

**STATE 4H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, November 17, 2007**  
**Larue County Extension Office**  
**Hodgenville, KY**

The November 17, 2007 meeting of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board was called to order at 10:15 a.m. EST by President Tina Snelling. In her opening remarks, President Snelling welcomed all those present. Present at the meeting were: Laura Perry (D6), Faith Blair (D5), Donita Blair (D5), Todd Ray (D5), William Robertson (D4), Nancy Gibson (D4), Melanie Kelley (D7), Kendra Cunningham (D7), Seth Cunningham (D7), Kim Mills (D3), Tina Snelling (D3), Debbi Taylor (D6), Jean Smith (D4), Tom Curry (D3 and Treasurer), Kristen Harvey, and Dr. Fernanda Camargo. Guests included Raymond Durbin (D6 and Kentucky Horse Council), Brad Florence (D5), Gary Stillwell (D5), Eric Smith (D4), Kathie Robertson (D4), Shelley Partridge (D4), Cassie Gibson (D4), and Jean Jenkins (D3).

President Snelling requested that Jean Smith lead the group in the American and 4-H Pledges.

President Snelling then introduced Dr. Fernanda Camargo, our new Equine Extension Specialist. Dr. Camargo grew up in Brazil around horses and cattle. She attended Veterinarian School in Brazil. During school, she visited friends in Lexington and fell in love with the area. She then was accepted for an Internship with the Gluck Center. She earned her Ph.D. at University of Kentucky. She shared with the group that the job of Equine Specialist was a dream job for her. Horses are her passion and she enjoys being around folks who love horses. She is looking forward to getting to know all of the folks associated with 4-H and horses in our state.

The Board then took a few minutes to introduce themselves to each other and to identify those who were voting delegates and who were guests.

Next on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes from November 18, 2006 and March 24, 2007. A Motion was made by Faith Blair to accept the November 18, 2006 Minutes with corrections of Debbi Taylor's name as well as correcting the date on the first line from 2007 to 2006. The Motion was seconded by Debbi Taylor. With there being no discussion after the Question, the Motion was accepted unanimously. A Motion was made by Debbi Taylor to accept the March 24, 2007 with corrections to Joe Dirolf being from D5, not D6 and, again, Debbi Taylor's name. The Motion was seconded by Faith Blair. With there being no discussion after the Question, the Motion was accepted unanimously.

Next Treasurer Tom Curry gave his report. Tom applied for 501C3 status and the application has been accepted. Our treasury is now known as Kentucky State 4-H Horse Scholarship Fund, Inc. and is now its own separate entity. The Directors for this fund include Tom Curry, serving as Executive Director, Bob Coleman, serving a two-year term, and Kristen Harvey, serving a one-year term. Tom stated that he would like to see this fund rise to \$100,000.00. He stated that now this fund is a 501C3, we can give tax write offs for any donations. Tom, in throwing out ideas for the Board's consideration on

how to increase the fund, suggested that maybe clubs with ten or more members might be encouraged to donate \$100.00 per year to the fund for the next three years. This, plus auctions and teeshirt sales might bring the fund up to the \$100,000.00 mark. It was reiterated that this fund does not include the \$1000.00 per year Klaphake scholarship. This Board stated that they felt strongly that higher education is very important. Another suggestion was to encourage youth to contribute toward this fund each year, maybe a \$1.00 per meeting. If 600 kids are in the 4-H Horse Program, attend 10 meetings per year, it would raise \$6000.00 per year. The thought was if kids were asked to contribute to the fund, it would raise awareness of the scholarship program, as well as enable the youth to realize that they are helping themselves also. Tom stated that he would rather see eight scholarships of \$750.00 rather than five scholarships of \$1000.00, which would enable the Board to help more youth. A thought was raised about adding costs to District Show entry fees so youth know that they are contributing to the fund. Tom also stated that they would be willing to auction off items other than just horses if folks desire to donate other things. Melanie Kelley encouraged the Board to remember to follow proper procedures as outlined by the 4-H State Fundraising Committee as well as making sure they are approved by local Councils. Following this brainstorming discussion as to options for additional fundraising, a Motion was made by Faith Blair and seconded by Nancy Gibson that "The Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. There being no further discussion following the Question, the Motion was approved unanimously. President Snelling, with the agreement of the entire Board, thank Tom Curry for all of his hard work on behalf of the youth of the 4-H Horse Program.

Kristen Harvey stated that Mary Kolb, who has headed the State 4-H Horse Show official teeshirt sales for many years, will have teeshirts available at the spring meeting for representatives to take back to their Districts for presales. Kristen stated that once again there will be a contest for the design for the teeshirt. She requested that the designs be submitted "camera ready" with a theme as well as a design, and that those be submitted no later than February 1, 2008 to her. She also shared that Mary will be unable to attend the State 4-H Horse Show in 2008 and requested someone to help with the teeshirt sales at that event.

Next on the Agenda was the election of officers. Kristen reviewed the rules with regard to the fact that they state that an officer can remain for four consecutive years in each office. Debbi Taylor made a Motion that Tina Snelling continue to serve as President, that the nominations cease and be approved by acclimation. The Motion was seconded by Todd Ray. Nancy Gibson made a Motion that Debbi Taylor continue to serve as Vice President, that the nominations cease and be approved by acclimation. The Motion was seconded by Faith Blair. Nancy Gibson then made a Motion that Jean Smith continue to serve as Secretary, that the nominations cease and be approved by acclimation. The Motion was seconded by Melanie Kelley. The election then moved on to the Youth Delegate position. William Robertson, Faith Blair and Seth Cunningham were all nominated. Each gave a brief biography. Faith stated that she has been riding since she was six, and in 4-H since she was nine. She shows in the Contest Division at both District and State levels. She is President of her local club, a member of their Extension Council and a member of the Livestock Club. William stated that he has been riding "since forever". He has been a Teen Representative to the State Board for at least three years. He is also a Pony Club member. Seth stated that he has been involved in 4-H since he was nine. He shows in the Western Pleasure Division, and has been showing

since beginning in 4-H. He has also been active in public speaking in the horse venue, as well as Horse Judging with the State team and has attended Southern Regionals. He is currently Treasurer of his local club and has served as President. Voting proceeded with a written ballot. After a count was taken, Faith Blair was declared winner of the vote and will serve as the Teen Representative to the State Board for 2007-08. Because the Treasurer is an appointed position, it was stated for recording purposes that Tom Curry will continue to serve in that position as appointed by the Executive Committee.

Kristen then handed out program reports for 2006 and 2007. She stated that participation was down a little this year for the State show, but was not worried about this trend. She also stated that there would not be any classes lost this year due to lack of participation numbers. She stated that the divisions to be revised this year are English/Saddleseat, Minis, and Drill Team. She requested that all be thinking of folks who could help with these revisions.

Kristen also handed out results for the national team competitions and stated that some youth chose not to continue upward in the competitions.

Kristen had no formal written report with regard to Southern Regionals. She did state that all went well and that the 2007 even was one of the largest competitions that has taken place in recent history. She stated that Kentucky usually has about 10 youth participate and she was pleased that this year Kentucky had 38 competitors. She stated again that she was very grateful for all who helped with the event. She stated that everyone had a lot of fun and that she heard a lot of positive comments. Kristen also stated that the opening ceremony was great with the drill team that performed and that it created a lot of interest with other states. Kristen stated that the 2008 Southern Regionals will be held in Lexington, Virginia and that they have a very nice facility. Melanie Kelley requested a round of applause for Kristen and stated that Rebecca also was a lot of help. Kristen stated that Rebecca has graduated and that she has been encouraged to go to grad school so the program can continue to benefit from her help.

Kristen then reported that the Department of Agriculture allocations have been distributed and that the checks for Districts will be written and sent out soon. A somewhat lengthy conversation ensued with regard to the confusion about where these monies come from and where they go. Kristen stated that entry fee monies go toward putting on the State show. It was stated that the inequities of monies given to livestock and horses is really a political question, and one we needed to tackle very carefully, if at all. Kristen reminded us to send thank yous to the Department of Agriculture for the monies we do receive.

Raymond Durbin asked to address the Board on behalf of the Kentucky Horse Council. He stated that he has been around a while with 4-H. The KHC wants to concentrate on youth activities and believes that 4-H is a great venue in which to accomplish this goal. He stated that anyone can be a member with fees at \$35/individual; \$50/family or \$50/club. Benefits include reduced rates for individuals and clubs for liability and insurance, as well as discounts on horse-related items. They produce a newsletter, have an annual meeting and hold clinics. Each year they give grants. Ginny Grulke, Executive Director was not able to attend this meeting and requested that Ray speak to the Board. He shared that they had a meeting regarding youth and how to address their

needs. He said they had discussed giving blankets for 4-H showmanship champions. He also stated that they considered given grants toward the purchase of the Ohio State kits. They also discussed the possibility of awarding a \$1000.00 4-H scholarship, as well as possibly giving awards and badges for trail hours. He stated that they are wanting to get youth representation on the council. They have set a \$5000.00 budget for 4-H. They currently spend \$50,000 a year in grants and are wanting to change that to specify \$10,000 for youth. They are wanting to put an event calendar on their web site where individuals can add their events in for viewing by anyone. They also want to sponsor clinics. He stated that this is a golden opportunity for financial aid. He requested to meet with Kristen and Dr. Camargo. He stated there might be a possibility of requesting a grant for monies for Scholarship funds. Some of the money raised for the Council is from selling the Kentucky Horse Council license plates. These plates can also be used as a farm plate in place of the regular farm plate. Ray encouraged us to purchase these plates to support the Council. He stated that they helped support D4 camp. They also lobby for the horse industry. They are looking into taking sales tax off horse supplies and are trying to get this out of committee and to a vote. The Kentucky Horse Council is hoping this will happen this year. Ray stated that the legislators do want to hear from us. Kentucky Horse Council is a non-profit organization. He stated that Thoroughbreds represent less than 20% of horse population, even though their industry produces the most money in the state. The rest of the horse population has to support the industry by volume. The Council's main purpose is promoting the horse industry in this state. The Council produces a book with listing of farms and equipment, etc., and also tells about Horse Council. The Board of Directors will meet in January and will be talking a lot about the youth portion of their business and would like input on how to do this. The Council has spent a lot of money developing trails, which are shutting down mostly because of neglect. They are also about education, and want to partner with 4-H because of the manpower that 4-H volunteers can provide. Contact information for the Council and Ray are as follows: [director@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:director@kentuckyhorse.org). [Raymond.durbin@eon-us.com](mailto:Raymond.durbin@eon-us.com) (270) 499-0939. The Council gives out six \$1000.00 scholarships per year for students are working on horse-related fields in post-secondary education. It is renewable for four years. A lot of people on the Council are very familiar with 4-H. Ginny will be helping with the Horse Track at the Volunteer Leader Forum in February. Kentucky Horse Council will help with feeding issues if someone loses a job, providing feed for two horses up to 30 days. In order to encourage more youth involved, they can join for \$10.00 and will receive a free t-shirt, with 18 and under being considered youth. They want more youth meetings and will hold these in quite a few locations and are wanting youth to be involved with the youth board. The details of this will be "hashed out" at their January Board meeting and he will have more information about this after that meeting. He stated that July 1 through June 30 is their fiscal year, and that when you join, it is for a year, i.e. if you join September 4, it will last to September 3 of the next year.

Kristen reminded everyone that 2008 is the year for the Volunteer Leader Forum in Lexington. She stated it would be a good idea to register early and reserve a hotel room if necessary. The dates are February 22 and 23, 2008. Some of the horse traks will include a session on emergency preparedness presented by Dr. Camargo. Paula Jerrell will do a trak for new leaders, the KYHC will present with regard to competitive trail riding, Dr. Coleman will do his presentation regarding bits, and Kelly and Mary will be

presenting something about horse camps. Kristen will be presenting also, but was not sure at this time what the topic would include.

Kristen then gave a report with regard to AYHC. Kristen stated she serves on the Board of Directors. The annual symposium will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, with information regarding this on the pink hand out. There is some financial support for this, providing registration costs for three volunteers and three teen leaders, and \$100 for travel. If anyone is interested, the applications for this, stating why a person wants to go and what they will bring back to clubs, is due by January 11, 2008 to the address on sheet. Kristen encouraged all to attend this event, stating that North Carolina has a neat horse industry. She also stated that Kentucky will probably be hosting this even in 2009 or 2010, and that this will be a great opportunity for Kentucky to showcase ourselves, and will most likely partner with Pony Club and Breed Associations, etc. to host this event. She stated they usually hold pre-conference tours, so we will most likely include the Horse Park, some horse farms, as well as Rood & Riddle or Hagyard, among other places. Again, she stated that this event is open to anyone who wants to attend. Kristen will attempt to find ways to pay for anyone who is interested in this. William Robertson stated he attended this event in Florida and said it was a great experience.

Kristen stated that due to the earlier State Horse Show date, registrations for that event will need to be in by June 13, 2008 or preferably one week after the completion of the District Shows.

Kristen and Fernanda then discussed the new cross-county line policy. As it stands currently, you may participate in the county where you live or the county where you attend school. They reiterated the procedures to follow. This will affect Horse Contest, Drill Teams, etc. Their interpretation is that each team has to have a "home county". There were questions about what to do regarding drill teams. Kristen stated that any rules we have will be specifically changed to align with the State-mandated rules.

The Board then adjourned for lunch, which was not quite as good – just pizza ☺.

After lunch, the Board reconvened to address the District Recommendations, which are addressed in another ten-page document.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. EST, with the location to be announced. It was announced that the State Horse Contest will be June 10 and 11, 2008 in Lexington, and the State Horse Show will be June 29 through July 5, 2008 in Louisville. A Motion was then made by Nancy Gibson, seconded by Faith Blair to adjourn. There being no further discussion, the Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Smith, Secretary