State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting
September 24, 2014

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Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

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Educational State Events and Horseman of the Year

We need to generate more interest in the educational events. Suggestions included:

- Promote through the county 4-H clubs
- Use the UF website as a great source of information for contest format, rules and resources
- Do a better job of marketing the events; maybe create a video that could be posted online and leaders could show the video to their kids
- Recruit kids who do not have horses but want to learn

Quiz Bowl, Team and Individual Demonstrations and Public Speaking state contests will be scheduled for June 20. Registrations for these contests will be May 22.

Quiz Bowl: No real interest in the last few years. How can we generate interest? Open up the state contest to Intermediates/Juniors even though they cannot qualify for regionals/nationals. Dr. TenBroeck was amenable to this idea but will only put on a state contest if there are at least 2 Senior teams registered by May 22.

Hippology: Move state contest back to Spring time frame, March 21. There is an intermediate and a senior division. Location will be UF.

Horseman of The Year Interviews: Will be held on Wednesday at the State Horse Show.

Horse Judging: State HJ Contest will be April 4. Marion County horse shows are available as a training opportunity for judging teams. The judging team kids will have the opportunity to compare their notes with the judge’s notes in the conformation classes.

Horsemanship School

Last few years it has been held at UF; limited to 20-24 kids; ability to break even at $500 per head is difficult given the expense of the dorms and meals. There was a lot of discussion about Horsemanship School but the bottom line follows.
In 2015:
- Will be held at UF
- The two weeks will be split hunter and western
- Depending on costs, the price may go up slightly

**Regional Horse Show**
Florida will host 2015 Regional Show in Perry, GA.

UF would like to secure sponsors for awards. UF has developed a “Sponsorship Opportunities” document to help guide people in securing sponsors.

Dr. TenBroeck requested that a Volunteer Leader and an Agent oversee each show division and each educational event.

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**Annotated Rulebook**
UF is developing an online version of the rulebook for non-horse people that is the regular rulebook annotated with popups describing various horse terms.

**UF Support**
UF will support mock Hippology, Horse Judging, and Quiz Bowl contests planned and executed as Area events; If You Schedule It, UF Will Come.

Any Areas that need Quiz Bowl buzzers should contact Dr. TenBroeck as she can provide this equipment.

New Horse Industry Handbooks were distributed to most counties last year. If your county did not receive one, the remaining books are available.

Horse Judging school is December 6 at UF Horse Teaching Unit.

Ranch Clinic at UF is scheduled for **January 24** *(this date is different from the one set at the meeting).*
Risk Management

Dr. Dale Pracht is heading up a group to develop a Risk Management Strategy for the high risk 4-H projects such as horse. The group offered these thoughts on things that an event organizer needs to consider when looking at risk:

- Inclement weather
- Injury to animals and people
- Facility security and safety
- Transporting children
- Dealing with difficult people
- Appropriate insurance for your event
- What constitutes adequate emergency equipment
- Post state liability signs at your event
- Scripts for announcer

2015 State Show Classes/Schedule

Class list will remain the same as in 2014.

The new USEF 2015 dressage tests will be used.

Go back to a maximum of 5 classes. 5th class must be showmanship/ground handling. (Allowance for shared horse).

Dressage and Western Trail run on Wednesday. Dressage starts at 10am, Western Trail at 2 pm. Dressage in covered east arena and Western Trail in Lykes. If entries warrant, can setup two dressage arenas in the covered east arena and hire two dressage judges.

Hunter warmup will be scheduled with the same procedure as 2014, but the 2’3” warmup will start at 7am. Hunter warmup will have it’s own course and exhibitors will be instructed not to perform a courtesy circle at the beginning or end of the course. Course should be designed to use different in and out gates to facilitate flow.

There will be a Thursday social with music and also a parade of counties on Thursday. Area C will coordinate the social this year (led by Amanda Squitieri and Nicole Walker).

If a drill team wants to be part of the Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, “audition” videos may be sent. Team must be comprised of horses entered in the State Show.

There will be a ceremony on Saturday evening for giving out all high point awards and signing up regional qualifiers. There won’t be a dance or food at this ceremony. Likely Regionals qualifiers may still turn in paperwork early instead of waiting until Saturday evening.

Rulebook Changes

In Western, Ranch and Speed Events divisions, spell out legal leg/foot wear for horses. Boots are permissible only in working Cow Horse, Reining, and Speed Events.

Change size of ranch roping exhibition area to read, “between 45’ and 75’” (Pg 59, #3).

Specify 2-4 herd holders in ranch roping and working cow horse.

Ranch roping: ropes may not be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn (Pg 59, #2).

Ranch Trail: pg 58, #5, change 8” to 18”

Ranch Trail: Add a teeter-totter (4”) bridge as an obstacle.
Ground Handling: Allow use of poles, barrels, and cones to facilitate defining a maneuvering pattern. Hitting/touching/moving these objects will not be scored as penalties (as in Trail, etc.), but taken into account when scoring the handler’s abilities.

Add verbiage to describe what a Saddle Type horse is for conformation classes.

There will be NO edits to the words “lame” and “should” in the rulebook.

No miniature donkeys will be allowed in any official Area/State classes.

Western Trail will remain limited to western tack and attire.

Clarify hunter bits to explicitly allow rollers.

Allow Tennessee Walking Horse bits in Saddle/Gaited Division.

Rule 19 on Page 9 currently prevents over fence riders from using the crop on the horse’s shoulder. This is a safety issue for these riders. Amend this rule to refer to Hunter Division section for an exception for use of crop in over fence classes. In the Hunter Division Section add the following: Riders in Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Equitation over Fences and Handy Hunter may use the crop on the horse’s shoulder. Under no conditions may the rider strike the horse with the crop in front of the shoulder.

Stake race patterns will include all 4 possible patterns. The written rules relative to markers and DQ verses penalty will also be clarified.

[Not discussed at the meeting, but rule edits suggested by State Saddle/Gaited Division judge and agreed to by State Horse Specialist: Pg. 62, Personal Appointments, gloves will be added to things that are optional to use. Also, clarify that riders wearing Day Coats in Saddle Seat Equitation will be disqualified.]

**State Show Policies and Procedures**

Discussed AQHA’s changes in rules regarding equipment in warmup pens. No action taken.

The bottom line is that in all events except game events, legality of tack and attire is the responsibility of the Judge. No official inspection will be done at the gate.

Warmup areas need to be available only to those exhibitors in the class showing in that arena (preferably only the next 10 exhibitors on course or the next heat). Gate check personnel need to be empowered to ensure this policy is enforced.

Golden Shovel and Emerald award judging committees will be rotated through the Areas starting with Area A in 2015. Emerald will be judged from noon Thursday until 4 pm Friday. Golden Shovel may be judged at any time during the show.

Versatility Award will continue to be offered.

County High Point will be calculated as most points earned per # of entries (ie. total points/#entries).

In 2015, Florida will qualify 60 exhibitors for 2015 Regionals.

State partial refund policy— just the class entry fee will be refunded in the event of a qualified scratch (doctor or vet reasons) received one week after the entry deadline or later. No refunds will be given for scratches received after 5pm on the Friday before the week of the show.

At the State Show, EMT personnel and truck will be on the grounds for speed events and over fence classes; for all other events only EMT personnel (no truck) will be on the grounds.

Agents and club leaders should make sure their members are aware that speed event bits and ranch bits are different.

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An official at each arena has the authority to stop the class in that arena in the event of inclement weather. This decision could be made by the judge, an agreement between the announcer and ring steward, or a UF official.

In 2015, UF will block rooms at the Residence Inn for state show.

Try regional t-shirt vendor for our state show.

Put up a 4-H state horse show backdrop for personal pictures.

Send Dr. TenBroeck any suggestions for photographers. Those with at least 2 shooters are preferred.

*Next meeting April 8 at HTU. Remote access will be arranged via Adobe Connect.*

*Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted by Barbara Nagle*