

Horse Committee Meeting Minutes – January 23rd, 2023

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Sarah Bock at 5:20 P.M.

Minutes/Notes The minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report Sarah reported that the horse committee currently has \$4,396 in the bank account.

Old Business

The Ranch Horse Test committee is still working on updating the tests. They have a meeting planned this month. Erin offered to be involved with the meeting and the committee said they would let her know when they were meeting. The committee discussed the upcoming concessions at the Winter Fair. There are still empty spots that need to be filled. Please fill out the link that was sent out if you can help. Sarah said she would get the key to the office and the money bag for Yvette. Sarah has confirmed Kim Gately as the Performance Horse judge for the Fair and is waiting to hear back from Rich Lafranboise for the Ranch Horse competition. Heidi gave an update on the packing clinic. She said that there was a misunderstanding and the people she talked with would be willing to do it for \$280 per kid but not for free. The committee decided that we do not have enough interest at this time to make that worthwhile and Heidi said she would let them know. Erin offered her knowledge with packing to put on a clinic and also mentioned that she may be able to find others to help her put on a clinic. The committee decided we would include this in our spring clinic plans. Penny said that her and Cody would be willing to put on a scribing clinic for any parents and members interested. The committee decided to do the clinic following our next meeting on February 8th from 6-8 PM.

New Business

The committee discussed applying for a Central Montana Foundation Mini-grant to put on 3 spring clinics this year (performance, ranch and packing). Erin and Sarah offered to work together to pull an application together and get it submitted by February 10th. Erin will be starting horse judging practices for any members interested. The first practice will be on February 7th at 5:15 at the Extension Office. Erin also offered to put on Ranch horse practices in the future if the committee would be able to help with finding a location. We will discuss this more at the next meeting. Lastly, Penny brought up the idea of hosting the State 4-H Horse show in Lewistown. The state office is having a difficult time finding a location and there is potential for a county to pick it up. This would require a lot of work from our committee but in the past the county that hosts received part of the profit. Penny shared that she is not sure if this is even an option but if we are interested she will talk with Cody Stone. The committee decided to have Penny talk with Cody to learn more.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 6: 45 P.M. The next meeting will be on February 21st at 5:15 PM at the Sherriff's complex followed by the Scribing Clinic from 6 – 8.

In attendance: Mary Elings, Erin Martinez, Sarah Bock, Penny Uecker, Allie Uecker, Allison Smith, Heidi Stroh, Kim Hershberger, Jaymie Phillips, Ashely Hankins and Yvette Hersel