

KENTUCKY STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006  
HARDIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

The meeting, held at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, was called to order by Bob Campbell (D5), President. Present at the meeting were Julie Robinette (D1), Cheyenne Black (D1), Blair Cecil (D3), Tina Snelling (D3), Kim Mills (D3), Sue Hughes (D4), William Robertson (D4), Jean Smith (D4), Heather Yaste (D5), Bob Campbell (D5), Diana McDonald (D5), Vicki Hensley (D6), Melanie Kelley (D7), Andrea Langford (D7), Kendra Cunningham (D7), Dr. Bob Coleman, Kristen Janicki, and guests Mr. Robertson, Eric Smith, Mary Kolb, Angie Yaste and Joe Dirolf.

Pledges were led by William Robertson, American flag and Kim Mills, 4-H flag.

Minutes from the November 19, 2005 were reviewed. There was a correction to page 3, where it should read AYHC, not AHAHC, and change Sue Hepner and William Robertson to D4. A Motion was made by Kim Mills (D3) that the Minutes be approved as read with the aforementioned corrections. The Motion was seconded by Sue Hughes (D4) and approved unanimously.

Next on the Agenda were District reports – D4 is sponsoring a clinic on April 22, 2006 in Jessamine County. There will be a flyer out by April 1, 2006. D3 is also sponsoring a clinic April 22, 2006 in Kenton County. It will feature Dr. Coleman and Kristen who will be teaching evaluation of horses, and also a Horse Bowl competition to get ready for State. Tina reported that there will also be a Showmanship Clinic in Kenton County on May 27, 2006. They will also try to get a tack sale together, probably to be held in the Shelbyville area. They are also working on a getting a dressage clinic together. D6 is hosting their Horse Camp next weekend, April 1 and 2, 2006. There is also an FFA Field Day at Western Kentucky University on April 8, 2006, and Horse Judging will be on April 11, 2006 at WKU. D7 had a judging clinic, horse bowl and Hippology clinic last weekend at Murray. D6 has another camp scheduled in the northern part of their District at Sturgis. The 4H Horse Camp Handbook has now been completed. Dr. Ken Culp has produced this document and Kristen is going to “clean it up” and have it available. D1 is having a horse camp in Boyd County on June 6-8, 2006. It will be a 4H camp but they are having mostly horses with hopes to also help the general 4Hers. A discussion was held regarding the challenges of dealing with logistics of events and meetings on a District level as opposed to the former Area level. Concerns included distance to travel and feeling that folks are not participating as they used to. D3 shared that they offers door prizes to get folks to their meetings. There were also concerns regarding lack of facilities to hold camps and shows. Lots of good ideas were shared amongst the group.

District Show schedules were announced and are as follows:

D1 - May 27, 2006 at Morehead State University.

D3 - June 2-4, 2006 at Lakeside Arena in Frankfort.

D4 - June 10 and 11, 2006 at Lakeside Arena.

D5 - May 29, 2006 at Western Kentucky University.

D6 – Tues., Wed. and Thurs., June 6, 7 and 8, 2006 at Western Ky. University Ag. Center.

D7 – June 4, 2006 at Murray State University.

Next a discussion was held regarding the trail class. Dr. Coleman stated that this needs to be held at the District Shows and he needs to see numbers, broken down by age and what disciplines are participating etc., so he will know how it needs to be dealt with at the State-wide level. There are no guidelines for this event as yet. Kristen stated she will put them on the web.

It was announced that Southern Regionals will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, July 26-30, 2006. There is no qualifying for showing at this event other than showing your project horse at the State 4H Show. However, to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology or Judging, qualification is required. Kristen will send out information on Southern Regionals and will try to have this at the District Shows. There are usually only 8 to 10 riders, but Kentucky can take up to 40. The State will allocate \$100 for each rider to help with expenses. Anyone who wants to participate might also look for support from their respective districts and counties. The State will provide a hospitality stall. Dr. Coleman reminded all that North Carolina will be very rigorous regarding health papers, etc.

Dr. Coleman gave a Scholarship update. He had talked with Tom Curry and informed the Council that there are three Quarter Horse yearlings, one Quarter Horse weanling and possibly one Miniature Horse available for auction. There is \$4000 available toward the scholarship fund and the investment account is at \$18,500.00. It is planned to give \$3000 for scholarships this year so we need to build this fund back up. Anyone knowing of horses to be donated should contact Dr. Coleman, Tom Curry or Kristen. Registered yearlings, not weanlings, are preferred, but will not be turned down. The Klapheke scholarship is separate fund that we administer.

Discussion was held regarding fundraising. A question was raised about more information regarding the plaques as they never heard a final count from last year, and wondering if that was going to happen this year. The plaques are \$10.00 and monies will go to Tom now for scholarship fund. The plaques are not on the web site but Kristen will get it on there. They say "District 4H Horse Show Qualifier". The plaques themselves cost \$5.00 and the other \$5.00 goes toward scholarship fund. D5 is going to give each child at their District Show a plaque so they will be giving approximately \$600 to that fund just from their show. Check needs to be made out to Kentucky 4H Horse Scholarship Fund, and sent to KY 4H Horse Scholarship Fund, in C/O TC Farm, 11341 AA Highway, California, KY 41007. Send order form to [www.3dgraphics.com](http://www.3dgraphics.com).

Kristen shared that Muhlenberg County is proposing a fundraiser by selling videos of the drill team competition. They want to hire a video producer to film these and then give a percentage of the money raised to scholarship fund. She has not heard anything more regarding this but gave them permission to do this. She will let us know if this is going to happen. If it does fall through, everyone felt it was still a good idea and thinks it will create a lot of money.

Mary Kolb brought tee-shirt samples. She shared that they typically raise \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 each year. This year's shirt is blue and very attractive. Mary is giving each District eighteen shirts to sell, and she requested that a representative of each District see her at lunch to receive their shirts. The cost is \$10.00 before the State Show and \$12.00 at State Show. She had 200 printed up at this point and she can also get more printed later. Mary will take orders from Districts and Counties if we want to guarantee that we get them at the lower price.

The Council then took a break for lunch and picking up shirts.

After lunch, the meeting was reconvened. Kristen announced that Western Contest was up for rule changes this year. The Division lost "Flag Race Pony Sr.", so that was combined with "Flag Race Pony Jr. and Sr." to just "Flag Race Pony". She handed out forms for suggestions and changes. This will be cleaned up and posted on the web.

Bob Campbell shared that at their camp they held a round-table discussion for youth about what worked and didn't work as far as the camp and programs went. He was wondering about extending this to happen at the State Show. It provides an opportunity for the youth to discuss things without parents or leaders. At this meeting, a lot of concerns were shared and as a result, a lot of good ideas and suggestions were presented. He stated that the meeting needed to happen several times during the week of the show so various disciplines can participate. Dr. Coleman stated he would try to get this together. Melanie Kelley suggested trying this at the Horse Contest also, maybe putting something in their entry packets and collect them later would work due to the time constraints with that event. It needs to be remembered to make this geared toward a positive event, not just a "gripe" session.

The Council was reminded to fill out all the Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Agent, Outstanding District, and Scholarship applications. These are due by June 1, 2006. These applications are on the web also.

Kristen then discussed the dedication of State Show. She would like more folks to submit more nominations. The nominations should include items that could be printed in the program, etc. These need to be sent to Dr. Coleman or Kristen no later than June 1, 2006. Kristen will try to come up with an application so folks can have an idea what they are looking for.

Kristen then led a discussion about the location of the 2007 State Horse Contests. This year, the Horse Contest has been switched to Marriott, Griffin Gate because Holiday Inn gave away their date. Holiday Inn has now changed management and has called to request that we come back. Prices had to be raised this year so it is now at \$99.00 a night. There was a loss of \$5000.00 because of unexpected costs. Kristi at Holiday Inn has offered \$79.00-per-night rooms plus space needed. The Horse Park says we have to move forward a week to get their arena, so the Contest will be the next week in June 19 and 20, 2007 (the third week). Right now there is no contract for either place for 2007. A suggestion was made by Melanie Kelley that they put in a penalty clause so we don't get kicked out again. The general consensus was that they would rather save money and that most kids liked the Holiday Inn better anyhow. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of separating Horse Judging and Hippology from Communications and Crafts. The Teen Conference will not move to Tuesday through Friday. Kristen will let us know how the timing of this event and negotiations proceed.

It was announced that regarding the State Horse Show, moving in on Saturday will occur no earlier than 3:00 p.m. for check in and getting stall assignments. Also, the East Wing will be gone by State Show, so there will be no showers or bathroom available in that area.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Heather Yaste (D5) made a Motion adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Blair Cecil (D3) and approved by acclimation. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2006, with the location not yet determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Smith, Secretary

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