

North West District Meeting
November 16, 2017
North Plains Fire Department

While waiting for people to arrive Corinne requested help for set up for the Turkey Trot district fundraiser coming up this Sunday Nov 20th. Volunteers are needed from 12-4 on Saturday. Also need workers for booth on Sunday as well as donation of used tack.

In Attendance: Corinne Dimick (Chair/Hillsboro); Connie Bamford (Vice Chair/Sunset); Erin VanDyke (Secretary/Forest Grove); Carolyn Kronenberg (Treasurer/Aloha); Pam Anderson (Points/Hillsboro); Martha Walden (Gaston); Journey Kendrick (Hillsboro); Ali Carmichael (Sunset); Julie Sandstrom (St Helens); Marcie Brumbugh (St. Helens); Donna Espelien (Scappoose); Melinda Shumaker (Banks); Jamae Hillard Creecy (Westview); Scott Chauncey (Beaverton); Hayley Harlan (Beaverton); Jan Harer (Southridge); Debbie Poe (Liberty); Kellyn Poe (Liberty); Parker Creecy (Westview); Natascha Lambing (Hillsboro); Scott Lambing (Hillsboro); Ellie Smith (Knappa); Sophia Phipps (Rainier); Karla Phipps (Rainier); Taylor Halverson (Rainier); Judy Skirvin (Knappa); Suzie Smith (Knappa); Tracie Bonica (Hillsboro); Dale Pederson (Vernonia); Chandra Bettis (Forest Grove); Jaclyn Spahn (Forest Grove); Launa James (Forest Grove) Shyla Creasey (Forest Grove); Shelby Williams (Forest Grove); Marlee James (Forest Grove); Kylie Bettis (Forest Grove); Jessica Heinauer (Forest Grove); Lorraine Heinauer (Forest Grove); Halle Broughton (Aloha); Sarah LaBarge (Aloha)

23 voting members (underlined name indicates voting)

Corinne called the meeting to order at 7:05

Corrections on minutes from October meeting: No discussion; Donna moved to approve October minutes; Suzie seconds; motion passed unanimously

Treasures report: Money has come in tonight that hasn't been in recorded in the report. No questions or discussion.

-Carolyn reminded everyone that invoices only being sent to advisors not to schools as was done last year.

- Advisors are responsible to get invoices to the school for check processing.

Current Estimated Athlete count: 109 athletes, still some pending.

-Teams must be registered by Jan 15th

-Athletes can be added to rosters until after 1st meet

Youth Representatives: need someone for the December 3rd meeting at the Linn Co. Fair Grounds in Albany.

-Marlee James (Forest Grove), Parker Creecy (Westview), Journey Kendrick (Hillsboro), and Ali Carmichael (Sunset) indicated that they would be interested in representing our district.

New Business

Combined teams:

Tracie motions that we allow Hillsboro, with 9 athletes, to combine with Sunset, 2 athletes. Donna seconded; No discussion; vote: motion passed unanimously

Question: How soon do requests have to be in for combo team. **Answer** Jan 31

Question: Can a school with 3 athletes do drill? **Answer:** No, must have 4. However, under the new rule change, the large drills can ride with 5

Martha motions that Gaston, with 3 athletes, also combine with Hillsboro; Tracie seconds

-Discussion:

Questions about logistics of combining 3 teams:

Are there limitations to who rides with who? For example: If Gaston and Sunset are both combined with Hillsboro, does a Hillsboro athlete have to be involved in each team or could a Gaston and Sunset athlete combine for a two person event? No known rules against this;

In the event this happened, how would points be handled? Do all three schools get points? No concrete answer to this, the points program is still being updated to allow this.

-Is the intent to make a super team? No, Hillsboro just wants enough riders to field an 8 person drill team.

-How is this fair to the 4 person teams? 2 and 3 person teams, also in the small team division, able to compete for points at the same level as a large team, not fair for the 4 man teams that cannot combine? Not a decision or rule change that can be made at district level. We can only decide if the combination request is in accordance with the rules set by state.

Rule book states that 2 teams can combine with 1 team but 1 team cannot combine with 2. This can be interpreted different ways. Question was asked at coaches training, answer was that this 3 team combination is acceptable.

Vote 20 yes; 3 abstain; 0 no. Motion passes

Bank statements: Bring to each meeting or email to Carolyn each month (teams that don't have account through the school)

Westview
Aloha
Beaverton
Sunset

Turn in all team rules to Corinne

Coach and advisor requirements: coaches training 2 years; OSAA training by head coach 1x only;

Send in practice arena names and address to Corinne. Make sure it is the correct address for the barn, not the residence on site, some are different.

When will 1st year scholarship winners be announced? Not sure when the state will be picking them

Other districts do a lot more fundraising to pay for better awards; we need more fund raisers so that we can increase the quality and/or quantity of our year end awards . We need other/more ideas:

-Raffle off an object at meet with no sales have a self serve station; clip or staple money to tickets when you place it in the box.

-As a Non profit organization, we need to be very careful. There are strict rules in place for drawings

District t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale; marked up ~\$5

Could work really well, but design needs to be simple so that it is cost effective

-ideas and price estimate to be submitted at next months meeting

Money should be allocated to better awards

Sponsorships from business- South District requires each school to bring in sponsors based on school size

-May be difficult for some schools, club activity status restricts some teams from asking local business for sponsorships

Cake auction

Cow pie bingo- Sunday at meet when we already have cows

-not sure we have time in our schedule for this, people want to get home at the end of the meet

Donation box at meets during drill nights

Team Jobs at meets:

Jumping-
Dressage-Forest Grove
Working Pairs-Forest Grove
Huntseat-
Saddle seat-Knappa
Driving-
Showmanship-
IHOR- Beaverton
Trail-Gaston/sunset
Inhand trail-
Western- Banks
Reining-Aloha
Gaming-
Drill-
Working Rancher-
Cows-Hillsboro

New event being tried this year-ridden, similar to IHOR, timed and judged; team of 4; combination of gaming and performance; we will try it out at one of our meets this year.

Donna moved to adjourn Meeting; Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25