it. It was stated that Tom is currently investment advisor of these funds as it is set up, and that he could continue the role in the 501C3 as he will no longer be President of the Council. There was a desire for a liaison from the Council to be on that Board. Tom also stated that the formation of this would probably not move quickly. Another MOTION was made by Bob Campbell that this year we fund two \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships in addition to the Klapheke Scholarship of \$1000. The Motion was seconded by Linda Starnes and was unanimously approved. Finally, Tom requested that he be contacted regarding any horses available for donation and he would like each District to commit to at least one animal for this program.

In regard to the Treasurer's report, it was announced that Tom Curry will be keeping up with checkbook and requested that Bob Coleman and Kristen Janicki be added to signature line for the checks and for Tom report to them. The Council was reminded that the Treasurer is an appointed position, not elected. Tom handed out a Treasurer's Report, which showed a balance as of November 1, 2005 in the checking account of \$3,539.58, investment account at \$17,104.98, with total assets at \$20,644.56.

Fundraising report was given. Diana McDonald reported on the award plaques. She stated the orders did not really come in as expected, and is not sure how to fix this problem. It was suggested that maybe these be ordered at the State Show. Also some suggested the benefit of promoting them on a local level

by using them as an award for a county-level award banquet, etc. That idea worked in Madison County. She did state that those who received these did like them, although some had to be revised. It was suggested that these be sold at the State show. Since some of the proceeds did go toward the scholarship funding, she requested that the work for this be shared. This project did raise \$380, although this is not final as they have not been billed for the plaques yet. Tom Curry reminded us of the State monies that have to be used for awards and premiums at the County level and that he would suggest these plaques being a good venue to spend some of those funds. As some of the plaques still had to be delivered, Diana agreed to e-mail agents for addresses and followup on billing for this year. The Council was to think about how to handle this issue for 2006 and bring back suggestions in March. The Council expressed its thanks to Diana for coming up with this idea and following through with it.

Kristen Janicki reported on teeshirt sales on behalf of Mary Kolb (D3). She reminded us that they tend to get a lot of designs submitted which are not conducive to printing. Therefore, an extensive guideline was distributed so those who want to submit a design would know the parameters within which to work. It was stated that now 100% of sales profit go into the scholarship fund. Mary Kolb deserves major recognition for doing all of this work, and it was requested that those who see her express thanks and appreciation. Mary has stated that she is more than willing to let someone else do this monumental task, and if no one volunteers to take it over, she would request that folks at least volunteer to help at the shows, etc. It was suggested that each District takes a responsibility for a day of sales, stressing the importance that the District cover for the entire day, and make sure that those who volunteer indeed show up and take care of the responsibilities.

Next on the Agenda was the election of officers. Before elections took place, Tom Curry took the opportunity to thank the Council for their support of him for the past eight or nine years. He challenged the Council to continue to focus on the good of all youth, not the individual, and to remember how great 4H is for the youth of this nation. Many folks then took the opportunity to give thanks and praise to Tom for his service to this Council as President. Melanie Kelley specifically stated thanks for Tom's dedication and vision for us, followed by a hearty round of applause. Dr. Coleman added his comments as to what all Tom has done at State level, how hard Tom has worked as chair for this group, and what a great job of representing the program he has done, with many thanks on a personal level.

The election process was stated that the new President would be elected and then he/she would begin presiding at that time. Tina Snelling placed the name of Bob Campbell, D5 in nomination. Sarah Myers placed the name of Tina Snelling, D3 in nomination. Hardin Warren MOVED that nominations cease. The Motion was seconded by Nick Goss and passed unanimously. Bob and Tina then shared a bit about themselves and their qualifications to act as President of the Council. After a paper ballot, it was announced that Bob Campbell would serve as our new President for 2005-2006. He then began his term by asking for nominations for Vice President. Hardin Warren placed the name of Tina Snelling, D3 in nomination. Linda Starnes MOVED that nominations cease. The Motion was seconded by Hardin Warren and Bob declared the Motion approved by acclimation. Bob then asked for nominations for Secretary. Heather Yates placed the name of Jean Smith, D4, in nomination. Hardin Warren made a MOTION that nominations cease. The Motion was seconded by Nick Goss, and Bob declared the Motion approved by acclimation. The Youth position was then discussed Blair Cecil shared that she was the elected youth last year, but that she really did not have many responsibilities. It was decided that all the youth representatives would introduce themselves and give a short "resume". William Robertson, D4, Heather Yates, D5, Nick Goss, D6, Andrea Langford, D7, and Sarah Myers, D3, all impressed the Council members with their various qualifications. After a paper ballot, it was announced that Sarah Myers, D3, was our new youth representative to the Council. A MOTION was made and seconded that the paper ballots from both elections be destroyed and the Motion carried by acclimation.

Kristen Janicki and Dr. Bob Coleman then gave a program report. There were 26 participants in the Special Events, all from D6. The Horse Contest participants were about the same as every year, about 400. For the State Horse Show, the total participant numbers were down 30 from last year, with about

650 participants. This number did not include drill team participants. The same events will happen this year. However, the Special Events need more participants, at least 50, in order to keep this program going due to costs. The cost is approximately \$550 for cattle and that does not include judges, buckles, numbers, etc. Because of that, it is about \$500-1000 over budget as opposed to what it costs to put in it. The Council was reminded that these are Open Invitational classes with no qualification, no project horse required. There was talk about holding a clinic in order to promote more interest in this event across the state.

Kristen reported that the Horse Contest for 2006 will now be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 12 and 13, 2006, not Tuesday and Wednesday as in the past and will still be held at the Marriott as they received a good deal.

The State Horse Show will be in Louisville from Saturday, July 8 through Saturday, July 15, 2006.

Kristen reported on the 2005 Kentucky National Team Results. The Kentucky youth represented themselves very well in these contests. Kristen reported that Richie Farmer, Commissioner of Agriculture, has again allocated \$50,000 for our programs, and reminded us all to once again write thank yous for these funds.

Kristen reported on the AYHC youth conference. There will be \$100.00 allocated for meals, travel and registration fees for those interested. Last year only two participated, and she would love to take more. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2006.

Kristen reported the manner in which funds from the Department of Agriculture were used. \$30,000 went to awards and premiums, monies for Danish and 1-10<sup>th</sup> ribbons. Of the remaining \$20,000, \$4000 went above and beyond awards for State show. Each district got \$1000. Then, based on percent of participation, both showing and then also in activities such as speeches, demonstrations, club participation, judging contest, etc. the remainder was divided up among the seven districts.

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH.....

After lunch, the Council reconvened to discuss the Recommendations and, if time, Suggestions. Dr. Coleman reiterated that there was a five-minute discussion period for each Recommendation unless the Question was called before time.

Please see attachment for Recommendations and the resulting vote in italics. Due to time constraints, only the Recommendations were addressed at the meeting, with the Suggestions being left to the discretion of the State Office.

Before adjournment, the Council was reminded that the Contest Division rules are up for review. Dr. Coleman and Kristen requested at least one representative from each District agree to serve on that revision committee, with the names to be submitted no later than January 3, 2006.

Volunteers were also reminded that there will not be a H.E.L.P. session in 2006, but were encouraged to participate in the general 4H Volunteer Forum in Lexington on February 24 and 25, 2006.

With no further business to be conducted, President Campbell entertained a Motion to Adjourn from Heather Yaste, seconded by Linda Starnes, and declared approved by acclamation. The next meeting will be held in March, with no specific date being set yet.

Respectfully submitted and corrected as requested,

Jean Smith, Secretary