Horse Leader meeting  
March 11, 2009

Leaders present: Pam Hokkia, Sandy Henry, Carrie Hoffnagle, Traci Hoadley, Courtney Skeen, and Darin Larvick.

Staff present: Carol Smith

Courtney read the minutes from the February 11, 2009 meeting.

**Spring Horse Play Day Update:** There is a conflict May 16 between the Mavericks Schooling show and the Play Day. So the new tentative date for the spring horse play day is May 30, 2009 at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show grounds in Union, Oregon.

**Dressage Manual Revisions:** leaders present were given the revisions page at the meeting. To request your new revision sheet please come to or call the 4-H office.

**Grooming Contest guidelines:** the horse association reviewed the document presented. A final copy of the guidelines will be presented at the April 8th meeting for voting.

**Horse Judging Team guidelines:** leaders present discussed having guidelines for the Union Spring horse classic teams. The goal is to allow more members to compete at the Spring Horse Classics (SHC).

- Guidelines needed for the Union County spring horse classics teams include the judging, hippology, public speaking, presentation, and horse bowl events.
- It was also discussed that we need to advertise more about the horse opportunities at spring horse classics. And that the horse judging portion and hippology portions need to be scored separately so that it is easier to know who qualified on each possible team. The leaders present also discussed having county fair as the qualifier to who is eligible to be on the teams. But it was also understood that some members would possibly not make it to county fair and therefore would not be eligible for the SHC competition. Currently, the average score of the 2 contests (EOLS and UCF) are weighted so each is the same amounts of credits. So the leaders decided to see what other counties are doing to choose their competitors. Traci and Courtney said they would write a draft of the county’s guidelines to be discussed at the April 8th meeting.

- An opportunity list needs to be made for each project for the members every year.
- UCF and EOLS need guidelines as to what needs to be put in each hippology contest so that each opportunity is equal to the other.
**Junior members with colt training projects:** there is no rule against juniors having colt training projects. But novice members cannot.

**Resources and materials:** a question was asked if there was a set list of items available to be checked out.

   Also do we have money for the current budget to purchase new resource materials?

**State Horse advisory committee meeting minutes:** minutes were handed out from the state horse advisory committee to leaders present.

**Older horse needed:** there is an older horse needed. They are a family with children who have dwarfism in Hermiston and are looking for the baby sitter type horse. (walk/trot) if you know of a good gentle, broke, older horse in need of a good home please contact Sandy Henry for more details.

The next meeting is April 8th 2009, at the extension office conference room at 6:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Courtney Skeen.