Horse Project Meeting Agenda  
November 6, 2014

I. Call to Order
II. Introductions
III. Minutes from 10-23-14
IV. Old Business
   • Achievement Day – set date, time, and place
   • Demonstration for Achievement Day or Activity while scoring
   • Guesting (who & where)
V. New Business
   • Clinic at COS Handu (Judge) and Playday same day in the afternoon – Chair needed
   • Field Trip to Pacific Crest – Chair needed
   • Check into calculation of scoring (last years were off)
   • Achievement Day Awards (who & what)
VI. Next Meeting Date
VII. Other
VIII. Adjournment
Horse Project Meeting
Minutes from October 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Attendance at meeting:
Aubri Childress (Prairie Center), Kristy Childress (Prairie Center), Kristy Fletcher (Oakdale), Karol Flynn (Ducor), Laura Grabowski (Springville), Jennifer Leal (Prairie Center), Armando Leal (Prairie Center), Willow Werlhof (Prairie Center), Emily Werlhof (Prairie Center), Zoe Czaja (Springville), Chad Crabtree (Ducor), Ashley Crabtree (Ducor), Lucy Flynn (Ducor), and Rochelle Mederos (4-H Staff)

Kristi Fletcher discussed the Horse Project overview and activities involved. Currently, Prairie Center does not have a project leader. Kristy Fletcher is willing to work with these members and have them guest with Oakdale 4-H if needed. A location to practice closer to the Prairie Center members would be ideal. 4-H does have an insurance policy that would cover these practices. Emily Werlhof requested a copy of the policy to review with a site that she knows of. Rochelle will email the policy to Emily. Anyone else with connections to a site should check into it and report back.

A recap of the 2014 Achievement Day was discussed. Willow Werlhof requested a new judge since we have had the same judge for the past few years. Another request was to be sure that the ground is in good condition for the horses. Kristy Fletcher (via email from JoWayne Lyons) brought up the possibility of having this year’s Achievement Day at Ritchie’s with a concession stand shared by the clubs involved. JoWayne also suggested having a new judge. In addition, JoWayne suggested having the arena work be longer so that the kids would be observed longer. She also is requesting a review in the showmanship pattern work. Finally, JoWayne suggests involving COS Horse students to assist since we have only one 4-H Junior Leader.

Kristy Fletcher brought up using the Collaborative Tools system as a way for the Horse Project leaders/adults to stay connected. Rochelle gave an overview of how the system works, by sending you an email whenever someone in the group adds to the discussion. You can read what was posted directly from your email, but you must go to the Collaborative Tools site to respond. Rochelle will look into setting up the group.

Skills Day will be December 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm. It will be hosted by Oakdale 4-H at D&J Stables in Tulare. Junior Leaders should meet there at 1:30 pm.

The group discussed possible Horse Play Days, Trail Rides, and Clinics depending upon how much everyone wants to be involved and work together.

Achievement Day options were discussed. (1) Ritchie’s Arena, possible no cost, with either a potluck or concession stand. (2) Having it with the Porterville Fair. (3) Moving it back to April and making it a part of the 4-H Fair, how it used to be. Buckles would be given at the awards ceremony on April 10. The Written Test was discussed stating that it is important and it is the leaders choice to make it mandatory for members. The testing was brought back last year.

Rochelle reviewed the Horse information that can be found on the State 4-H website and passed out books and study guides. Kristy reviewed the books and explained why we have and use them. The Horse ID sheets were also passed out and explained. In addition, the various levels were discussed and qualifying horse shows.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.