

Horse Committee Meetings 2021 Fair Season

October 27, 2020 6PM

1. Horse Committee Bank Account

- Prior to August AND September Open show we have a balance of \$13,000+.

This puts our committee in a great position- with the ribbon counts we have, we won't be needing to order very many ribbons for 2021, assuming that we don't have a surge in numbers next year- obviously we hope for the opposite!

- ### 2. Maintenance – One of the goals that we have addressed as a committee is that we need to focus on new stalls being purchased- however, after some major evaluating after setting up for fair this year it's obvious that this committee needs to focus on the condition of the barn. If we were to put new stalls in there we'd have NICE looking stalls that are STILL flooded.

Notes:

- French Drain along Ring B- not finished- needs tied into the drainage down by practice ring.
- Ground hogs are a huge issue- making so they are unable to up into the barn.
- Asphalt grindings are the best solution for this.

The consensus from the meeting was to have multiple contractors look at the barn to evaluate what needs to be done to eliminated the flooding from the outsides to establish a plan for what needs to happen to make our barn fit for bigger and better things.

- ### 3. Open Show- this committee is in need of volunteers who are wanting to give 4-5 hours across the summer. A manual is being worked on, and the future of the shows is in questionable until we have multiple volunteers who are willing to step up. A 2021 showbill is in the works, as well a fully operational, live, entry form. The "more hands creates less work" philosophy is very much in process and we NEED HELP!!
- ### 4. Carla addressed minor rule adjustments that were discussed/addressed leading up to and after fair. - can be seen in the attached DRAFT of rules. Spoke of ribbons being used and points for those ribbons.

5. Divisions discussion...

We discussed in August how we are always being faced with the combining of our Western Divisions- and our other divisions are not far behind.

Discussion:

Walk Trot - Novice – Intermediate – Advanced

Walk Trot – Novice – Open

Walk Trot – Novice – State

Junior and Senior – creates an environment of age vs skill; where our current divisions are set by skill and the age element is not even thought of.

What are the qualifications of these various "divisions" how do you become qualified for these different levels?
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Conclusion: Combining Intermediate and Advanced would be the best result for our program at this time. Seats offered would be English, Western and Contest. Numbers for creating splits have been discussed and are included in the draft that is attached.

-Discussed changes in grievance committee including allowing for those members who have a horse project that is not fit for Novice OR Advanced and allowing them to be able to show that animal at a level that is adequate for the horse to show in. Ideas of calling it "green horse". Allowing for members to submit video, photos, letter. Pre-grievance time (January) "we won't be ready by July"....allowing for horse/rider to go back to walk trot.

6. Future meetings: we need to ensure we have enough meetings to allow for PLENTY of conversations to happen with this topic. We need to have multiple meetings....

November 5, 7PM ZOOM ONLY

November 17 7PM IN PERSON (all in person meetings will also be available via Zoom)Please see attached draft meetings

December 17, 2020 7PM ZOOM MEETING

Call meeting to order: 7:01

Point Classes: Dressage TL 2 for open and 1 for novice.

Removing TIH for Versatility- going back to SMS..

Versatility: showmanship, english pleasure, western reining pattern A, stakes race

Fun classes: Went through all fun classes, replaced, and added in each division

Steward Suggestions:

Jamie Binegar- has done our PAS show

Trish Durkin

Bob Arnold

Ask on OH 4H horse advisors FB Page?

Final rules and point classes will be emailed to Fair Secretaries after second December meeting so the Horse area will be included in the Summit County Fair premium book

Time to hire judges as well—was suggested to not have binding contracts with anybody, or add in the case that there is no fair 2021 (pending covid regulations)

Versatility on Friday again to encourage livestock auction

Open show:

Open show needs to have a meeting in January--if anybody wants to be a part of the open show committee, we are looking for 3-4 people for each show to take a shift

Barn Repairs:

Need to prevent water from entering the barn and flooding before we decide to work on our goal of new stalls.

Angie reported Fairboard has a plan to fix the drainage- Sam will be in contact with Howard.

Meeting adjourned 7:37