

State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting

September 21, 2016

PRESENT:

	<i>4-H Agent/Program Assistant</i>	<i>Volunteer Leader Representatives</i>	
Area A		Terry Stout	Barry Hoffman
Area B	Jessica Altum Cooper	Jill Amburgey	
Area C	Mark Shuffitt	Amy Wade	Kevin Yutani
Area D	Megan Mann	Barbara Nagle	
Area E	Kristie Popa/Robin Scott	Debbie Goodman	
Area F		Linda Wooten	
UF	Dr. Sandra TenBroeck, Wendy DeVito, Dr. Carissa Wickens, Joel McQuagge		

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

Competitive Events

State events (demonstration, public speaking, quiz bowl) will be held June 17 at UF. Note that if a youth is doing a horse talk it should be done in the horse events contest not at "University". If there are at least 2 senior quiz bowl teams, then junior/intermediates may also participate.

Horse Judging will be held April 1.

Currently Hippology is scheduled for March 18 at the Straughn Center. However the Advisory Board would like to see if it would be possible to schedule the horse judging phase of Hippology in conjunction with the Horse Judging contest on April 1 with the other Hippology contest phases to follow on April 2. This would also provide an opportunity to do something special with the kids on Saturday night. *[post-meeting note: there was no problem changing dates at the venue, so April 2 is confirmed.]*

Lake County has developed lessons for teaching Hippology and would be glad to share those resources with anyone requesting them. Contact Megan Mann at the Lake County Extension Office if interested.

Horseman of the Year

Horseman of the Year interviews will continue to be held at Tampa in combination with the State Horse Show. Horseman of the Year information can be found at <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/HorseInfo.shtml>

Horsemanship School

In the past UF has run a western week and an English week. Cost was \$525 per week and each week was limited to 20 kids (with the potential to handle up to 26).

Other Options:

- A beginner/intermediate week and an advanced week.
- Specialty sessions of 2 ½ days:
 - Speed
 - Trail/ranch trail
 - Dressage
 - Hunter Over fences
 - Ranch- cattle
 - Pattern classes

A specialty session would cost roughly \$400.

Available weeks are the 1st, 2nd and 4th weeks of June

Areas should poll their kids and report back to Wendy with preferred options no later the end of October.

Registration procedure will be adjusted to clarify that accepted applicants are committed to attending and paying the required fees.

AYHC

The 2017 AYHC Symposium will be held in Wakefield, MA, April 21-23. Colleen Martin is Florida's nomination for Leader of the Year.

Information about the 2017 Symposium can be found at: <http://www.ayhc.com/schedule-and-results>

Elaine Keir Memorial Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award

Each year Florida recognizes an adult volunteer who demonstrates outstanding service in working with youth and horses within Florida. Information about this award can be found at:

http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/documents/Adult_Horse_Leader_nomination.pdf

Equine Ethics and Welfare Guidelines

Additions to the rulebook were proposed and approved to define guidelines for ensuring the welfare of the horses being shown at the Area and State Horse Shows (see rule changes for Page 3, #10 and Page 8, #17).

In addition, UF will work toward developing tools/resources to educate Agents and Leaders on equine ethics. At present these tools/resources would be utilized on a voluntary basis but may be required in the future.

2016 State Horse Show Feedback

Ribbon awards were well received.

The aisles in the barns had a lot of potholes. UF should mention this to fairgrounds management.

Regional show information is posted on the UF Website. But the reservation code for the Florida Hotel Block is not published and should be made available to people leaving a Regional Show Entry prior to Saturday night.

Ribbons and gold, silver, bronze medallions for class awards were well received. Maybe return to a statue for 1st place.

Points should be verified by more than one person and one method before announcing high point awards.

2016 Regional Horse Show Feedback

Ribbons should be printed with placing through 10th place and be of the appropriate color. It was noted that this would increase the cost of the awards.

Prizes for 1st through 3rd were inconsistent in value across the divisions.

Points should be verified by more than one person and one method before announcing high points.

There was no available ring to warm up for western finals.

Horse Judging contestants who were in a trail class were pushed up in the rotation for reasons which shortened the time between sets for the remaining contestants. There should be a minimum time between sets for all contestants.

2017 Area Horse Show Procedures/Processes

Area Horse Show registrations will now require a copy of the horse's Coggins papers. The Coggins papers of state horse show qualifiers will be forwarded to UF along with the Rule Book Receipt Form and Participation Form for state show qualifiers. This procedure will help to ensure that only those horses shown at the Area Show are shown at the State Show.

Ribbon awards were well received for 2016 and will continue for 2017.

Overall the Area Shows are operating in the black by a small margin. So they should continue to corral expenses to the best of their ability.

Western Dressage may be offered again as a trial non-qualifying class.

2017 State Horse Show Procedures/Processes

Review patterns as soon as possible and by more than one person to verify that they meet the rule requirements for the class.

Thursday night social will start at 5:30 pm and the parade of counties will start at 6:30 pm. Thursday social will be hosted by Area E.

Area C will be in charge of executing the process for determining Golden Shovel and Emerald Award winners (they will co-ordinate judges and compile scores).

Presentation of awards for a class should be done inside the arena when the presentation of the awards follows on the heels of the completion of the class, whether a rail class or an individual performance class.

2017 State Show Schedule and Rules

Show is tentatively scheduled for July 12-15.

To be compliant with the 2017 Regional Classes, the following class changes will be made to the State and Area Horse Shows:

- Reining will be eliminated from the Western Division and a new Ranch Reining class will be added to the Ranch Division. Patterns will be identical to AQHA VRH Ranch Reining.
- Working Cow Horse class will be boxing only, no reined (dry) work. But boxing will include moving the cow up the rail and boxing it on the other end as well.
- The test for 1st Level Dressage will be Test 3.

Move Ground Handling classes under cover either by putting them in Lykes or splitting the covered arena and putting them in there.

Add a hunter warm-up trip at 3'. Riders may purchase one warm-up trip.

Suggested alignment:

- Schooling warm-up trip 2'6"
- Schooling warm-up trip 2'3"
- Class #44
- Class #42
- Schooling warm-up trip 3'
- Class #45
- Class #43
- Class #46
- Class #40
- Class #41

In spite of low entry numbers, the Advisory Board supports keeping the saddle seat division.

The Advisory Board supports keeping the versatility award.

It was moved and second to eliminate the requirement for the 5th class to be a showmanship/ground handling class. A petition was presented with 75 signatures of which 46 were in favor of eliminating the requirement and 29 were against eliminating the requirement. A lengthy discussion of pros and cons ensued. When the question was called, there were 3 votes in favor of eliminating the requirement, 8 votes opposed to eliminating the requirement, and 1 voting member abstained. So the requirement for the 5th class to be a showmanship/ground handling class will remain in effect.

Page 2, #5: Move "Only those horses qualified..." to the beginning of #6 and remove the 2nd paragraph of #6.

Page 3: Add Rule #10 to mimic Regional Rule #10 on Page 2.

Page 5: Replace CLASS TIES Procedure with the following.

"Ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in judged events will be worked off. Ties below 3rd place in judged events will be broken at discretion of judge and show committee. All ties in timed events will be run off. In the event of a tie in a timed class, the contestant declared the winner in a runoff must run the pattern in not more than two seconds over the original time or the runoff must be held again. For ties not broken by judge or run off, any points involved will be evenly split between contestants".

Page 8, #17 add to the last sentence "in accordance with AQHA and USEF".

Page 10, #32: Add "The use of any material to affix rider to any part of the saddle is prohibited."

Page 18, #6A: Junior division riders may be tested using 1-9 and 13-14.

Page 18: Add #6A(18): Send horse in a circle (either direction), around a marker, or over a pole.

2017 Regional Horse Show

Will be held in Perry, GA. Hosted by Virginia.

Dressage will be put in the Hunter Division and count for Hunter High Point.

Reining will be eliminated from the Western Division and a new class will be added to the Ranch Division, Ranch Reining. Patterns will be identical to AQHA VRH Ranch Reining.

Working Cow Horse class will be boxing only, no reined (dry) work. But boxing will include moving the cow up the rail and boxing it on the other end as well.

Next meeting April 5, 2017, 10AM, HTU.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Nagle