2009 N.C. State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Best Foods, Siler City, NC  
November 20, 2009

Dr. Bob Mowrey welcomed Advisory Board members and called the meeting to order. Board members introduced themselves. Executive Committee Chairperson, Bill Crouse, asked that Bob Mowrey preside over the meeting.

Bob Mowrey discussed the following 2010 dates.

**2010 N.C. 4-H Horse Program Calendar of Events:**

1. **Horse Bowl:**  
   Confirmed Date – March 6, 2010 (NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC)

2. **N.C. 4-H Judging Contest (includes the State FFA contest):**  
   Proposed Date Recommended by the Advisory Board- April 24, 2010 Horse Complex, Raleigh (Reasons/Awards – Millstone High School) Note: Eastern Quarter Horse Assoc. Rep. did not return multiple calls to confirm. As a result, the new confirmed date: April 17, 2010; Martin Community College, Williamston, NC

3. **Hippology Contest:**  
   Confirmed date: March 6, 2010 – Exams, ID’s and Judging (DVDs) (NC A&T University, Greensboro, NC)

4. **Equine Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Events:**  
   Confirmed Deadline Date – May 1, postmarked to Edu. Committee Chair (Lissy Newton at her home address:  
   (1) Horse Essay  
   (2) Poetry  
   (5) Short Story  
   (7) Horse Crafts*  
   (9) Horse Sewing*  
   (3) Horse Drawing*  
   (4) Horse Poster*  
   (6) Horse Painting*  
   (8) Horse Photography*  

   *Exhibits submitted Friday, July 9 from 9am to 5pm. Entries to be judged Friday, July 9 beginning at 5pm. Sorry, early submissions prohibited.

5. **Horsemanship Camp (Camp Millstone, Ellerbe):**  
   Confirmed dates: June 13-19, 2010

6. **Western N.C. Horse Clinic/Camp: June 14-16, 2009 Arden, NC**  
   Karee Mackey, Watauga Agent contact (karee_mackey@ncsu.edu); preference to western NC 4-H’ers

7. **Northeast District 4-H Horsemanship School – Senator Martin Horse Facility,**
8. District Activity Days:
   - **North Central District** – June 23, 2010
   - **South Central District** – June 24, 2010
   - **Southeast District** – June 18, 2010*
   - **Northeast District** - June 24/25, 2010
   - **West Central District** – June 23, 2010
   - **West District** – June 23, 2010
   *4-H members attending from the Southeast District may qualify for state competition at 4-H Horse Camp

9. 4-H Horse Communication Contests:
   Confirmed date: July 7, 2010 (State contest held Wednesday morning through early afternoon of the State Show)

10. State Horse Show:
    Confirmed date: Wednesday, July 7 through Sunday, July 11, 2010, James B. Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh. Show starts Wednesday afternoon.

11. Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships
    Confirmed date: July 29 – August 2, 2010; Clemson, SC

12. Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. Louisville, KY November 5-7, 2010

13. State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting:
    Confirmed Date: November 19, 2010 (Best Foods, Siler City, NC)

14. District 4-H Horse Shows:
    See Below

15. State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference:
    c. A committee comprised of Candace Norman, Bill Crous and Molly Maxson met with Bob Mowrey at lunch to develop topics/agenda for January 2010 NC Conference.

16. Youth Horse Leadership Institutes; Cancelled in 2009
    Not offered in 2010

17. 2009-2010 Equine Short Courses and Clinics. Please promote these events by distributing posters at local horse establishments.
2009-2010 NCSU Horse Short Course and Clinic Series

October 23-25, 2009  NCSU Introductory Level Horse Judging Short Course
Recommended for New Judges and/or Horse Judging Team Coaches;
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC

November 13, 2009  Ring Steward Program
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC
Coordinated by NC A&T State University

November 14-15, 2009  NCSU Open Horse Show Judges Certification Clinic
Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative

December 10-12, 2009  NCSU Horse Breeding Management & Transported Semen Short Course
CANCELED
NCSU Equine Educational Unit, Raleigh, NC
Sponsored by Exodus Breeders

December 12-13, 2009  NCSU Advanced Level Horse Judging Short Course*
CANCELED
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC

December 13, 2009  NCSU Foaling Management Short Course
CANCELED
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC

January 7-9, 2010  AQHA Specialized Novice Judging Short Course**
Location to be determined
Contact AQHA for information

January 30-31, 2010  NC/VA Horse Volunteer Leader Conference
Guilford County Extension Office, Greensboro, NC
Sponsored by the North Carolina & Virginia 4-H Horse Program

February 6, 2010  Youth Horse Judging Team Training Clinic
Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
Sponsored by the NC 4-H Horse Program

March 12-13, 2010  NCSU Equine Hoof Care and Shoeing Short Course
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Cary, NC
Equine Educational Unit, NCSU
Sponsored by Zin Pro Corporation & NC Horseshoer’s Association

Visit the NC 4-H Horse Program Website at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html

District Sponsored Event Dates

West Central

January 30, 2010  West Central Horse Bowl Contest at the Iredell Co. Extension Office.  Contact Lyndsie Young 336/753-6100 (Make Up Date 2/6/10)

May 22, 2010  West Central District Horse Show, Latta Park, Contact Lyndie Young, Davie County Agent (lyndsie-young@ncsu.edu) (Raindate May 23, 2010)
West
January 23, 2010  West District Horse Bowl, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Mills River, NC Contact Karee Mackey, Watauga County Agent (karee_mackey@ncsu.edu)
May 2, 2010  West District Horse Show, WNC Ag Center, Contact Jessica Rhymer (jlrhymer@yahoo.com)
June 14-16, 2010  West District Horse Clinic, Karee Mackey, Contact Karee Mackey, Watauga County Agent (karee_mackey@ncsu.edu)

Northeast
February 13, 2010  Northeast District Horse Bowl, location TBD
April 30-May 1, 2010 Northeast District Horse Show, Bob Martin Facility, Williamston.  Contact Vanessa Spiron, Pitt County Agent (Vanessa_spiron@ncsu.edu)

Southeast
February 6, 2010  Southeast District Horse Bowl Contest, Mt. Olive Community College, Contact Eileen Coite, Wayne County Agent (Eileen_coite@ncsu.edu)
May 29-30, 2010  Southeast District Horse Show, Bob Martin Facility, Williamston.  Contact Marlo King (mking@lenoir.k12.nc.us)

South Central
February 13, 2010  South Central District Horse Bowl, Moore County CES, Carthage, NC, Contact Debbie Campbell (brandywine4h@yahoo.com)
May 15-16, 2010  South Central District Horse Show, Location TBD.  Contact Debbie Campbell (brandywine4h@yahoo.com)
September 18, 2010  South Central District Horse Judging Clinic.  Millstone 4-H Camp.  Contact Debbie Campbell (brandywine4h@yahoo.com)

North Central
January 9, 2010  Mock Horse Bowl, Rockingham County CES.  Contact Morgan Maness, Guilford County Agent (morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)
February 13, 2010  North Central District Horse Bowl Contest, Guilford County CES.  Contact Morgan Maness, Guilford County Agent (morgan_maness@ncsu.edu)
May 22-23, 2010  North Central District Horse Show, J.B. Hunt Horse Complex, NC State Fairgrounds.  Contact Bill Crouse (crousew@bek.com)

REINS Update:
Dr. Mike Yoder reported that the REINS program faces two challenges.  Firstly, there continues to be a large turnover in extension agents.  Currently ½ of the REINS regions have assigned agents, therefore the REINS program is forced to function without agents.  Dr. Yoder recommended promoting a Master REINS Volunteer Program with these Master Volunteers serving in the agent roles.  Secondly, Dr. Yoder reported that a large number of REINS volunteers are also very active in the Equine Rescue League which forces volunteers to “wear two separate hats” which he views as somewhat opposing roles.
Dr. Yoder reminded committee members that REINS volunteers are available for a number of county and district programs. Anyone interested in becoming a REINS volunteer should contact Dr. Mike Yoder at the NCSU Extension Horse Husbandry Office (mike_yoder@ncsu.edu) or contact him at 919/513-3509. There is a link from the Extension Horse Husbandry (EHH) website to the REINS program and the region REINS coordinating agents contact information is listed there.

**NCSU Equine Advisory Committee Update:**
Dr. Todd See, NCSU Animal Science Department Head announced at the October meeting that the NCSU Animal Science Department faced a 10% cut for 2009. In past years, retired positions were turned in to meet budget cuts and be able to avoid any reductions in force. Currently there are no retired positions available to meet budget cuts and if the department does not fill the current vacant positions, then programs will be sacrificed. To date, state appropriated funds have not been received. Dr. See announced that some of the funds received this year were Stimulus Funds (one time funds) (actual amount of stimulus funds is unclear), which will make next years budget cuts even larger.

**NCHC Update:**
Dr. Mowrey reported that there was a time that over $30,000 was provided by the NCHC to Extension Horse Husbandry and the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program, but under current administration, there have been several years with no grant funds provided. Currently the North Carolina Horse Council is offering grants with a limit of $750.00 which is open to any county, district, etc. (which is the lowest grant sum offered within the university system). There currently is no memorandum of agreement with the NCHC and NCSU.

Candace Norman asked if Referendum dollars were down and if it was for this reason that grants had been reduced. Mike Yoder reported that referendum dollars were staying consistent. Debbie Hollowell and Molly Maxson both asked how to request that their referendum dollars be returned. Bob Mowrey stated that a letter requesting your funds should be sent to the NCHC and he encouraged anyone interested in filing this request talk with a NCHC board member. Several NC 4-H Advisory Board members also currently serve as Board Members on the NCHC including Bill Crouse, Debbie Campbell, Marlo King and Eileen Coite.

Richard Isley asked how much NCHC money was used to support the Southern Horse Festival show. Mike Yoder replied that no budget has been provided. Richard stated that he had contacted the NCHC to request sponsorship funds for the 1st Annual Holiday Classic Horse Show (a benefit show for the NCSU Wolfpack Western Riding Team and The North Central District 4-H Horse Program schedule for December 5-6, 2009) and in with that request, offered the Horse Council a vendor spot for them to promote the Horse Council and recruit new members, but was refused.

**4-H Horse Curriculum and Educational Materials:**
Current committee members include Lissy Newton, Debbie Campbell, Laura Harper, Dottie Reed, Amanda Baucom, Monica Burns.
Dr. Mowrey reminded committee members that all newsletters, publications, and rule changes are on-line on the Extension Horse Husbandry website.
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Home.html
Completed projects include the updated Oral Reasons Manual (coordinated by Courtney Hathaway Beck), new horse judging DVD classes to be used in the Open Horse Show Judges Clinic, Hippology Contests, etc.

Committee members reviewed the new national horse bowl/hippology reference, Equine Science, which will be used as a junior, mixed and senior division reference in 2010. Dr. Mowrey reminded that this reference books can be purchased through EHH at a reduced price. (The order form is on the EHH website at:

Dr. Mowrey announced that EHH will be developing a hippology/horse bowl study guide that will be offered either as a DVD or on-line document. He hopes that this will be available in 2010.
Dr. Mowrey reviewed the district Study Kit and videotape checkout procedures. Committee members reported that there were no problems encountered with district realigning. The following contacts were announced for each district:

West District – Bill Skelton, Haywood County Agent (Replaced Nick Reynolds)
Northeast District - Rebecca Liverman, Washington County Agent (Replaced Gerda Rhodes)
Southeast District – Tara Taylor, Lenoir County Agent
South Central District – Lynn Lambert, Harnett County Agent
West Central District – Lyndsie Young, Davie County Agent
North Central District – ½ of inventory is with Heather Tart, Wake County Agent and ½ of inventory is with Morgan Maness, Rockingham County Agent

Review of 4-H Horse Program Numbers/Participation/General Information:
The State 4-H Office reported 2009 numbers as 16,012 which represents a 7% increase from 2008. In reviewing the numbers, the educational activities were noted as showing a significant increase in participation. Dr. Mowrey offered that the educational event numbers increased significantly due to more programs being offered on a local, county and district level.

Program Financial Report:
Bob Mowrey led the group through the financial report.

Dr. Mowrey reported that approximately $2,000.00 in interest was earned for 2009 in the Donation Account. He also announced that the “4-H Horse Program” is also listed as a donation opportunity in the Capital Campaign.

Dr. Mowrey reported that under current market situations, the Scholarship Endowment Account has realized a significant loss of revenue, but hopes that the market value will be returned to normal in 2010. Two $1,000 scholarships (Sarah Harper and Margaret Harper) will be awarded for 2009, but paid from the 4-H Development Fund and not the 4-H Horse Program Account, due to market losses in the Scholarship Endowment Account.

Dr. Mowrey and Jessica Hicks led the committee through the lengthy general operating account information. Dr. Mowrey announced that EHH has applied for a USDA grant in conjunction with Rusty Miller, NC A&T for a research project on Safety in Youth With Horses which was to provide $35,000 in grant funds over a two year period. To date, there has been no answer on whether the grant was approved. Currently the 376424 4-H Horse Program General Account is paying all operating expenses including travel, mail, phone, printing, part-time labor, etc. These charges were previously paid through state appropriated funds and grant money. Additionally, NCSU Accounting is charging a Administrative Service Charge of .6% on all high 3-accounts (which includes the General Operating Account), which amounted to approximately $2,000.00 for 2009-2010.

EHH is still without a permanent secretarial position, which has contributed to a considerable amount of comp time accrued by EHH technicians. Bob Mowrey reviewed the cost of some of the expenses that could be potentially cut to save enough money to hire a secretary at least part-time.

- Out-of-State Van Rental = $6,000.00
- In-State Van Rental = $2,000.00
- Out-of-State Travel = $8,000.00
  (Volunteers and Kids)
- Out-of-State Travel = $5,000.00
  (Staff)

Committee members considered several ideas from limiting the number of national contests, to each board member raising $100.00 to benefit the N.C. 4-H Horse Program, holding a benefit trail ride, and each district donating funds to support the N.C. 4-H Horse Program. Donna McKinney announced that she may have a contact of a local retired woman who may agree to volunteer her services as secretary at EHH. Bob Mowrey is following up on this opportunity. (No response as of 12/17/09) Committee members voted and passed a motion that stated that the first option to resolve budget concerns would be to follow-up on the possible free secretarial labor. The
second option is to cut out-of-state van rental by ½, in-state van rental by ½ and all travel scholarships by ½. These cuts would result in an estimated savings of $8,000.00 which would support ½ of a secretarial position. Pam Holland announced that she could check with Smith Stokes (Automobile Dealership) to see if they would be willing to donate the use of vans for travel to national contests.

Bob Mowrey announced that in the past, Cooperative Extension has provided $2,000-$2,400 to support agent assistance at the State 4-H Horse Show. These funds are questionable for 2010, and Dr. Mowrey believes following 2010, these funds will not be available. At that point, the advisory board will have to revisit how to replace agent assistance at the show.

The board approved the financial report.

**Emergency Fund Report**
Candace Norman reported that no funds were added in 2009. Current balance is $1,617.13.

**Finance Committee:**
Committee members include Molly Maxson, Bill Crouse, Candace Norman, David McKinney, Richard Isley and Matt Downs.
Dottie Reed proposed that the N.C. 4-H Horse Program use promotional advertisements in local newspapers as fundraising opportunities. The finance committee is to devise campaign information that the CALS Development Office will have to approve. However, Bob Mowrey advised the committee that all University Capital Campaigns are currently “on hold” due to economy. The project will be developed when the economy improves.

Bob advised the committee of several horse project areas that are still requiring sponsorships (see respective sections for sponsorship commitments).

**4-H Horse Program Hotel Proposal:**
After reviewing bid submissions from various hotels, a motion was made and approved to accept the duel proposal for the Days Inn and Best Western Cary Inn & Suites as the host hotels for the NC State 4-H Horse Program events. Days Inn is located at 1716 Walnut Street, Cary, NC 27511 (919) 481-4011 offers a rate of $44.99 + tax and the Best Western Cary Inn & Suites is located at 1722 Walnut St, Cary, NC 27511 (919) 481-1200 offers a rate of $55.99 + tax. When making reservations, request the special “NC 4-H Horse Program” rate.

**4-H Horse Program Awards:**
The board voted to continue to offer all the same awards for 2010 as provided in 2009. This includes:

- Medals as in previous years
- Portfolios for individual awards
- Belt buckles for State Show Champions (Nutrena will continue this sponsorship for 2008)
- Belt buckles for Junior and Senior Horseman of the Year and reserve Horseman of the Year awards
- Bridle bags or similar award for State Show reserve champions
- Lapel pins for aging out 4-H’ers (awarded during opening ceremony at State Show) (the committee recommended ordering inexpensive plastic pins when it is time to reorder)
- T-shirts and stall signs for Southern Regional delegation (the board voted to eliminate the additional gift for the southern regional delegates ie. Hay bags, bridle bags)

The board voted to continue using Stoney Forks Designs as the T-shirt vendor for the State 4-H Horse Show. T-shirts will be sold for $13.00 with a $3.00 donation per shirt back to the N.C. 4-H Horse Program.

**Executive Committee:**
Nominations were accepted and the following individuals agreed to serve on the 2009-2010 Executive Committee:

- **Chairperson- Southeast District** - Joyce Bohn (1yr)
- **Vice Chairperson - Northeast District** - Lisa Briley (2yr)
West District- Lisa Mackey (2yr)
South Central District- Karen Jones (Harnett Co.) (1 yr) (Repaced Cindy Moser who resigned)
West Central District- Debbie Hollowell (1yr)
North Central District- Pam Holland (2yr)
At Large- Richard Isley

Schedule of Meetings:
  July 7 – State 4-H Horse Show (Review Patterns)
  March 6 (if needed) – State 4-H Horse Bowl
  April 24 – State 4-H Horse Judging Contest (Review Scholarship Applications)
  Additional meetings as needed

American Stock Horse Association Update
Dr. Tim Potter originally presented the idea of including Stock Horse Association programs in the 4-H Horse Program. Dr. Potter no longer works for Extension, however he is still very interested in promoting this project throughout North Carolina. Bob Mowrey announced that there is a farm in Sanford, North Carolina that would be interested in hosting events. The board made no recommendation at this time to pursue this as current project.

Horse Show:

New Headgear Rule:
Dr. Mowrey reminded the committee that the new Headgear Rule will be implemented beginning January 1, 2010. Please refer to the rule detailed on the Extension Horse Husbandry Website at the following:

Southern Regional Report:
Dr. Mowrey reported on the 2009 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships held in Little Rock, Arkansas. He reported that once again, North Carolina 4-H’ers were strong in all educational contests placing consistently in the top five and placed exceptionally well in the horse show. He stated that there were several management issues on behalf of the hosting state program and that those issues would be discussed at the Specialist Meeting. South Carolina will host the 2010 event in Clemson, South Carolina July 29-August 2, 2010.

Dressage:
Mary Hunt forwarded her report of the 2009 Dressage Division. She reported a very successful division. The NCSU Wolfpack Western Riding Team transported and took management of the set up and tear down of the dressage ring for 2009 as a fundraiser project. The team was paid $180.00 via a sponsorship by New Life Stables. The board voted to continue this arrangement. Dr. Mowrey stated that a commitment for sponsorship must be received by March 1 to fund the team assistance. If no commitment is made by March 1, dressage entry fees will be raised by $1.00 per entry to cover the expenses. Mary Hunt recommended adding a Non-Trotting Dressage Test for 2010. The board voted and approved to include a Non-Trotting Test as selected by Mary Hunt, Dressage Division Coordinator. Robin Lynn recommended that the test be selected from a Walk/Trot Division.

Stall Committee:
Bob Mowrey reported that we used 435 stalls and sold 835 bags of shavings at the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show. A figure that he reports is very similar to 2008 numbers. Scott Haley has agreed to continue as Stall Chairperson for 2010. Show exhibitors that are also competing in Communication Contests on Wednesday will still be able to check their horses into their stalls from 5-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, but must contact the Extension Horse Husbandry Office in advance. The board also voted to allow participants in Speed Events to also check in on Tuesday by special request of the State 4-H Horse Show Manager.

Schooling:
Candace Norman provided a schooling report for the 2009 show. Based on 2009 schooling, Candace made the following recommendations for 2010.
- Continue to have the schooling coordinator for each district as the contact point for getting volunteers to be schooling supervisors.
- Keep the Thursday night main arena schooling slots as sessions being 30 minutes after the completion of the show classes instead of assigning exact times.
- Change the Thursday morning western open time to 7:00-7:30.
- Change the Thursday night Western Schooling in the covered arena to 8:30-10:00 p.m. instead of 8:30-11:00 p.m.
- Friday morning-drop the saddle seat schooling time from 6:00 -6:30 a.m.

Candace agreed to continue to serve as chairperson for 2010. The following individuals agreed to serve as district contacts to assist Candace in securing schooling supervisors for the 2008 show:
- NC – Candace Norman, Pam and Jessica Holland
- West Central – Lisa Deal
- SE – Annie Moore
- W- Angela Fowler
- NE – Monica Burns
- SC – Laura Harper

**Show Office:**
The following committee members agreed to assist in the show office at the State Show.
- Weds.: Lisa Briley, Donna McKinney
- Thurs.: Lisa Briley, Donna McKinney, Tricia Dean, Faith Ford

**Swap Shop:**
Molly Maxson presented an in-depth report indicating total income of $11,163.25 which yielded a $2,202.47 donation to the N.C. 4-H Horse Program for the 2009 Swap Shop as compared to $958.05 in 2008. This donation will be used to off-set educational team travel expenses to national contests.

Molly indicated an issue with items not being tagged appropriately which resulted in an opportunity for someone to switch the tags on an item which resulted in a loss of income to the swap shop. The board voted to not accept any items that are not tagged appropriately.

**Ribbon Committee:**
The following individuals or groups will coordinate awards for the 2010 State 4-H Horse Show:
- Speed Events: Monica Burns
- Western: Pam Holland
- Hunter: Debbie Barham Campbell (Union County volunteers)
- Saddleseat/Non-Trotting: Tricia Dean

**Ring/Jump Crews:**
The following board members agreed to serve as ring crew for the 2010 State 4-H Horse Show:
- Hunters: Union County Volunteers (Led by Co-Chairpersons: Annie Moore, Marlo King, Matt Downs)*
- Speed Events: Pam and Jessica Holland
- Western/Trail: NC District (coordinated by Bill Crouse)
- Saddleseat/Non-Trotting: Robin Lovin (Gaston County Volunteer)

*Chairpersons to confirm jump equipment with Dale Barnett prior to the show and provide courses to EHH in June 2010 for inclusion in the pattern book)

**Social Committee:**
Lori Stroud agreed to continue to serve as the hospitality coordinator for 2010. Dale Barnett offered fairgrounds staff to maintain water coolers throughout the show. (EHH will provide 2-3 coolers and cups).

**Tabulations:**
Candace Norman will continue to run tabulations for the 2010 State Show. She will continue to post running division totals daily.
Nutrena:  
Nutrena will continue as the major show sponsor for 2010. They will continue to offer the ice cream social and provide water to exhibitors.

Management and Rule/Class/Schedule Changes:  
The board divided into sub-committees (Show Management-Led by Bob Mowrey; Show Classes/Rules/Schedule-Led by Robin Lynn). The two subcommittees met and returned with the following recommendations that were voted on and approved by the board.

Show Management:

Judges:  The following names were approved as potential judges:

Non-Trotting:  Connie Waldo  Carol Wakefield  
Western:  Dave Whitaker  Julie Voge (2010 Southern Regional Western Judge)  Julie Kennedy (Hired for 2010)  
Showmanship:  Ron Stratton  Brad Kearns  
Hunter:  Randy Neuman  Don Stewart (2011)  Jimmy Lee  
Saddleseat:  Paul Boone  Betsy Boone  
Speed Events:  Dale Barnett (Hired for 2010)  
Adaptive Riding:  Lori Stroud (Hired for 2010)  
Dressage:  None Recommended (Mary Hunt to secure)-The board noted that the same judges were returning year after year and requested a new slate of judges be hired if possible.

Opening Ceremony:  
The board approved to continue with the drill team. Counties will march in from A-Z for 2010.

Show Program:  
No changes in cost of advertisements or sponsorships were recommended.

Vendors:  
There were no changes made to vendor fees for 2010.

T-Shirt Contract:  
The board voted to continue to use Stoney Fork Products in 2010 (with a continued agreement that $3.00/shirt donation will be made back to the N.C. 4-H Horse Program).

Show Fees:  
No changes in fees were recommended. Continue drug testing.

Shavings:  
William Johnson was again awarded the shavings bid for the 2010 show. Scott Haley will continue as Stall Coordinator.

Show Awards:  
The board voted to keep all show awards the same for 2010. Pam Holland and the Wagon Wheel 4-H Club of Guilford County agreed to provide special awards for the Adaptive Riding High Point Awards.
Show Photographer:
Billie Lewis Photography was again awarded the photographer bid for 2010.

Show Announcers:
The board recommended the following announcers for the 2008 show:

*Main Show Announcers* – Dave Goff and Jessica Holland
*Back Up* – Pam Holland, Jim McKinney and Richard Isley (limited)

Timers:
The Southeast District (Matt Downs) has agreed to supply timers for the 2010 show. Back up timers will be supplied by the South Central District (Krista Hancock)

Show Farrier:
Bucky McCauley has agreed to serve as the show farrier for 2010 at no charge. The N.C. 4-H Horse Program will provide a free advertisement in the show program in exchange for services.

Show Dedication:
The board voted on the following recipients:   Jerry Farmer (2010)
Wanda Bunn (2011)

Show Management Suggestions:
The following recommendations were made and approved:
1. Pony heights will not be protestable at the State 4-H Horse Show. Each district shall assign a qualified person each year at their respective district shows to measure ponies. That person must be certified through an acceptable clinic or organization to measure ponies. Training and certification will be available at the January 30-31, 2010 4-H Horse Leadership Conference. (This rule has since been rescinded. Pony heights may be protestable based upon current USEF rules which the NC 4-H Horse Program follows. Please refer to the 2010 Spring Newsletter for current guidelines).
2. Drill team members must ride with assigned back numbers during the show. The show office is to provide drill team members with back numbers reading “DT”.
3. In assigning stalls, show management is to assign inside stalls with county stalls across from each other whenever possible.
4. No bikes or scooters are allowed on the showgrounds during the State 4-H Horse Show.
5. The Saturday night schedule will continue as follows: Costume Class, announce Educational Awards, followed by the Junior Versatility Class.

Show Classes and Schedule Suggestions:
The following recommendations were made and approved:
1. Flag Race rules were reviewed. The board mandated that the bucket used for the flag race be filled \(\frac{1}{2}\) way full with sand. EHH is to further research the rule standards for the diameter and other specifications for the flags.
2. Speed Event participants will be allowed to check in on Tuesday by special request (at the discretion of the show manager).
3. Show Management is to research rules related to time allowance for speed event participants to enter the ring once they have been called. These rules will be implemented at the 2010 state show.
4. Add a Saddleseat Halter Class (Mixed Sex). This will be a non-point class.
5. Restricted Hunter Over Fences will be a qualifying class at the district show, however, it will remain a non-point class at the state show. Riders may choose to exhibit in the working hunter at the state show, but cannot cross enter into the Restricted Working Hunter.
6. Martingales are not permitted in either phase of the Hunter Hack Classes (Flat or Fence Portions).  
7. Create a “Best Child Rider” award in the Hunter Division for 2010. The awards will be given in the Junior and Senior Divisions in both Horse and Pony divisions as well as Short Stirrup (5 total divisions for 2010). The cost of competing in this event will be $10.00 per horse/rider
Educational Committee:
Lissy Newton and Kim Nead agreed to serve as co-chairs for the Artistic Expression Events. Debbie Hollowell agreed to serve as Chairperson for the Creative Writing Events. Candace Norman and Debbie Campbell agreed to serve as committee members for 2010.

State Horse Facility Update:
Dale Barnett, Hunt Horse Complex Manager reported that there have been a great deal of positive changes and improvements to the facility. He recommended that during the State 4-H Horse Show, all gates with the exception of H4 be closed to regulate and direct traffic. Dale also reported the addition of the new large arena behind all of the barns and the E Barn Arena and added that it will eventually be fenced in, but currently is appropriate as a longing arena.

Dale Barnett offered to provide drug testing stalls and barrier fencing for the swap shop during the State Show at no charge to the N.C. 4-H Horse Program.

Dale Barnett reported on youth day of the N.C. State Fair Horse Show. He announced that the show was highly supported by 4-H members and that the show reported 1,697 entries in 2 days which accounted for 41% of the State Fair entries for 2009.

Educational Events:
Bob Mowrey reported on the continued success of the North Carolina 4-H Educational contest participants in all National and Regional contests for 2009 and provided a summary to Advisory Board Members for review.

National 4-H Congress:
The Southeast District committed to a minimum of a $500.00 sponsorship. The Northeast District also agreed to a $250.00 sponsorship. The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program will provide the remaining $250.00 needed for this sponsorship.

Horse Leader Training:
A committed comprised of Candace Norman, Bill Crous and Molly Maxson met with Bob Mowrey during lunch to develop topics/agenda for the January 2010 Leader Training Conference. The conference schedule will be posted online at the Extension Horse Husbandry Website. Bob Mowrey is to communicate with Celeste Chrisman (Virginia Specialist) on the committee’s recommendations and conference details. The final schedule is on the EHH website

Horse Camp:
Jessica Hicks provided the 2009 report. Jessica reported that camp continues to be female camper dominate with 97% being female campers at the 2009 camp. The highest percentage of campers are in the 10-12 year old range.

Camp evaluations reported that facility upgrades to the cabins were appreciated but that repairs are still needed in the rings and stalls. Campers requested additional camp activities and evaluations provided valuable insight on future demonstration topics.

Jessica added that more camp staff is necessary and recommended that 8 adults and 8 junior leaders be secured to more efficiently manage campers and camp activities. Jessica plans to send out requests to agents early in the year.

Jessica commented that it is getting harder to hire western trainers to teach during camp due to show conflicts. She hopes to be able to utilize NCSU Wolfpack Western Riding Team members in those key roles.
Camp applications will be available via an online format through the camp office. All forms will need to be submitted for approval and then applicants will be given a password to complete the online application. Priority will still be given to NC 4-H Horse Program members.

No fee increases were recommended for 2010.

**Horse Presentations and Public Speaking:**

**Presentation Sponsors:**
- Mobile Milling has been forced to withdraw as a contest sponsor for 2010.
- The West Central District has agreed to sponsor the event for $150.00.
- The West District committed to a $200.00 sponsorship for 2010.

*(Bob Mowrey announced that new sponsors totaling $1,350.00 are still needed for this event)*

**Public Speaking Sponsors:**
- The Wake County 4-H Horse Council agreed to continue their $600 sponsorship of the event.
- The North Central District will provide a $1000 sponsorship.

The Southeast District has agreed to provide refreshments. Additionally, partial proceeds from the swap shop will be used to sponsor all communication events.

There are additional national contests for those competing in the communication contest: Walking Horse Celebration, AQHYA World Contest (impromptu), and the Congress Contest. Also, a University of Louisville Scholarship is available at Eastern Nationals for a business related topic. Three NC 4-H Horse Program members competed in the 2009 AQHYA contests (Brittany Spears, Kira Pruitt and Amber Nead)

The 2010 events will be held on July 7, 2009.

There were no new rule changes.

**Artistic Expression Contests:**

The following sponsorships were confirmed:
- West Central District - $300.00 (Painting, Crafts and Photography)
- Carteret County Roadrunners - $100.00 (Drawing)
- Mrs. Faith Ford - $100.00 (Poster)
- Debbie Hollowell and Amanda Matthews - $100.00 (Sewing)

The board approved the following rule changes:
1. Photographs must be mounted on a firm backing that does not extend beyond the edges of the photograph. No border or matting are allowed.
2. Items entered in the Sewing Contest must simply pertain to a “horse theme”.

Lissy Newton made a motion, that passed, that the all scoresheets for Artistic Expression and Creative Writing be revamped realigning point values which may eliminate future ties. Additionally, all ties are to be broken on judging criteria in priority order. If ties are still present, the State 4-H Horse Program is to award multiple prizes.

**Creative Writing Events:**

The following sponsorships were confirmed:
- Orange County - $100.00 (Essay)
- South Central District 4-H Horse Council - $200.00 (Short Story and Poetry)

Debbie Hollowell, Chairperson for the 2010 event will secure 2-3 judges per division.

The following individuals will serve of the DQ/Review committee for the Creative Writing Event for 2010: Jessica Hicks (EHH), Molly Maxson, and Lissy Newton.
Lissy Newton made a motion, that passed, that the all scoresheets for Artistic Expression and Creative Writing be revamped realigning point values which may eliminate future ties. Additionally, all ties are to be broken on judging criteria in priority order. If ties are still present, the State 4-H Horse Program is to award multiple prizes.

**Horse Judging:**
The following sponsorships were confirmed:
- Purina Mills - $1,000.00
- Farm Bureau - $300.00
- South Central District 4-H Horse Council - $200.00
- Orange County 4-H Horse Council - $400.00
- Debbie Wentz Family - $150.00
- Haywood County Silver Spurs - $100.00

Additionally, partial proceeds from the swap shop will be used to sponsor all educational events.

The 2010 contest was approved to be held in conjunction with the State FFA Contest on April 24, 2010 in Raleigh at the James B. Hunt Horse Complex. Lunch, reasons and awards will be held at Millbrook High School, 2201 Spring Forest Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615. Unfortunately, the Eastern Quarter Horse Assoc. has been unable to confirm availability of the facility. As a result, the contest has been switched to April 17, 2010 at Martin Community College in Williamston, NC.

The following individuals agreed to serve as group leaders:
- Two Union County Volunteers (Per Debbie Campbell)
- Melissa Staebner (per Lyndsie Young)
- Matt Downs
- Lissy Newton

Debbie Hollowell will announce. Debbie Barham Campbell will serve as the senior reasons room coordinator, Amanda Matthews will serve as the junior reasons room coordinator and Connie Johnson will monitor halls. Union County volunteers will serve as card runners and Harnett County (per Karen Jones) will serve as the clean up crew. Candace Norman and Angela Kaus will serve in the tabulations room and with registration.

The reasons orders will be adjusted accordingly for those 4-H’ers who are competing in FFA and 4-H to get 6 sets of reasons completed (four sets in 4-H and two sets in FFA). 4-Hers will not be giving reasons simultaneously to 4-H and FFA reasons listeners as in previous years.

The board voted to continue using the Oral Reasons Scorecards.

There were no new fee or rule changes.

**Horse Bowl:**
Southern States and Triple Crown Feeds will continue their sponsorship of the 2010 event. Additionally, partial proceeds from the swap shop will be used to sponsor all educational events.

The 2010 event will again be held at NC A&T University in Greensboro.

In an effort to provide necessary officials and helpers, each team competing will be required to provide one adult volunteer to serve in an official role during the contest. Each team is required to include full contact information on the entry form for their participating volunteer. No entry will be allowed without providing the necessary adult volunteer assistance. Jessica Hicks will continue to secure key official roles.

The North Carolina A&T Riding Team members will provide food and serve as trash patrol during the event.
There were no new rule changes.

**Hippology:**
The following sponsorships were confirmed:
- North Carolina Horse Council ($2000.00)
- West Central District 4-H Horse Council - $250.00 (sponsorship of the Junior Horseman of the Year).
- Farm Credit Service - $250.00 (sponsorship of the Senior Horseman of the Year).
Additionally, partial proceeds from the swap shop will be used to sponsor all educational events.

For the first year, the Hippology Contest will be conducted in it's entirety in one day on March 6, 2010 with the use of DVDs/Videos to complete all phases of the contest. Following National standards, participants will judge four classes in each division (jr/sr) with 50% halter/50% performance classes. Junior level classes will be easier classes, with Senior division classes being more difficult and including pattern classes. It is anticipated that with the addition of judging to the hippology schedule, the awards program for Hippology/Horse Bowl will be approximately 1 hour later that in previous years.

Scantron will again be used for tabulating the Hippology Contest.

**Horse Cumulative Record**
Carolina Farm Credit will continue as the sponsor for the 2010 event.

**New Business**
Joyce Bohn and Lori Stroud announced that there may potentially be a judging contest on May 15, 2010 in Raleigh at the Hunt Horse Complex in conjunction with the Region 10 Experience Quarter Horse Show.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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