STATE 4-H HORSE PDC FEBRUARY 23, 2013

PDC Members Present: Randy Dokken, Brad Rugg, Annise Montplaisir, Annette Montplaisir, Meg Sax, Aimee Schulz, Dan Dolan, Katie Siltanen, Jerrie Olson, Josh Johnson, RaeAnn Bartz, Samantha Welu, Gretchen Sankovitz, Abby Sankovitz, Paige Hildebrandt, Peggy Hildebrandt, Mark Storm

PDC Members Excused: Renee Kostick, Morgan Pliszka

PDC Members Absent: Nichole Uzelac, Mischa Halberg, Megan Wold

Visitors: Tony Wellnitz, Nanette Wellnitz, Jocelyn Haroldson, Tim Haroldson, Mary Brugger, Jason Campbell, Jackie Schulz, Neil Halvorson, Briana Visser, Alexis Visser, Tanya Kubista, Margaret Lawson, Janet Praska, Sheri Packer, Kristina Packer, Kari Siltanen, Kristine Schueler, MaQuelah Schueler, Becky Molitor

The Minnesota 4-H Horse Association meeting was called to order by Adult Chair Mark Storm. Mark reviewed the agenda for the Association meeting and the State 4-H Horse PDC meeting. Mark explained that the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association would meeting briefly and then suspend the Association meeting, the State 4-H Horse PDC would meet separately to elect officers, the State 4-H Horse PDC meeting would begin and then following the State 4-H Horse PDC meeting the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association would continue their suspended meeting.

THE STATE 4-H HORSE PDC MET TO ELECT THEIR OFFICERS FOR 2013.

- Adult Chair – Mark Storm was nominated; no other nominations were brought forth so a white ballot was passed for Mark Storm.
- Youth Chair – Annise Montplaisir was nominated; no other nominations were brought forth so a white ballot was passed for Annise Montplaisir.
- Adult Vice Chair – Rae Ann Bartz and Randy Dokken were nominated. A paper ballot was taken and Randy Dokken was elected.
- Youth Vice Chair – Abby Sankovitz, Aimee Schulz and Josh Johnson were nominated. A paper ballot was taken and Aimee Schulz was elected.
- Adult Secretary – Meg Sax was nominated, no other nominations were brought forth so a white ballot was passed for Meg Sax.
- Youth Secretary – Paige Hildebrandt, Abby Sankovitz and Samantha Welu were nominated. A paper ballot was taken and Abby Sankovitz was elected.

The State 4-H Horse PDC meeting on February 23rd was called to order by Adult Chair, Mark Storm. Mark Storm gave an overview of the Parliamentary Procedure that would be used for the PDC meeting moving forward.
SECRETARY’S MINUTES
The secretary’s minutes were emailed to the MN 4-H Horse Association Directors on February 18, 2013 by Secretary Emma Haugen. There were no corrections to the minutes therefor the minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET
Jason Campbell gave an overview of the 2013 Budget highlighting the budget changes as follows: The National Trip budget will change to $150/individual and $600/team, Dan Patch Leadership Trips will change to $150/individual and Dan Patch Scholarship to $500. The camping fees for the State 4-H Horse Show will $75 for electric hookup and $30 for non-electric. The Minnesota 4-H Horse Association and State 4-H Horse PDC budgets were reviewed with PDC members who were present at Winter Round Up on January 26th. Randy Dokken made a motion to approve the 2013 budgets as presented. Paige Hildebrandt seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIALS
The financial reports were presented by Margaret Lawson as follows:

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Randy Dokken made a motion to accept the Financial Report, Katie Siltanen seconded and the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Program Records – No report.

Achievement Program – No report.

Contest References – Meg Sax reported that the committee has not met yet. Meg reported that the AYHC Horse Industry Handbook was added to the 2013 Horse Bowl References and the other references approved at the last Minnesota 4-H Horse Association meeting will be added for 2014 due to the State 4-H Bowl Committee references deadline noted by the Center for Youth Development.

Library – Jackie Schulz reported that there was very good use of the Library resources at Winter Round Up. The MHC donation of $500 was used to purchase bookstands to display materials. Jackie has been traveling to counties to promote the use of the 4-H Horse Project Library.
**Horse Training** – No report.

**Rulebook** – Meg Sax reported that the rulebook changes that were approved at the November Minnesota 4-H Horse Association meeting were incorporated into the rulebook. The 2012 4-H Horse Program Rulebook was emailed to Laurie Nelson on January 9th and was published on the 4-H Horse Project website on January 11th. Discussion was held on proposed changes. Meg indicated that the process is that proposed changes are addressed at the November meeting. A proposed change was discussed at the State 4-H Horse Show Committee meeting earlier in the day regarding the Trail Class. They were recommending adding a rope gate as an option for the gate obstacle. The current rulebook on Trail gate obstacle was read by Meg Sax. The discussion centered on this being a safety issue and should this be changed at this time. Rae Ann made a motion to discuss this at the November meeting, Annise Montplaisir seconded and the motion. The motion carried.

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND RECOGNITION**

**Winter Round Up** – Kathy Pliszka and Tony Wellnitz chaired the 2013 Winter Round Up. They will have a booth at the State 4-H Horse Show in conjunction with the Shirt Sales Booth to promote the Winter Round Up.

**Regional Meeting** – A brief report on the January Regional Meetings was given. There was very positive feedback from the meetings that they should continue and expand. This type of communication was very well received at the regional meetings. The next Regional Meetings will be in April. The agenda will be developed by the State 4-H Horse PDC and will include education and communication. There was a clarification on where the agenda would come from.

**Webinar Training** – Suggestions from the Regional meetings will be used to develop this committee. One such suggestion included a How To For the State 4-H Horse Show Forms, etc.

**Volunteer Recognition** – Mary Brugger reported that this committee coordinates three awards including Friends of 4-H, County All Star and State Volunteer. The deadline for the County All Star nominations is July 1st. Mary indicated that a co-chair for this committee needs to be found as this was formerly part of the Dan Patch and Volunteer Awards Committee.

**YOUTH EDUCATION AND RECOGNITION**

**Grants** – No report.

**Clinics** – No report.

**Dan Patch Program** – Mary Brugger reported that Dan Patch applications, resumes and portfolios are due to Emma Haugen by April 1st. Mary is selecting judges presently and the Dan Patch Interview Day will be June 15th in Litchfield at the same location as last year.

**4-H Boot Camp** – An overview of the MQHA 4-H Boot Camp was given. Information is available in the 2012 State 4-H Horse Show program and on the 4-H Horse Project website.
COMMUNICATIONS

Website – Issues regarding the delay in posting materials on the website was brought up. Discussion was held on having a meeting calendar to improve the communications on events and meeting to improve the participation and involvement of horse project members and leaders between County Program coordinators and PDCs.

State 4-H Horse Show – Randy Dokken reported on the State 4-H Horse Show Committee meeting held earlier on February 23rd. Most events will be the same as last year. The committee is looking for caterer for the food during State 4-H Horse Show. There will be a schedule change with the addition of the Freestyle Drill Team demonstration before the Grand Entry on Saturday.

Horseless Horse/Horse Related – No report.

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

Horse Bowl – Meg Sax reported Regional Bowl Contests will be held in March 2013 and the State Bowl Contest on April 20th. There are 38 Senior teams and 30 Junior teams registered for Regionals and there will be 12 Senior teams and 12 Junior teams competing at the State level. There was a decrease of 11 teams from 2012.

A National Horse Bowl Trip information session will be held in May at Charlie’s Café in Freeport. This 3 hour session serves to enhance the National Horse Bowl trip experience for team members and coaches. Because of the difference in how the National Horse Bowl contests and Minnesota’s Horse Bowl contest are run the National rules are reviewed, references shared, and short overview of what teams could expect at each contest followed by a question and answer session.

Regional Horse Bowl Events dates for 2013 are as follows:

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There were no major rule changes for 2013.

Hippology - Jason Campbell that Laurie Nelson and he are working on the Hippology Contest for 2013.

Horse Judging – Meg Sax indicated that Lynette Whittier is still looking for a Co-Chair for this committee.

Speech and Demo – No report.

Drill Teams – Tanya Kubista and Janet Praska reported on request for the schedule change for Freestyle Drill Team performance in the Coliseum the need to water the arena half way through the Drill Team performances during the judging.

Western Heritage – Becky Molitor reported that the 2 day State event will be August 17th at the Wright County Fairgrounds in Howard Lake. Becky requested a clarification on the program fees for a Western Heritage individual who would participate at the State Western Heritage Event as
well as State 4-H Horse Show with their Western Heritage horse. Brad Rugg indicated that there would be a program fee paid for each event. Discussion was held on Regional Western Heritage events regarding trophies and awards. It was stated that the fees determine what awards are given at the Regionals currently. The need for continuity in awards and trophies for the Regionals was stressed. Becky Molitor and Darryl Sheets attend all the Regionals to make sure the same rules are followed. Brad Rugg indicated that the Regional Bowl Events were a good model to follow for Western Heritage. Gretchen Sankovitz made a motion to structure all Western Heritage, Drill Team and Miniature Horse events to maintain awards consistency at the regional level, Paige Hildebrandt seconded and the motion carried. The Western Heritage committee needs to have a budget for both the Regionals and State event. Western Heritage currently has first place buckles, Drill Team has medallions. It was recommended that the ribbons be ordered 1 year in advance.

**National Trips** – Margaret Lawson reported that the National Trip results were published on the website. Jason Campbell requested that Minnesota follow the National rules on team member substitutions for National Trips as long as the team member is listed on the entry form. Brad Rugg indicated that Minnesota follows the concept of county-based teams as compared to some states that take the top individuals in an event to make teams. After discussion it was stated that Meg Sax and Rae Ann Bartz would look at the National Rules for National Contests and compare to the Minnesota Rules and bring this to the State 4-H Horse PDC to discuss and make an informed decision.

Annise Montplaisir suggested the possibility of having a Contest High Point Award to include Communications, Horse Judging, Speech and Demo, Hippology, Horseless Horse and Horse Related at State 4-H Horse Show with a minimum of participation in 3 events. Discussion was held on the necessity of having high point awards and if it was reasonable and practical to have an award for multiple events. How to do the tabulations for such an award was also discussed. No decision was made.

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION**

**Miniature Horse Program** – Aimee Schulz reported the Miniature Horse events are scheduled as follows: Central MN Regional Clinic and Fuzzy Wuzzy Show, May 11th in Milaca, Southeast Regional Clinic June 8th at Wanamingo, Southeast Regional Horse Show, July 27th at Olmsted County Fairgrounds, Central MN Regional Horse Show, August 17th at Buffalo. These are posted on the 4-H Horse Project Website.

**Dressage and Jumping** – Annise Montplaisir reported that they did a workshop at Winter Round Up with high attendance. They are working with volunteers to hold educational clinics and securing clinic locations. Safety clinics are in progress.

**Challenged Riders** – Sheri and Kristina Packer presented Program Rules and Guidelines for the Challenged Rider Program with mission statement and proposed participation at the State 4-H Horse Show. They had questions about how many youth could ride in a class and the availability of a mounting block and ramp. They also discussed the selection process for the State 4-H Horse Show and what the schedule availability would be at the State 4-H Horse Show. Mark Storm indicated that Monday is a slower day and the AgStar Arena may be available. Jerri Olson asked
about the Horse ID and Lease Form for this rider. The question was raised regarding another rider using the same horse.

Sheri Packer indicated that we may need to be flexible to adapt for these riders and their ability. We need to be careful about the message that 4-H sends and providing a safe environment. The committee needs to develop general rules and guidelines to complete the introduction of the program. Discussion was held on the appropriate equipment for the riders and how many riders this might involve. It was recommended that they do an exhibition at the State 4-H Horse Show on Monday and the need to further define the process and rules to bring back at the November PDC meeting. It was suggested that they review the New Activity Development guidelines which are available on the 4-H Horse Project website. It was also recommended that they meet with the Drill Team Committee to develop registration forms, etc.

**New Activities** - Guidelines are posted on the 4-H Horse Project Website.

**Judges Certification/Education** - Margaret Lawson and Mark Storm reported that the Judges Seminar will be at the Red Horse Arena in Fergus Falls on April 5th and 6th. Dave Dennison from Colorado will be the featured speaker. The Friday night session starts at 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday session registration will start at 7:30 a.m. followed by the clinic and certification test.

**Horse Training Program** - No report.

**MARKETING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Shirt Sales** - A t-shirt design was presented at Winter Round Up and will be ordered for State 4-H Horse Show. Renee Kostick needs to clarify the logo for the shirts.

**Sponsor Acquisition** - No report.

**Fundraising** - No report. There needs to be further research on this and volunteers to work with it. Brianna Visser will be coordinating volunteers for the Expo Tack and Clothing Sale.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bonus Trips** - The question was asked about the Bonus Trips for State 4-H Horse Show. Brad Rugg indicated that these decisions are made by the Center for Youth Development.

**Committee Structure** – Mark Storm gave an overview of the reporting structure for the committees moving forward and communicating to the 4-H Horse Project members and leaders. The Standing Committee chairs will serve in a liaison role to the committees. Abby Sankovitz made a motion to approve the current committee chairs from the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association to transfer to the State 4-H Horse PDC, Randy Dokken seconded and the motion carried. Discussion was held on Standing Committee assignments. It was recommended that PDC members think about their preferences and that they let the adult and youth secretaries know their preferences.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next State 4-H Horse PDC meeting will be Saturday, November 16th.
ADJOURN
Annise Montplaisir moved to adjourn the meeting, Paige Hildebrandt seconded and the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Meg Sax, Adult Secretary
Abby Sankovitz, Youth Secretary