

Horse Leaders Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2006

There were seven leaders present at the horse leaders meeting on November 16, 2006.

Topics Discussed:

Discount Cards

Equipment safety with Elgin Boot and Saddlery

New Leaders Meeting

Project Identification

Colt Training

Horse Project Book/Contest Guide

State Horse Development Committee

Possession Dates and Rules pertaining

List of Lease Items and Horses for 4-H kids

Club Money Rules

Elgin Boot and Saddlery would like to do a once through on all tack, with a potluck dinner, and discuss Tack safety for the Horse 4-H.

Various businesses across Union County give a special discount to 4-H members. Most have their own system, such as PGG has the Circle of Winners, and D & B Give out their own discount cards to leaders to distribute to their members. We discussed putting together a list of all stores that give discounts and the way in which to go about getting them.

The "New Leaders Training" will be in December. Date TBA.

We further discussed the Project Identification for clubs and with a lot of discussion of both pros and cons to the idea, we decided that it will be a club leaders decision to implement it into their club. It will be approached as more of a record keeping skill and will be approached in a positive manner. We discussed having it be a "Before and After" of the horses to help the kids see the progress made throughout the year. We also discussed having it put on stalls as a decoration or possibly having them posted around the show grounds as an achievement. No vote was taken as this is optional to leaders. They are not required to do this.

Jaci will be putting on a 2 possibly 3 day Colt Training clinic in late June. If interested in learning more about it, contact Jaci at 786-3218.

We talked about possibly spending part of our meeting times going over the project guide books with Carole.

The State Horse Development Committee is accepting applications. There will be five openings. If you or any leader would like to apply, the application for is on the website (check "Horse" on the Animal Science application). Applications must be in the state office by December 15, 2006. If you have questions call Carole for more information.

We talked about the horse lease/possession dates, laws and rules. There are many grey areas, but

if you have to use a horse other than your own, deadlines are: Stock Show - April 1st ; Fair - May 1st. If you are unsure of the rules, call the extension office.

The leaders are trying to put together a lease list for horses, tack, equipment, show clothing, boots etc... If you have something to lease out (such as a saddle, horse, bridle etc...) We will add it to our list and if someone is interested in leasing "it" they will contact you directly.

Just a reminder: ANYTHING bought with club money that was fundraised with the name of 4-H, is property of the club and if the club disbands, then it is property of the extension. The items are not to be given out to club members. If you have questions about this rule please contact the extension office at 963-1010.

Next Horse Leaders Meeting: December 14th, 2006 6:30 pm.