Committee Members attending: Linda Bentz; Linda Easton-Warner; Amanda Ward; Bob Brown; Patricia J Combest; Bonnie Beach; Susan Studebaker; Carolyn Jones

Extension Staff: Melanie Mintken

Club Representatives attending: Sydney Massingale – Promise Riders; Gracie Lorimor – Saddle Slappers; Ashley Bishop – Silvertails 4-H Club; Courtney Mead – Misty Mountain Riders.

Leaders Eligible to Vote: Brooke Stice – Desperado’s; Cori Goughnour – Saddle Slappers; Jim Warner – Lucky Steps; Kathy Mead – Misty Mountain Riders; Jessica Wheeler – Equine Essence

Others Attending: Lindsay Harrison – Let’er Buck; Alyssa Lorimor – Saddle Slappers; Wendy Lorimor – Saddle Slappers; Katelyn Leasia – Saddle Slappers; Emily Trommlitz – Saddle Slappers; Sarah Larson – Silvertails 4-H Club; Kandice Barza – Desperado’s; Ally Mead – Misty Mountain Riders.

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Adjournment Time: The adjournment time was set for 8:30pm.

Pledges: Gracie Lorimor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Sydney Massingale led the 4-H Pledge.

July Minutes: Bonnie Beach made a motion to accept the minutes as issued. Susan Studebaker seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

Treasurer’s Report: After it was reported at the previous meeting that the treasury contained a balance of $286.66 and that there were two judges who had not been paid Bonnie reported that a donation was received and the judges were paid. The treasury now contains a balance of $26.66 and there is $985.65 outstanding to Eleni Boston who paid for some awards from her own funds. There is also a bill that will be coming for $200 for the liability insurance for the October 3rd Leader’s Show.

Old Business:
- The Leader’s Show has been rescheduled for October 3rd, the entry form can be found online in the upcoming events section. Julie Singer had a prior commitment and will be unable to judge the show. It was decided to contact Tabitha Bielemeier about...
judging the show. Please participate in this event as it is the fund raiser for the awards and other related costs at the county fair.

- Club attendance at HDC meetings. In the future there must be a club representative from every club present at 50% of the HDC meetings held during the year. The attendance is not optional, it is mandatory. There are only 11 meetings a year so the requirement is only for 6 meetings and these meetings can be attended by parents, club representatives, older youth and/or leaders. It can be a different person at each meeting, there is no requirement for the meetings to be attended by the same individual. Clubs who do not meet this requirement will be marked inactive and members will not be eligible for participation at the Marion County Fair. This is important as information related to the Horse project is presented at every meeting.

- This is a county event and by a 4-H member leading one of the pledges it can be entered into the records under the leadership section.

- If the attendance at the meetings warrant it Linda Easton-Warner said that she will again obtain speakers for each meeting promising to hold the business portion of the meeting to a half hour.

- Kathy Mead spoke in favor of that giving as an example a camping trip that she went on where they had a horse colic. She said that if Carolyn Jones had not been on the trip they would have been in a world of hurt. With Carolyn’s guidance they managed to purchase a turkey baster and mineral oil and treated the horse. This resulted in the horse recovering which was much appreciated.

**Clinics:** The Saddle Club is changing the Saturday of the month that the use of their arena is donated to 4-H. Instead of being the 2nd Saturday of each month it will change to the 1st Saturday of the month. At the present it is unknown if the October clinic is going to be the 3rd or the 10th, the 3rd conflicts with the Leader’s Show.

Melanie questioned if the order of the clinics is appropriate using driving as an example. The Driving clinic is in December where the weather can be a problem especially when the carts also have to be transported. Susan Studebaker mentioned that January and February clinics can be affected by the weather also. Pre-registering for the clinics was also discussed.

The cost of paying for the clinician was addressed and Bonnie said that the clubs hosting the clinics paid all but two of the clinicians. Charging for the clinics is not an option because of the Saddle Club being non-profit and donating the use of the arena to 4-H. The non-profit status is also why the host clubs cannot “sell” refreshment items and requires that they be donation only. An additional cost in March is that the cows are extra for the Ranch Horse clinic. The total cost this year for the cows for the clinic and the fair was $500.

New leaders need to be made aware of the clinics and what is taught there. It has been a misconception of leaders that clinics charge the riders a fee. The clinics have always been free. Linda E-W said that maybe less should be spent on awards and more on the clinics.

It was suggested that more clubs band together to host a clinic as it is difficult for smaller clubs to be the host club at clinics. Some clubs have funds to pay the clinician and some don’t have the funds. If three clubs joined to host a clinic and opted to pay the fee it would then mean that each club would only have to pay $25 toward the clinician. It was also
discussed about finding sponsors for the clinics to cover the clinician. A consequence for not hosting a clinic was also discussed. The same clubs host the same clinic year after year and with a maximum of 11 clinics a year and somewhere around 30 clubs this is participation really out of balance.

Advertising the content of the clinic was suggested and Melanie said that OSU has skill videos that would show what is going to be worked on at the clinic.

Melanie brought out the fact that within the 4-H program there are many talented and experienced leaders and parents who are well qualified to be the clinician at various clinics. Looking within the program for the clinicians is an option. It was brought out that having judges doing the clinics teach the members that they are not scary people when they see them at a show. They remember the same judge helping and teaching them at a clinic. The judges having already seen the novices was also perceived as an advantage for the member.

Please contact Melanie or Linda E-W so that a pool of experienced parents/leaders can be developed to be contacted concerning serving as a clinician for the monthly clinics.

The current clinic schedule is:
- September – Horse judging preparation
- October - Showmanship
- November – Western Equitation
- December – Driving
- January – Dressage
- February – Hunt Seat
- March – Ranch Horse
- April – Trail
- May – Gymkhana in the morning
- May – Jumping in the afternoon
- June – Ground Training and Showmanship

It is requested that this schedule be taken to each club and suggestions be made. A survey will be sent out concerning this.

One of the audience members shared that Yamhill County 4-H holds an all-day Ranch Horse Clinic with a cost of $75, the information is on their website. Contacting them about attending and sharing cow costs etc. was discussed.

Moving Driving from December to later in the 4-H year was suggested because in December a lot of 4-H members have not yet decided whether they wanted to enter driving classes or not. This would enable the drivers to get the required certificates without the necessity of finding a qualified instructor and making special arrangements for the certification.

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

**Record Books:** Record books are due in the Extension office by September 30th. They must be updated through the end of the 4-H year of September 30th. The records can be turned in at the All Leaders meeting on the 21st. Melanie brought out that the Horse Program
members who submit their records for County consideration have an advantage because other programs do not have the requirement to submit as complete records as Horse. There are many other awards that are given at Awards Night. There are county medals above and beyond the project area – covers, story, and community service (individual) as an example.

**Awards Night:** Awards night will be the first Thursday in November, November 5th.

**Nominations Needed:**
- Horse Development Committee – need 4 members. The terms for Linda Bentz, Patricia Combist, Susan Studebaker, and youth member Arielle Brown end September 30th. Nominations are needed to fill these vacancies. The youth position has a term limit of 1 year (age 15 – 19) the other positions are for 3 years. The nomination form can be found on the extension website at: [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/horse-0](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/horse-0)
- Horse Leader of the Year
- Business Partnership Award
- Spirit of 4-H Award
- 4-H Alumni Award
- Club Community Service Award

The forms needed to nominate/apply for any of the above can be found on the website at [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/awards-and-recognition](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/awards-and-recognition). This website page also contains the forms needed to submit the record books for county consideration, the forms related to the record books can also be found in the back of the Setting the Records Straight.

**Please note:** If not enough nominations are received to fill the HDC vacancies then these vacant positions will be filled by the Agent (Melanie) and the HDC Chair (Linda Easton-Warner)

**Horse Judging:** The practice for the Regional Horse Judging competition will be held twice a month. The first practices have already been held and there were 6 intermediates and 2 seniors attending, all ages are also welcome to come to learn and practice the entire event items involved in the judging contest. The practices are held at Linda E-W’s facility because of the availability horse to use in practice judging. The next practice is September 10th at 6:30pm; the second practice is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday September 23rd either at Linda’s facility or the Extension office at 6:30pm.

**April 2016 Spring Horse Classic:** Marion County will be hosting the Spring Horse Classic and will need many volunteers to support this competition. The host county is responsible for finding locations for the knowledge portion (Hippology and Horse Bowl) of the competition, an arena for the horse judging portion, location and caterers for the Awards Banquet. There are also individual and two member team competitions in Presentation and Public Speaking. Many volunteers are needed to support this event; the counties attending the competition also provide volunteers.

**AgFest Breakfast:** The Leader’s Council is going to stop doing the breakfast fundraiser at AgFest. This event then comes available for some other group/program area to step in and use it as a fund raiser.
Leader Show odds and ends: The Salem Saddle Club has offered their facility for the Leader Show in the future, they will need early notification. Melanie will check what the fairground is going to be doing about this type of event. It was noted that many riders come when it is held at the Stadium to get their horses accustomed to that particular arena. Amanda Ward volunteered again to head up this show and suggests March as the month to hold the show. Linda E-W will get the dates from the SSC with the criteria that it is not held during Spring Break.

Buckaroo Ball: This event is being held the evening of October 3rd and is a 21 and over event. The tickets are $95 each and since it is a fundraiser for several non-profits it needs to be indicated when purchasing your tickets that they are for 4-H. The funds then come to 4-H as a whole and will be budgeted by the Leader’s Council. Melanie said that the location will be the “old Salem Equipment Shed” on Hawthorne St between Market and D Streets. Help is needed in setting up the various auction items (making them look good) on Friday October 2nd and hauling out the sawdust on Sunday October 4th. The website is thebuckarooball.org.

Proposals for Change: The committee will be reviewing any Proposals for Change that are received by the September meeting and published with the voting to be done at the October 26th meeting. The forms are available on the website (same address as listed earlier). Just remember the change that you want addressed must be a policy change and not a procedural change; i.e. a change in the time/location for an event is a procedural change a change to the hardship rules would be a policy change.

Horse Judges Training: The annual training for 4-H Horse Judges will be held in Albany on September 24th – September 27th. The cost is from $200 to $250 determined by what is selected.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Amanda Ward to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bentz
Committee Secretary
9/2/15