

**Horse Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 7, 2017**

Superintendent Kellie Stoll called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

Those attending signed in and include:

Kellie Stoll	Kristie Hamilton	Laura Brashear	Barb Marty
Mike Brashear	Heather Piaseck	Brenda Brown	Jim Brown
Kari Gomez	Jennifer D'Epagnier	Ann D'Epagnier	Margie Dickenson
Amy D'Epagnier	Carmen Murray	Kendra Torgerson	Brooke Torgerson
Hailey Jo Torgerson	Lori Torgerson	Brenda Berlin	Kristin Hayen
Elizabeth Corrette	Maggie Dickenson	Breanna Blake	Sandra Blake
Kaylie Blake	Grace Corrette	Wendy Anemaet	

CSU Ext. Staff Present: Chris Uhing & Kenzie Krinkee

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept January's minutes at March meeting. (Kristie/Barb) Passed

Treasurer's Report: Given by Kristie. Ending balance for end of month January \$21,908.85

- Ending balance this time last year was \$15396.09
- Sponsors should all have received tax acknowledgement letters
- Motion to approve (Brenda/Breanna) Passed

Survey: Kellie & Kristie

- In preparation for the budget – before we can move forward with creating a budget, we want to get committee input
- Asking if something should be included in 2016-2017 season. If so, are folks willing to fundraise for said line item.
- Will discuss more in-depth at the subcommittee meetings
- On the arena portion, what is the county's responsibility on the total amounts?
 - Kellie was involved in the Master Planning meeting – they are doing an excellent job in getting community input
 - They are looking for input – people can go online to look at plans and participate in a survey
 - www.adcogov.org/parks-open-space
 - It is an intention to take care of 4-H as well. However, being politics, don't expect anything until it is a signed deal.
 - If you want your County Commissioner to know what you feel is important, let them know. Call, email, etc.
 - We do not have any concrete plan for anything changing and parks seems to be just as supportive as in the past.
 - Still have a goal to create MOU – Memorandum of Understanding – with parks
 - Should be working with Nathan on that in the next couple of weeks
 - It is our goal to keep best interest of kids in the forefront of our endeavors
 - Cassandra (new Fair Manager) is from Larimer Co and very pro 4-H!

Fundraising: Barb

- Brighton Elks
 - The Brighton Elks Lodge is going to partner with us
 - They do dinners/suppers, etc. for fundraisers
 - Food donated and we help serve/clean-up, etc. and split profits
 - Can also possibly offer additional help at shows

- When they have their rodeo, we can help them in return or even participate in their youth rodeo
- Fundraising Packets
 - All horse families should be getting one
 - Encourage each family to raise \$1000-\$1500
 - We spent roughly \$20K for show series and fair awards
 - Need to continue fundraising efforts
 - Will include a guidebook for Horse Program and key info form
 - Sponsorships – we'd like to set a deadline of April 15th
 - Info is also on the back of the Open Show Series flyer
 - Reason for this date, allows the advertising to make it on the pattern books
- Beer Garden update – Kenzie – the licensing/boundary is changing – WILL NOT cover our arena area
 - \$125 permit per event would be needed as well as security and liability/licensed alcohol provider
 - Unknown what security costs
 - Motion to scrap the Beer Garden Idea (Mike/Kristen) Passed

Committees: Kellie

- Need to set dates for sub-committees to meet
 - Horse and Clinics will both be meeting before end of February (also possible Arena)
 - Watch for email with possible dates/times/locations

Horse Shows: Kellie

- We will have show bills ready by end of month and we will post those
- New website is up and running
- July shows & clinic & campout event – 4-H'ers will not be charged for camping or stalls (so long as they are cleaned out)
 - If advertised to open show, those non-4-H people will be charged
 - Can also use the stalls as a fundraiser – we clean stalls for a fee (\$15)

Clinics:

- 2 January Ranch Horse Clinics – Cody Dawson & Cody Crow
 - Boulder Co Fairgrounds
- Still using Double D arenas – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of month
 - 5-7:30ish
 - Very successful with members and leaders
- Clinicians – including vaccination clinic, etc
 - Looking for returning and new
- Jeffco 4-H Equine Experience Clinic
 - Beginning to Intermediate Riders
 - More focused toward beginners to program
 - Space is limited – contact them soon

Social Media: Heather

- Please be sure to share all show & clinic posts on Facebook
 - Helps market

Unfinished Business

- “Handyman” position – Motion to remove official title and let people do as things need done (Mike/Kendra) Passed
- Truck/Trailer Wash
 - Boulder County Tack Swap is coming up February 25th
 - Motion to do on April 8/9th weekend – Truck, Trailer, Tack, Clinic (Heather/Lori) Passed

New Business

- Jennifer D'Epagnier – Queen coronation invite – March 18th @ 5PM in the Rendezvous Rooms
 - Also have a sponsorship packet – looking for donations for silent auction items or monetary donations
 - Goes for scholarship fund
 - Queens Barrel race – is not covered by county ins. – HC needs to cover insurance
- Larimer County Levels rater training April 7th & 8th - Levels field day to follow
- Levels Field Day May 20th – Indoor learning skills/info for levels written tests – Also in Larimer
- Livestock Day at The Ranch – February 25th
- Horse Expo – 4-Hers can get a discounted pass for weekend
- Horse Judging contest – June 3rd – If interested in showing or riding, contact Wendy
 - Discipline, gender, breed
 - Need 16 halter horses, and both English and Western disciplines
 - 12 classes for halter and 8 performance (4 E/ 4 W)

Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 7, 2017 @ 7:30PM – Extension office lobby

Thank you from Hannah Sueper for scholarship.

Thank you Torgerson family for cookies!

Meeting adjourned @ 8:55 PM. (Laura/Elizabeth) Passed

Minutes by Laura Brashear

Horse Show Sub-Committee Meeting
Minutes of Mach 3, 2017

Called to order at 6:26 PM.

Survey results:

- Show bucks – YES!
- Saddles for Season High Point – ½ surveyed want them, but at a lesser cost
 - Overall Awards are up in the air
 - Loved the ribbons
- Reserve buckles – want the option
- Need to increase budget for Grand/Reserve prizes/buckles
- Arena improvements - Shade is a must!

Saddles: Do we want a Saddle Series?

- 9 to 4 vote for having as a saddle series
- Fundraising – at approx. \$1500/saddle, need to make sure people are willing to fundraise
 - Laura reminded those who voted against that fundraising is for more than the saddles
 - Kellie suggested a \$1500/family goal
 - Also, Big R in Thornton will let us sell hot dogs, etc.
 - Will need \$6000 in the bank by April 15th for this to happen
 - Mike mentioned that if we want this to keep up, we need to look ahead and have this amount in the bank, ready for the coming season (i.e. \$12,000 saddle fund)
 - Others agreed

Buckles: Should we plan for an alternate prize for Reserve?

- It was agreed by most that the kids like having a choice of buckle or other
- Kellie discussed how difficult it is to find cheaper, decent buckles
 - Will look into other companies
 - Maybe be less diverse between disciplines

Ribbons: Should we keep the Top 5 – Daily, Discipline, and Year-end?

- Motion to keep same as last season (Laura/Lori) Passed

High Point Awards:

- Do we want to keep Discipline High Points?
 - What do they look like?
 - Motion to stay the same as previous years with each division/discipline having an award, with a choice of buckle or other. (Lori/Kari) Passed
 - Kari proposed everyone bring a list of 4 ideas each for awards for each discipline
 - Heather will make a place on the website where members can choose their awards – making it easier on ordering awards
- Daily High Point – Sheryl (Show Me Twice) will sponsor these
 - We need to give her specific ideas for the awards
 - We need to plan for Daily Reserve Awards
 - Motion to use donations such as Stock Yards, Big R, etc. gift cards to fulfill these. (Amy/Lori) Passed

Show Bucks: Show Me Twice

- These ending up running close to equal the cost of the ribbons they replaced.

Show Rules: Holly

- Said being a 4-H show holds a stigma
- Can we move away from the 4-H rules & be a legit. open show?
 - Think we would get more attendance if we did

Camping Weekend Show:

- Clinic – need to bring ideas to meeting
- Motion to charge \$20 Stall & \$20 Camp Fees per night (Jennifer/Laura) Passed

Fundraising:

- New fundraising packets will be sent out soon.
- Membership fee – What if we charged \$25/year (family or single) & allow them discounts on class costs
 - Non-members would have a higher class rate
 - Would be a once-a-year cost
 - Could cushion award costs
 - Motion to administer membership fee this season (Kari/Mike) Passed

Budget – should have one by Tuesday meeting, however, much depends on MoU with county.

- We want to make it as accurate as possible, but that has us a little on hold

Holly wanted to discuss allowing adults only be allowed to bring stallions to shows.

- Laura advised we should check with insurance first
- Lindsay didn't find anything officially in the rules, but Kelly suggested checking for hidden verbiage

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