Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Council  
September 22, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bobbi Flowers at 6:38 pm MST.

Attendees: District I: Jim Wilson, Gail Silkwood, and Bobbi Flowers; District II: Dana Kolstad, Deb Root, Erin Root, Dixie Christensen, Andrea Thompson and Aleita Falen; District III: Cindy Kinder; District IV: Elroy Leonard, Steve Chamberlain, Lorie Dye, Gale and Val Chambers, and Sue Walker

Minutes: 3.9.16 minutes were reviewed. Corrections to minutes under I4-HYHC Grants: $285 to update 4-H libraries across the state, $300 to District II for panels for Horse Camp, $200 to District II for a screen, and $215 to Lincoln County in District III for an equitation skills clinic. Andrea Thompson moved and Cindy Kinder seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received thank you notes from Riata Riders who will be attending Eastern Nationals in Horse Bowl and Quarter Horse Congress in Hippology.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s report was given by Dana Kolstad. 2.1.16 balance was $6,316.30. County membership income was $3,094.00. Interest was $0.33. National youth scholarship expense was $2,555.00. First place senior awards expense was $175.00. Applied grants expenses were $1,000.00. Postage for national youth scholarships was $7.35. Ending balance was $5,673.28 as of 9/6/16.

Annual audit: Will do the audit at the State Leaders’ Forum November 4-6, 2017 in Twin Falls. Dixie will bring the paperwork for the audit.

District Reports:
Northern District I: no report
Southern District II: report was provided by Andrea Thompson
Southern District III: report was provided by Cindy Kinder
Eastern District IV: nothing to report

Old Business:
2016 State Horse Contest Review: Report was given by Gail Silkwood. Contests went well. They were short on volunteers due to two 4-H camps. Contest numbers: 54 individuals in Horse Judging, 17 teams in Horse Bowl—8 junior and 9 senior teams, 14 Hippology teams—7 junior and 7 senior teams—and 3 individuals, HOP—9 public speaking, 36 individual demos, and 3 team demos. $91.26 profit

Proposed Idaho 4-H Horse Contest Rules: Moved by Andrea Thompson and seconded by Dana Kolstad to accept the 2017 horse contest rules as amended. Motion carried.

Hippology: 10 teams (preferably 5 junior teams and 5 senior teams)
Horse Oral Presentations: keep the 3 point deduction
   Public Speaking: remove intermediate public speaking division and send 10 individuals (preferable 5 juniors and 5 seniors)
   Individual Demos: send 15 individuals (preferably junior, intermediate, and senior individuals)
   Team Demos: send 10 teams (preferably 5 junior teams and 5 senior teams)
Horse Judging: 10 teams (preferably 5 junior teams and 5 senior teams)
Horse Bowl: keep at 3 teams each due to time and manpower; Jim made electronic brackets that he will send us to review

New Business:
2017 State Horse Contest: District II has tentatively set dates of Friday 7/7-Saturday 7/8 in Boise. They are looking at Boise schools and Expo Idaho.

Future Status of I4-HYHC Assessments: Jim Wilson stated that Dr. Lindstrom does not want to charge extra fees for horse kids across the state. He feels that grants for panels and some other grants we’ve given are not appropriate use of those funds. Jim Wilson suggested that contestants going to Eastern/Western National 4-H contests use Friends of 4-H funds for entry fees. Counties or Districts can charge assessment fees if they choose. Jim Wilson said that the state will order the awards so the hosting district doesn’t have to order awards, but they have to pay for them. This year’s awards cost $625.00.

State Horse Contest Fees: Andrea moved to set a cap on contest registration fees for $20 for Horse Judging and $15 for other competitions. Elroy seconded. Motion carried. Districts hosting the contests may charge less. Goal is to break even.
Income/Money: Bobbi has concerns about how long our current finances will last since we’ll have no new income. Jim Wilson proposed appointing a budget committee to present a budget at the spring meeting.

State Committee Membership / Rotation: Jim updated I4-HYHC Advisory Board Members for District II. The other Districts have not had elections yet. Districts need to email Jim Wilson their state representatives.

Bylaw Revisions: Dr. Lindstrom made recommendations regarding our bylaws. He’d like to set term limits for state representatives. State representatives and Extension representatives (paid personnel) may serve two, two year terms and then must take a one year hiatus. Dixie said we should have one representative to the Idaho Horse Council. Dixie and Tass are on the Idaho Horse Council Youth Committee. Representative needs to elect that representative. The Grant Committee was removed as a standing committee. Andrea Thompson moved to accept the revised bylaws as submitted. Lori Dye seconded. Motion carried.

Project Requirements / Curriculum / Advancement: Jim Wilson is looking for suggestions for our state educational resource. He suggested using PNW #587: The 4-H Horse Project (#72676). It can be downloaded in sections for free or you can pay $12.50 for the book. CCS has been discontinued.

State 4-H Horse Website: Jim is trying to design a state web site. See his attachment.

Program Priorities / Visioning: table until spring meeting

4-H Horse Resource/Reference Grants: See Jim’s 2016 State 4-H Horse Reference Material Survey file. The Youth Leaders’ Manual will be revamped into a new book called “Horse Smarts”. Jim would like to apply for grants to provide the counties with Horse Industry Handbook.

Election of Officers:

President: Bobbi Flowers and Elroy Leonard were nominated. Elroy was elected President.

Vice President: Bobbi Flowers was nominated. Andrea moved and Elroy seconded that we close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried. Bobbi was elected.

Treasurer (2 years): Dixie Christensen was nominated. Dana moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Andrea seconded. Motion carried. Dixie was elected Treasurer.

Secretary (1 year to replace Suzanne): Andrea nominated herself. Elroy moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Dana seconded. Motion carried. Andrea was elected Secretary.

Idaho Horse Council Representative: Dixie was nominated. Andrea moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Elroy seconded. Motion carried. Dixie was elected Horse Council Representative.

Signers for Bank Account and Budget Committee: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary should be signers. Northern Idaho would like us to move to a bank or credit union that is accessible all over the state. Gail Silkwood moved to have the executive committee determine where to relocate the I4-HYHC funds. Andrea seconded. Motion carried. The executive committee will also discuss the budget at that time. Executive officers should email Jim Wilson three suggested dates by Thursday 10/6/16.

Audit Committee will consist of Jim Wilson, Bobbi Flowers, Cindy Kinder, and Dixie Christensen.

Next meeting date: Spring meeting was set for Wednesday 3/8/17 at 5:30 pm PST/6:30 pm MST.

Adjourn meeting: Andrea moved and Elroy seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Thompson