

April meeting minutes for Mason County 4-H Horse council 4/15/15

Meeting was called at 6:35

In attendance were Melissa Seals, Katie Gunter, Kay Gunter, Leanne Gunter, Kathy Fuller, Karen Randall, Katie-Jo Lester, Debi Bina, Michelle Goldsby, Shiane Saeger, Michelle Ellison, Tara Sheetz, Julia White, Laura Milarch, Christa Kealy and Lacey Goldsby

Laura approved last month's minutes and Lacey seconds.

Treasurer's report: Horse Council has \$363.24 and Horse Camp has \$3453.03 for a total of \$3816.27

Pre-fair: 4-H qualification/open show classes specifically designated for 4-H members; trail in hand and showmanship classes added for minis; Danish scoring system for 4-H, first thru eighth for open classes; performance on Saturday, gaming on Sunday; there will be open gaming classes available; Tara has ribbons but they need to be located.

Question arose as to whether or not we will receive any further funding since we no longer have a fair. General consensus is that we won't as that money came from the Lodging Tax.

Flat fee was decided on for state qualifier; it won't be a large amount. Karen can't provide food at pre-fair. It was suggested that a 4-H club other than a horse club do something. Laura will talk to Kern (? don't have a first name) about bringing his food truck to prefair and the state qualifier and possibly the Extravaganza.

Finances: Tara suggested we wait until after we find out if and how much money we may be getting back from ribbons before contacting General Council to ask for help. Leanne suggested we set up a GoFundMe account to cover ribbon costs.

Camp: still need trail and bareback instructors. Karen will talk to Russ Manary and see if he would be willing to come out for a few classes.

Tack sale: we made \$279; good turn out; a lot of vendors; not a lot of buyers and very few people from Mason County 4-H; suggestions for next year included promoting big ticket items on Facebook prior to, change location to someplace indoors with a bathroom, possibly providing food as well, accept tack only for donations but allow vendors to sell anything they'd like. Karen also suggested that we take some of the remaining big ticket items and see if we could get them into the Equestriennes sale on Saturday the 18th.

Fundraisers: Tara reported we are unable to do the truck raffle as we would need a gambling license and we can't get one as a non-profit; Michelle E will talk to Kathy at the movie theater this weekend about doing a fundraiser (Avengers 2??); we can do a fundraiser at Del's anytime; Steve said if we were to do a car wash he would provide a bbq, will consider that when warmer weather hits

Extravaganza: Banners will be ordered, one should be carried during Forest Festival; 2-sided postcards can also be handed out; set up will be Friday July 24 at SHS SUB; Mendoza's was not available for food but one option discussed was contacting the SHS Dance Team (Michelle E to do); ribbons will be awarded for presentations which will start at 10:30 on a sign up basis; educational posters are not required but highly encouraged, can be done by the club or individually, cannot be presentation posters, will not be judged but ribbons will be given; interactive educational activities should include trivia or

some other hands on activity; \$10 clothing challenge was discussed and explained; team poster contest will be a random drawing with the theme being parts of the 4-H pledge; Dan will do adult education sessions; record books, still life exhibits and educational posters are due Thursday July 23 from 2-7; state fair qualifiers will all be announced and everyone who qualifies will be given a medal or sash.

Shelton Journal: owner would like to get in touch with 4-H members to give them a journalism mentoring opportunity; would take 20-30 minutes weekly to teach them how to write a story which would then be featured in the Journal; really wants 4-H in the paper; there is no age limit on who can participate; has led kids to working in the journalism field as adults.

National 4-H is sending a big check to Del's for the money raised; thank you presentation will be done when that check is delivered. A card was passed around and signed to be presented as well.

Kathy brought her laptop in so people could enter their volunteer hours. To date only 6 volunteers have been entering hours.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50