

9.27.17 Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Elroy Leonard at 6:36 pm MST.

Attendees: State: Jim Wilson; District I: Gail Silkwood, and Bobbi Flowers; District II: Carrie Johnson, Dixie Christensen, and Gail Duke; District III: Cindy Kinder; District IV: Lorie Dye, Sue Walker, Tamara Butterfield, Hayley Wilson (youth), Rebecca Wilson, and Kelley Chaffee.

Minutes: 3.8.17 (Spring) minutes were reviewed. Bobbi Flowers moved and Dixie Christensen seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was given by Dixie Christensen. Beginning balance, as of March 8, 2017 was \$5,823.67. We received \$0.30 in interest. Check #457 to Aiyana Price for \$65 was voided. Check had not been cashed from 8.31.16. Appaloosa Horse Club made a donation of \$2,900 on 5.5.17. Total income was \$2,965.30. Expenses were \$3,000 (two checks to American Youth Horse Council – purchased 46 copies of the Horse Industry Handbook for counties, tribal's, and state office; annual membership dues). Ending balance was \$5,788.97. Bobbi Flowers moved and Tamara Butterfield seconded to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

American Youth Horse Council memberships – State membership entitles the State to receive 10 memberships. Memberships are given to the districts' volunteer representatives and extension staff.

Annual audit: Audit planned for mid to late October (waiting bank statement).

District Reports: None received. Districts are to provide written reports in advance of the meeting.

Central District: submit report on September 28, 2017.

Old Business:

State Horse Contests: Dixie Christensen stated "have not received any complaints." Contests ran smoothly.

Curriculum—

Member Manual – will use the PNW 578, 4-H Horse Project Manual for 2017 – 2018 4-H year. Manual to be used in lieu of the CCS books. If someone finds something better, Council will consider.

Skills Checklists – Six checklists – Driving, Trail, Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Working Ranch, General Equitation. Several counties are using the checklists.

- The checklists do not address basic knowledge that the youth need to know about horses.
- Jefferson County has modified the General Equitation checklist to apply to all disciplines and included basic knowledge (i.e., nutrition).
- Jefferson County has also developed a Western Riding checklist
- At the State Leaders Forum, Cindy Kinder, Sue Walker, and Dixie Christenson will meet and review the various checklists.
- Jim Wilson encouraged the Council to look for other checklists and share other ideas.

- Sue Walker stated Jefferson and Fremont Counties require the youth to include the checklists in their record books. The Districts will check to see if there are other counties that do the same. Overall, members felt this is a good idea.

Horse ID – Updated the Horse ID. Everyone liked the new form.

Lease Form – Everyone liked the new lease form. It can also be used to address “borrowed” horses. Cindy Kinder moved and Elroy Leonard seconded that the Lease be accepted as written. Motion approved.

Horse Smarts – Jim Wilson is trying to work a volume buy of Horse Smarts for the counties as well as find funding for the purchase. He has spoken to Danette McGuire about a possible volume buy.

- Leaders have expressed a desire for lesson plans that cover specific topics. Horse Smarts is laid out similar to lesson plans.
- If Horse Smarts can be obtained, transition to using it will occur in the 2018 – 2019 4-H year.

State 4-H Website: Jim Wilson provided all Council members with a copy of the proposed Website on September 7. The Council reviewed and discussed the Website.

- The Council members do not have a problem with their names being posted on the website as long as telephone numbers are not included. Potentially could include e-mail addresses.
- Recommended the Idaho Horsemanship Award list prior recipients of the award. Not sure anyone has a complete list of all recipients.
- Jim Wilson requested all recommendations be sent to him by October 15, 2017.
- The website is expected to be up by the end-of-calendar year.

Committee Membership Rotations: Some of the Districts have adjusted the rotation for their two representatives to have terms staggered in odd and even years.

- Term limitation rule – each term is limited to two years.
- No one District may have more than two Council officers at a time.
- Hayley Wilson is the youth representative for the Easter District. Jim asked the other Districts to provide the name of their youth representative by the end-of-the-calendar year.

Other: none

New Business:

State Horse Contest – Central District is hosting this year. Per Cindy Kinder, the District is looking at holding the contest at CSI. Dates have not been set. Anticipate it will be a Friday/Saturday.

Project Requirements – Revisions for next year (2018 – 2019)

- Consistency between horse and non-horse programs
- Assess materials from Ohio
- Skills Checklists need to provide opportunity for advancement while incorporating knowledge into the skills checklist.

Program priorities/vision: Jim Wilson asked “What is it or the types of things this group should do? Look at the bigger picture.” Ideas?

Officer Elections:

Secretary – Andrea Thompson. Bobbi Flowers moved that Andrea Thompson be unanimously elected; Dixie Christenson seconded the motion. Andrea Thompson elected Secretary.

Vice President – Gail Chambers. Bobbi Flowers moved that Gail Chambers be unanimously elected; Tamara Butterfield seconded the motion. Gail Chambers elected Vice President.

President – Bobbi Flowers. Tamara Butterfield moved that Bobbi Flowers be unanimously elected; Lorie Dye seconded the motion. Bobbi Flowers elected President.

Treasurer – Term is up in 2018. Dixie Christenson remains treasurer.

Volunteer Training for Horse Leaders – Cindy Kinder stated there is a need for horse leader education. Topics should be specific to the horse.

- Potential sources/formats
 - 3-Day Courses (webinars)
 - Idaho Equine Hospital Website will be posting education topics next month (i.e., colic, pigeon fever)
 - Other states (Utah and Arizona) have a program
 - Minnesota does weekly seminars
 - Purina Horse Owner Workshops and webinars

Other: none

Next meeting: Next meeting will be held Wednesday 3/7/18 at 5:30 pm Pacific time/6:30 pm Mountain time.

Adjournment: Jim Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gail Duke