Horse Advisory Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2010

Michele Bundy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Corrections to the minutes:** Correction regarding Pre Fair already noted on 2-10-10 minutes.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes to HA from Mt. Hood Equestrian Team

**New Faces:** Welcome to Melinda Hicks, Mt. Hood Equestrian Team, and Kimberly Patterson, Dream Catcher.

**Guests:** Darby O’ Hearn with Divine Equine reminding clubs that we will be painting portions of the Ely Arena on May 22 and 23. On March 11 there will be a meeting with the Fair Board regarding this project. You can get more information about the painting project at info @ the judsons.com. United We Gallop and some non-horse clubs are helping so far. If you have any painting supplies or expertise, please let Darby know.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Treasurer** – Glendel – Current Balance - $31,706. For more information see handout.

- **Pre-Fair** – Janice – Pre-Fair will be held on April 17 and 18. Jr. and Sr. will participate on Saturday, 3/17 and Intermediates will participate on Sunday, April 18. April 1 Pre-Fair entries due. Leaders or parents must hand deliver paperwork to meeting at the Fairgrounds. Meeting will be held in the 4-H Building and will begin at 7:00pm. One check for whole club. **Still need volunteers.**

- **Dad Potter** – Trials will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 24. If you have any questions, call George Campbell. No calls so far.

- **Dressage** – Karen – Tentatively, Kathy Casey will be the judge for Dressage for Fair.

- **Gaming** – Pre Fair is June 12 and Fair is July 16. Sharon Zucker is the judge for both.

- **Volunteers** – Karen Haring – Do we want to give out t-shirts again to volunteers? **Motion:** Gerry made the motion that we order more of the same color shirts. **Second:** Connie seconded the motion. Motion passed. We need more volunteers for the tack sale.

- **Tack Sale** – Glendel –All 245 spaces have been filled for 2 weeks. 18 Sheriff’s Posse members have signed up to help, 8 on horses.
  1) There are to be no vehicles inside sale area after 8:00 am. 2) There are to be no fuel containers/camping equipment, etc. inside the fence. 3) Cars will be will be towed if left inside the fence. Move in begins at 6:00 am. Still working on getting an ATM machine.

- **Public Speaking** – Jaime – 1 team and 3 individuals are going to state this year.
• **Springfest** – Gerry - Belt Buckles have been ordered. There is an ad in NW Rider. The judge is Sharon Zucker. Union Mills Feed is a Sponsor. Double H, Burns Feed, Bentley Feed, and Columbia Equine have made donations. The Flyer is on the Mt. Hood Website, MHEEC.com. Volunteers are needed.

• **Back to Basics** – Denise – Everything went really well. There were 60 kids for Basics and 45 for Trail. The volunteers did great!

• **Junior Horse advisory** – Carla – Planning is in the works for fair. There will possibly be carnival games during the BBQ. The group would like new t-shirts. Idea will be presented later.

• **Spring Horse Classic** – Polly/Carol – We have 18 kids representing Clackamas County at state this year.

• **Horse Development** – Wendy – The state committee meets on Saturday, 3/13/10. Input for the committee from our county includes, 1) single twisted wire snaffle question, 2) spurs need more definition in the contest guide, and 3) crop rule change for juniors.

Agent Report – The Extension is moving forward with hiring a 2nd Agent. The position will be similar to Wendy’s position. Activate Youth Summit AKA Know Your Government Summit will be held on March 28-30. Sustainability Summit at the World Forestry Center will be held on April 23-24. It is free. Junior Fair Superintendent applications are due on April 1.

Fair mailing coming soon. At the Fair management Meeting it was decided that the amount they will pay judges will be down $2,400-2,500. Advisory will get a check then cover whatever amount is left.

**Old Business**

• **Hay Fund** – Michele - The Hay fund is up and running. Applications have come in. The hay fund was used to assist one family to keep their horse project. Thanks to Connie at Union Mills for supporting the fund by supplying hay to the hay fund at a reduced cost. Wild at Heart donated $500, Instride donated $400, and Mane Street Riders donated $50 to the fund. Contact Michele Bundy if you or your club would like to make a donation to the Hay Fund. Official application forms are available. All requests and information is confidential. Michele is going to the 4-H Spring Conference to present the Hay Fund.

• **May 15** - It was decided that short mini clinics will be held to include not only instruction on working with horses, but to help parents and members to understand the educational component of Horse 4-H. 4-H members. Parents, and leaders will rotate through stations. Stations will include topics such as Showmanship, Grooming, Ground Training, I Did It Myself, Dad Potter, Triple Crown, Record Books, Horse Bowl, Presentations and Public Speaking, Horse Judging/Hippology, Review of changes in New Contest Guide and New Manuals. Cindy Carlson will coordinate the mini clinics. Committees who want a table please contact Cindy. We are looking for Senior members to do Showmanship, English and Western demos.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Bridges, Secretary