

MARION COUNTY HORSE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
April 1, 2008

THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE LEADER SHOW ENTRY FORM AND RELATED COSTS TO THE SHOW, COUNTY FAIR AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

Committee Members attending: Linda Bentz, Terrie Potter, Carolyn Jones, Linda Easton, Bonnie Beach, Eleni Boston, and Cyndi Smith.

Extension Staff: Robin Paulissen and Pamela Olsen

Leaders Eligible to Vote: Patricia Combest – Willamette River Riders

Others Attending: Susan Studebaker – Willamette River Riders

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm.

Leader Show

Cyndi announced that a new anonymous donor has stepped forward and covered any additional costs related to allowing a move into the stalls on Friday night. This enables the Committee to offer the stalls to everyone at a cost of \$25. The Fairgrounds is requiring that everyone be out by Saturday evening so any stall cleaning must be done that night. The issue of stall cleaning was discussed and Carolyn Jones is going to contact OHSET to see if they want to do it as a fundraiser. This will determine how the cleaning will be addressed at the show.

Cyndi requested that the Extension staff contact the original donor to see if this person is still willing to donate the \$500 since the Friday night stalls are no longer an issue. The money could still be put to good use in the program.

Use of the arena on Friday was discussed as the use of it is not addressed specifically in the estimate that was provided. Since we are allowed to have the arena dragged three times it was decided to allow the arena to be used and to use one of the scheduled drags to accommodate this. The arena will be then be dragged before the Showmanship class during the show.

Cyndi collected the surveys that were available and Pat Combest tabulated them. The consensus of the surveys was to maintain the show/format process, but to consider other locations in the future. The results are available with these minutes.

It was decided that entry fee payments will be deposited as they are received and that refund checks will be issued after the show as necessary.

Classes were discussed and it was noted that all classes with patterns and equitation classes will be identified on the show form. The bareback class was discussed and with a vote it was decided to include this class in the show.

Shavings were again addressed and at this time there is no change from the previous information: one show ahead of the Leader Show is donating and Christine Rasmussen has been unable to get in contact with the other show holder. The fairgrounds will hold any shaving donations for our use. It was discussed about having a sign posted limiting the number of wheelbarrow loads that will be allowed and also to have a monitor at the shavings pile. In the past some people have used many more loads than necessary for their stalls.

Cyndi will contact Agri-Plas to be sure that collection sites will be available for the collection of plastics to recycle.

All Leader Meeting/Next MCHDC Meeting

The All Leader meeting is scheduled for April 24th and having the monthly Committee meeting after the All Leader meeting was discussed. The All Leader meeting usually has more leaders attending than the regular MCHDC meeting. It was decided to have a small break-out meeting and to still have the scheduled April 28th MCHDC meeting. There will be questions at both meetings that will need to be addressed.

Hardship Form

The hardship form need to be revised, Cyndi has a form (that she will provide) with suggestions for the revisions.

Tips for County Fair

It was decided to send this information with these minutes so that any questions can be addressed either at the All Leader meeting or the scheduled meeting on the 28th.

LuAnne Long-Vietzke Memorial Grant

Bonnie reminded the Committee that this needs to be addressed as soon as possible. This was not done timely last year either (my records show that the due date was extended to June 1st). Information about the grant is included with these minutes and on the 4-H web site.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bentz
Committee Secretary