State 4-H Horse PDC
April 26th, 2015

PDC Members present: Gretchen Sankovitz, Abby Sankovitz, Renee Kostick, Meg Sax, Mark Storm, Randy Dokken, RaeAnn Bartz, Josh Johnson, Danielle Jibben, Shelly Peterson.

PDC Members Absent: Malinda Dexter, Kristin Gabrielson, Paige Gabrielson, Morgan Kastner, Alli Peterson, Lauren Olson, Peggy Hildebrandt, Lindsay Peterson, Jackie Thayer, Dan Dolan.

Visitors: Eliza Sankovitz, Justin Holmberg

The State 4-H Horse PDC meeting was called to order by Youth Chair Abby Sankovitz at 11:36 a.m. on Sunday April 26th, 2015 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Libby Center. A PDC meeting attendance sheet was passed around.

Secretary's Minutes

The secretary’s minutes from the February 21st, 2015 State Horse PDC meeting are published on the Horse Project website. There were no corrections or additions. Randy Dokken moved to approve the minutes. Josh Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the State 4-H Horse budget. The State 4-H Horse project over the last few years has been operating in the red, (approximately $-32,000) which accounts for the moving of funds from the Foundation Account into the Horse Project Budget. In order to decrease this amount, there was discussion and an agreement to increase program fees in order to get the project closer to a balanced budget. Fee increases are going to be as follows: Winter Round-Up fees from $75-$95 to $80-$100, State Horse Show camping fees will go up $10 per site, Program fees for the State Horse Show increase from $55-$65, Class fees from $5 to $8 per class, judges seminar fees increase from $80 to $100, and at Winter Roundup, the number of free attendees has been reduced to only speakers. Motion was made to approve the Budget Committee request for fee increases was made. Josh Johnson moved to approve the fee increases. Randy Dokken seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Officer Elections

An error/misunderstanding in the PDC bylaws regarding term limits. Therefore we needed to re-elect our officers for the current year. The youth will remain in their elected offices as there weren’t any term issues with the elected youth. Renee Kostick and Eliza Sankovitz were requested to collect and count ballots for the officer elections.
Adult chair

Nominations: Josh Johnson nominated Meg Sax and she accepted. Randy Dokken nominated Mark Storm and he accepted. Motion was made by Josh Johnson and seconded by Randy Dokken to cease nominations. Meg Sax was elected by paper ballot.

Adult Vice Chair

Nominations: Abby Sankovitz nominated Mark Storm and he accepted. Meg Sax nominated RaeAnn Bartz and she accepted. A motion was made by Meg Sax and seconded by Randy Dokken to cease nominations. RaeAnn Bartz was elected Vice Chair by paper ballot.

Adult Secretary

Nominations: Meg Sax nominated Gretchen Sankovitz and she accepted. There were no other nominations. RaeAnn Bartz motioned for nominations to cease. Motion carried. Gretchen Sankovitz was elected secretary.

Regional Reports

Northwest-No report

Northeast-Meg Sax reported. There were 3 people in attendance. North St. Louis was there, they typically don't attend NE meetings. We went over State Horse Show trip allocations and explained how that is changing. Winter Round up was also discussed as attendees hadn't heard of it before. We went over the budget and funding. North St. Louis then invited Meg Sax to their county PDC meeting. She attended and there were over 20 people there. There was discussion about the biggest problem with attending the State Horse Show was cost and distance from their county. Suggestion was made to talk about Winter Round Up and Boot Camp more at meetings. Overall, there was great networking.

Central-Mark Storm reported. Overall attendance was small. Most were from Chisago. There was a lot of discussion about horseless horse and the new trip allocations. The attendees overall learned quite a bit at the meeting.

Southwest-RaeAnn Bartz and Josh Johnson reported. There were 18 people in attendance from 5 counties. Discussion of national trips and scholarships. It was suggested to require expo volunteer time in order to take national trips. Also, there was a question about grants and if they are still available for grass roots groups to help with programing. Announcement was made that the Kandiyohi camp is a state wide event.

Southeast- Gretchen Sankovitz and Abby Sankovitz reported. Program was given by a local horse veterinarian. They had 3 people in attendance. Question was asked about showmanship rule in the handbook. It was discovered that that was actually the portion of the handbook that involved the miniature program. Suggestion was made to include headers so it's less confusing. Went over the trip allocation video and answered questions.
**Old Business**

Committee Work-Initial draft is in the book. It is unclear at this time about what committees mean and how they work. We as a PDC need to start working on defining those committees and responsibilities. A plan to meet June 10, 2015 to begin work on this was decided.

Volunteering-Joyce Redningen is now working with Emma Haugen as the co-chair of the Dan Patch Committee. RaeAnn Bartz has also sent a list of judges to Emma Haugen to help with the judging of phase two.

Speech and Demo-We have contacted a few adults to be judges for the event.

Tabulation-Renee is setting up and getting data on a new system for tabulation. She will also be taking a class on how to address and assist in the new system. Renee is working with Todd from the university and Amy Becker as well to have the system ready for the show. The university is implementing a new computer program system to hopefully speed up results and communication with extension and the university. RaeAnn Bartz suggested contacting the Arabian Association and the Reining association to share their software and computer system in order to help with the tabulation and results during the show.

State Fair Opportunities-The state fair wants to weed out some of its open horse shows and would like to add some 4-H horse events. The decision was made to also have the 4-H mini state horse show at the state fair. It will be held on one day August 30th, 2015. Exhibitors can still show at the state horse show in fact it will not interfere with any other earned trips by 4-H members.

**High Points and Policy Review**

RaeAnn Bartz brought up the possibility that if counties choose the 50/50 choice, exhibitors might pull out of their weakest classes to sway trip allocation.

Question was asked, “How are the trips assigned?”

Renee-Kid registered at show, the cloverbuds and multiple horses are filtered out of the counts. If an exhibitor has two horses, they must designate which horse they want to take to state before the showing and be county fair registration. This is only for calculations. Renee is working on a fact sheet to address questions that will state numbers and designate trips.

Can interviews count in state fair trips?

Renee-You can use the interview as a state trip. Odd trip can go to the interview winner but cannot be used as a tie-breaker. For instance, Sherburne incorporates a test, interview, and participation, into their interviews, which is invalid because we can no longer count and use participation points. But this can still count as a class.

Do small counties have to follow the suggested 6 point system?

Renee-No it’s not required to do so however with small counties and fewer participants if the 10 point system is used its harder for kids to catch up in points if they choose to only ride in the western classes or only the English classes.

Can participants use the pick three classes option?
Renee—Yes, as long as it's fair and equal.

Stallions: Meg Sax brought it to the board's attention that there is a county that is allowing stallions to be shown in the program, as long as they are over 4 years old. This is not allowed in the 4-H program and Renee will address the issue and make it known statewide that stallions can't be exhibited as a part of 4-H.

**New Business**

Budget approval:

Randy Dokken moved to approve the budget for 2015-2016. Motion was seconded by Josh Johnson. Discussion: RaeAnn Bartz Made a motion to amend the original budget to add $1,000 to a grants fund in the budget as discussed earlier in the meeting. Gretchen Sankovitz seconded the amendment. Amendment and motion passed.

**Committee Structure Work**

The PDC board set a date on June 10, 2015 at the Libby Conference Center on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds to hash out the details and rolls of committees. The Board filled in several spots for chairs and co-chairs, both youth and adult, for several committees.

*Educational Materials:*
Adult: Gretchen Sankovitz
Youth: Danielle Jibben

*Volunteer Training and Recognition:*
Adult: Shelly Peterson
Youth:______________

*Team/Individual Contests:*
Adult: Meg Sax
Youth: Abby Sankovitz

*Judges Certification:*
Adult: Mark Storm
Youth:__________

*Youth Education and Recognition:*
Adult: RaeAnn Bartz
Youth: Jackie Thayer

*State Horse Show:*
Adult: Randy Dokken
Youth: Josh Johnson
Horse Training Program:
Adult: Dan Dolan
Youth: Lindsay Peterson

Program Development and Promotion:
Adult: __________
Youth: Lauren Olson

Communications:
Adult: Jerrie Olson
Youth: __________

Marketing and Resource Development:
Adult: Peggy Hildebrandt
Youth: __________

Announcements:
Region 5 Judging Contest: May 4th
November 1st is the next State PDC Board Meeting held at Charlies (time 11am-3pm approx.)

Adjournment:
Mark Storm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Randy Dokken seconded. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Sankovitz Danielle Jibben
Adult Secretary Youth Secretary