Committee Members attending: Linda Easton-Warner, Amanda Ward, Laurie Swain, Arielle Brown, Bob Brown, Bonnie Beach, Carolyn Jones, Patricia J. Combest, and Linda Bentz

Extension Staff attending: Melanie Mintken

Club Representatives: Courtney Mead – Misty Mountain Riders and Kristen Stoddard – Horsin’ Around

Leaders Eligible to Vote: Kathy Mead – Misty Mountain Riders and Jim Warner – Lucky Steps

Others attending: Misty Stoddard – Horsin’ Around; Melissa Pfleiger – Promise Riders; Carol Cleveland

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

Adjournment Time: The adjournment time was set for 8:45pm.

Pledges: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Courtney Mead and Kristen Stoddard led the 4-H Pledge.

February Minutes: Laurie Swain made a motion that the minutes be accepted as issued. Amanda Ward seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Bonnie Beach reported that there was a $50 donation towards the cows at the Ranch Horse clinic. The clinician was paid $75 and Bonnie issued a check in the amount of $300 for the cows which contained a $100 overpayment. Bonnie was going to contact him and explain that she had issued a check incorrectly but instead of asking for a refund she was just going to consider it a down payment for the cows for county fair. Taking everything into consideration the balance in the account is $358.22.

Clinics: The Ranch Horse Clinic had 25 members sign in and Carolyn was not sure that everyone signed in. Molly from Blue Star Buckaroos stepped into to work with the roping and this was much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: Misty Mountain Riders AGAIN did everything for this clinic because no other club stepped up to volunteer to host this club.

April Clinic: The April 11th clinic is the Trail Clinic with Horsin’ Around as the host club. Accomplished riders are from 8am to 9am; Advanced Riders are from 9am to 10am; Beginning riders are from 10am – 11am; Novice riders are from 11am to 12am with no exceptions.

May Clinics: The May 9th clinics are being held as follows:

- Gymkhana – 8am to 12pm at the Salem Saddle Club, Pat Combest Clinician and Silver Tails and Willamette River Riders as the host clubs.
PLEASE NOTE: If you want to do gaming at the county fair event and have not attended this clinic in the past THIS IS A REQUIRED CLINIC. Without this clinic you will not be allowed to enter the gaming events. Horses may be brought but they are not required. All attending this clinic must arrive at 8am and remain until the clinic is over to receive their certificate which is to be included in their horse records.

- Jumping – 1:30pm with no specific end time, Linda Easton is the clinician and the riders will be taken as they come with riders grouped according to their abilities if necessary. The clinic is located at Linda’s facility on Wallace Rd NW.
- Ranch Horse Trail – is consists of obstacles that will be available for riders to practice riding, there is no clinician for the trail. This will only be available if the weather permits.
- There will be no food available at Linda's facility so all are encouraged to eat before coming or to bring food with them.

Horse Show: Amanda Ward has been working hard on this and has secured a location and date. The location is at Para Hevea, 9936 S Schneider Road, Molalla and the date is May 30th. The facility’s total cost is $400 with a $100 deposit. The judge will be Julie Singer and she will be paid $250 with mileage. The show will start at 8am and must be done by 4 – 4:30pm as another event is booked after that time. Amanda reported that she may have a sponsor for the show. The amount is $1,500 and would be used for the expenses associated with holding the show. If our application is approved that would mean that every dollar raised at the show would go directly for county fair awards. Making this a silver buckle show was also discussed which would create a larger appeal to more riders from a larger area. Ribbons would be a crazy ribbon show with nice ones purchased the High Point and Reserve High Point. Fhantasy Fhamtoms will provide treats for 1st place. A food truck will be available from which to purchase food. There will be 14 stalls available but haul-in is no problem, there is plenty of room. We need to acquire insurance and Bonnie will handle that. Amanda is going to add “no dogs and no alcohol” to the entry form.

County Fair Gymkhana: The date for this competition is June 28th at the Salem Saddle Club. Both the regular Gymkhana and the Gaming for Fun will be run at the same time. Laurie Swain will handle everything at the Saddle Club. The entries for the Gymkhana classes will be done on the County Fair Entry form the same as it has been done in the past, only the event will be held differently. The member meeting will be held at 8am with Gaming Showmanship to start at 8:30am and will be followed by the events. The judge is Tabitha Bielemeier.

County Fair Back Numbers: If you want to have the same back number as long as you are showing in horse at the Marion County Fair you are able to purchase any available number you would like. This number will then be yours for as long as you are in 4-H. The numbers cost $25; please contact Margi at 503-373-3767 to make arrangements.

Fair Schedule: Linda Easton-Warner voiced her concerns concerning the fair schedule that was adopted at the last HDC meeting. She was of the opinion that having English Equitation and Hunt Seat Over Fences on Saturday with all of the commotion of the rodeo next door and the traffic and cars on the back side of the arena would create a
dangerous environment for the 4-H members showing in their events. She felt that the kids would be safer on the ground rather than on the horses if unexpected noises occurred. Having the Ranch Horse classes all on Sunday and not spread out over the other days of the fair would enable all of the other classes to run smoothly. Carolyn brought up that the judges already had their contracts giving the dates and times when they were to be at the fair. This would also enable the people setting up the Ranch Horse Trail course time to set the course up safely. This course will be in the uncovered outdoor arena and make the arena work for warmup. A request will be made to the judge for a non-complicated pattern for Working Ranch Horse.

After much discussion a Bob Brown made a motion to vote on Option 1: Having Ranch Horse spread out over the fair and Showmanship on Thursday with English Equitation on Saturday or Option 2: Ranch Horse classes to be on Sunday (except for the Skills Test) with English Equitation on Thursday and Showmanship on Saturday. A vote was taken and Option 2 was selected.

The affected judges will be contacted concerning the new schedule and the appropriate adjustments will be made.

Take down on Sunday: Again it was noted that the stall decorations are not to be removed until 5pm on Sunday. The gates WILL NOT BE OPENED until the fair staff deems it safe to let the trucks and trailers on the grounds which will be after 6pm.

Attendance at HDC meetings:
After discussion concerning the lack of attendance at the Horse Development Committee meetings a motion was made to require a representative from each club to attend each meeting. If the club does not have a representative at 50% of the HDC meetings the club would not be allowed to show at the county fair. Each club member would also be required to attend one meeting per year. Other than the club member attendance the representative can be a club parent or leader. It was stated that it should not be too hard to find a ride to a meeting. It was noted that other counties have these type of requirements.

It was voted to have 50% attendance with next year as an effective date.

MISCELLANEOUS OF INTEREST:
Melanie reported that the Fair Board is going to “sub-let” the LB Day Amphitheater on Sunday starting at 10am for a music festival. The outdoor vendors and carnival will stay open into the evening even though the County Fair itself has ended. The livestock areas will be blocked off to prevent the music show attendees from accessing those areas after 6:00pm for move out.

Melanie also reported that she put a posting on the Go Fund Me site on the Internet to solicit donations to the 4-H program.

Clinics: Clubs have not been volunteering to host the clinics and it is always the same clubs doing the hosting. Hosting a clinic is very painless and small clubs can band together. It is not fair that Misty Mountain Riders ends up doing the hosting because of
this. It was discussed to tie clinic hosting to volunteering at the fair, possibly adding more volunteer hours if the club has not hosted a clinic.

Jim Warner stated that in his observation clinics attended make for a better county fair experience. It was noted that some parents do not have trailers and have to rely on catching a ride or paying for a ride to an event. Jim also said that he thought that club leaders don’t understand the value of the clinics. This is a good experience for the kid and the horse to take the horse to different locations to experience different situations.

**Adjournment:** Amanda made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bentz
Committee Secretary
4/3/15