

**Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council Minutes  
(March 6, 2018)**

**\*Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Bobbi Flowers at 6:33 pm MST.

**\*Attendees:** State: Jim Wilson; Northern District: Bobbi Flowers and Gail Silkwood; Southern District: Carrie Johnson, Dana Gillespie, Dixie Christensen, and Andrea Thompson; Central District: Cindy Kinder, Melissa Rice, and Tristan Hendricks (youth); Eastern District: Elroy Leonard, Gail Chambers, and Amanda Hickman

**\*Minutes:** Fall 2017 minutes were available prior to the meeting. Elroy moved and Dixie seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

**\*Correspondence:** None mentioned

**\*Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was given by Dixie Christensen. Beginning and ending balance was \$5,788.97. No bills were submitted. Dixie mentioned that our bank the Bank of the Cascades was taken over by First Interstate. Since then we have received no interest.

**\*Annual audit:** Audit went well with no problems.

**\*Budget:** No budget was prepared.

**\*Summary of income and expenses:** 4-H horse members used to pay an additional \$2 each. That money went to the I4-HYHC and the money was used for contests, ribbons, etc. That was discontinued last year; therefore, we have no income. Our expenses in the past have been the contests, ribbons, scholarships, and grants, but those were taken out of the budget last year since we have no income. Friends of 4-H gives scholarships to kids going to National 4-H Congress. Dr. Lindstrom will pay the entry fees for Eastern Nationals 4-H Roundup, but not for All American Quarter Horse Congress or other national contests. Our state contest entry fees cover the costs of the ribbons.

**\*District Reports:** See report from Southern District (District II).

**\*Old Business:**

**\*Committee Membership Rotations:** Jim will send info to each District to find out which members are serving one year terms, which members are serving two year terms, and which members will be rotating off.

**\*State Horse Contests:** Cindy Kinder reported that the 2018 state contests will be held in Twin Falls at the College of Southern Idaho. Horse Bowl, Horse Oral Presentations, and part of Hippology will be held on Friday 7/6 at the Shields Building. Horse Judging and Hippology judging will be held Saturday 7/7 at the Expo Center. She is finalizing the state contest booklet. Eastern District will host the 2019 State Horse contests.

**\*Curriculum:** Proposed curriculums and skills checklists from the fall meeting have been reviewed, but they are not ready for publication.

**\*4-H Reference Resource Grants:** Last year all counties and tribal programs received the Horse Industry Handbook in June. *(Each county's binder has the county name and the names of the donors. Thank you notes should have been written to the Idaho Horse Board and the Appaloosa Horse Club.)* This year Jim is getting grants to purchase each county the new AYHC's Horse Smarts which is replacing the Youth Horse Leader's Manual. The costs are \$5800. He's short \$2300, but he thinks he can get a few hundred from another source. If he orders them in the next week, they can be distributed to the counties the first week of April. Cindy Kinder moved and Gail Chambers seconded to have the I4-HYHC spend up to \$1800 to get the books purchased ASAP. Motion carried.

**\*State 4-H Horse Website:** They have been working on the state 4-H website for 21 months. Jim is hoping the horse website will be up and running by 5/1/18.

**\*Volunteer Training:** Jim asked for ideas for horse leaders' training and enrichment. Dixie stated all are invited to Southern District's annual horse leaders retreat in September in Cambridge. Cindy Kinder would like to start a horse leaders retreat in the Central District so she would like to receive Southern District's planning committee's agendas.

**\*American Youth Horse Council dues** of \$100 are due soon. Andrea moved and Dixie seconded to pay the dues. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**\*PNW Horse Judges Training** will be held October 11 – 14 in Redmond, Oregon.

**\*2019 American Youth Horse Council Symposium** will be held March 7 – 10, 2019 in the Moscow/Pullman area.

**\*Appoint Nominating Committee:** At the fall meeting we'll need to elect President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Andrea will serve as Secretary for another year. Bobbi will be the committee member from the Northern District, Andrea will be the committee member from the Southern District, Melissa Rice will be the committee member from the Central District, and Sue Walker will be the committee member from the Eastern District.

**\*Advancement of alternate teams from State to Nationals:** Andrea would like the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place horse contest senior teams to be able to advance from State to Nationals IF one of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams can't go and IF the teams meet the contest requirements. This year the 1<sup>st</sup> place Horse Bowl team couldn't attend nationals because two of the four members were going to college and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team had two junior members. Andrea took some of the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> place team as a Quarter Horse team to Quarter Horse Congress and they placed 10<sup>th</sup>. There are several reasons why teams might not be able to go to nationals: 1) costs, 2) losing a member of the team, 3) members of the team attending college, 4) members of the team being too young to go to Nationals. Andrea thinks teams with graduating seniors and teams with seniors and juniors should be allowed to participate at State, but it's not fair to the other teams to not be allowed to go to Nationals if the other teams can't go. The quality of even the 1<sup>st</sup> place Idaho teams is low compared to other states, so the quality of the teams should not be a concern. Andrea thinks the kids should be allowed the experience of attending a national contest as a 4-H team and that Idaho should be represented at these contests. The State is NOT paying any of the expenses of these teams other than entry fees to Eastern 4-H Nationals.

**\*Historical Racing money for youth programs:** Dixie stated that the Idaho Horse Council has \$143,000 that is to be given to youth programs over the next two years. This money was earned during the 8 months of Historical Racing which was discontinued because it was considered gambling. They hope to have the applications on the Idaho Horse Council website by 3/15/18. \$75,000 will be spent this year and the remainder will be spent next year.

**\*Horse Racing in Idaho:** 48,000 names are needed on a petition to bring horse racing back to Idaho.

**\*Idaho Horse Board College Scholarships:** The Idaho Horse Board uses money collected from brand inspections to award college scholarships. Few apply because this opportunity has not been advertised.

**\*Next meeting:** Next meeting will be held Wednesday 9/26/18 at 5:30 pm Pacific time/6:30 pm Mountain time.

**\*Adjournment:** Andrea moved and Melissa seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Thompson*