

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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>

-Athletes can be added to rosters until after 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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