Horse Advisory September 9, 2010

Meeting Started @ 7:04

Announcement (Michele) – Introduction to the latest addition to the Carlson Family. He was born immediately following fair (day after?). He was a perfect little guest during the meeting and Mom and Grandparents sure looked proud.

Treasurers Report (Glendell) – Glendell reported that there were several bad checks this year that H.A. absorbed out of the treasury the fees were in the range of a few hundred dollars. Michele will follow up and see if she can help to re-coup some of the monies.

Correspondence (Wendy) – There was no new correspondence...we will cover the fair comments during the second half of the meeting.

Fair Superintendent (Janice) – Fair was fun and exhausting. She was regretful about the last minute decision to change the location from the rodeo arena to Ely for the gamers. The footing was found to be too unsafe. State Fair was a big success with the county taking 12 medallions.

Outriders (Tom) – Expressed thanks to the outriders during fair keeping everyone safe. Overall parking was good and the configuration seemed to work well. He did express concern with the Maple Street gate. The problem with the gate had been brought to the fair grounds last year but the problems with the gate falling continued.

There was much discussion about the gate and what repairs were needed. It was agreed that ideally we should change to the other exit gate next year (north side?). This would solve a few problems such as traffic through the camp grounds plus reduce noise and dust in camp. This option will be pursued for next year.

Dad Potter (George) – Lauren James reached step 3.

Western Gaming (Becky) – All went well despite the change in venue. Two girls came off their horse but they were ok. The radio frequency could be improved, they kept picking up police dispatch. There was discussion about how stationing Emergency Services for fair and Springfest in the future. That seems to be an option.

Discussion about the footing in the rodeo arena. It was rocky during performance warm up and too worked up for gaming. According to Tom/Janice the fair grounds did start working the ground prior to fair but perhaps not long enough. It was in very bad condition prior. George suggested that we get a quote for repairing the footing in preparation for next year. All agreed that would be worthwhile.

Volunteers (Karen) – not in attendance.

Tack Sale (Cindy) – On track for the 3rd Saturday in October. There is a new site for vendors to
down load the booth form. It is http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas/tacksale.

No longer will forms be mailed unless requested by contacting Glendel at 503-266-5080 or Cindy at 503-580-1214.

Amy Judson will look into ATM availability and placement for this year’s sale. She will follow up with Wendy and Glendel prior to procuring. It was recommended that if we have an ATM there should be signage. Carla thought JHA could help with this.

**Back to Basics (Denise)** – scheduled 2/12. Planning to add Hippology and Jennifer Hitchcock has offered to organize. Looking at dates of either 11/20 or 12/4. Denise will report back. Krista has agreed to continue to coordinate Horse Judging with Michele.

**JHA (Carla)** – Meets monthly the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. The first meeting is 10/6 at the Extension Office. The meeting are only an hour. The kids make decisions about fair. This is how they contribute to making fair fun.

**Public Speaking (Jamie)** – Scheduled 1/22, same day as Horse Bowl.

**H.A.Y. Fund (Michele)** – Sunset Riders disbanded and donated their funds of $1200 to the HAY Fund. Other clubs and individuals have made donations of recent. The fund had helped a family recently by supplying and putting up 3 tons of hay. Union Mills has donated grain. The gifts are confidential and people should not feel uncomfortable about the process.

Michele and Wendy have reached out to other counties and other states to grow the program. It has been well received.

**Agent Reports (Wendy)**

Western Region 4H Forum will be on an Alaskan Cruise/Holland America the month of May. The cruise is $750 + $100 for the conference. Wendy will have details forthcoming. She is planning on attending. There are tax benefits...speak to your tax advisor if you want to know more.

Scholarships are $2,000/1 and $500/2. There is an application process. Awards are based on charity and improvements. Other programs are being considered to promote and award kids that are doing good in the community and 4h.

Leader forms are due. This year going to one form per club. This should help to reduce confusion in the office and fees.

Ambassador club is looking for participants. Meets monthly on the second Sunday at 2:00 at the Extension Office.

Extension Office Jobs have all been filled.

Next meeting voting on new officers nominations include:
• Chair: Michele
• Vice Chair: Rennie and Lynne
• Treasurer: Grendel
• Superintendent: Janice
• Assistance Supers: Cindy, Shirley and Angela
• Secretary: Joy

Reviewed and discussion of fair comments. Meeting concluded at 9:05