

HORSE COMMITTEE Minutes - 22 October 2019

- Meeting called to order at 6:34
- Budget:
 - Removed various items that we are not responsible for from the budget- judges meals, manure removal, judges, pizza.
 - Stalls may need to be ordered pending on the Interstate Horse Show and if they are willing to split the cost- added it back but less than last year.
 - Request to have a horse committee cash box- added to budget.
 - Clean stall award--no daily prize. The banner is sufficient. Make sure it's actually done, however.
 - Stall decorations award--better quality ice cream (ex. drumsticks) as a prize. Possible displayed plaque for stall decorations to hang similar to team tournament and scholarship plaques.
 - Budget for an ice cream social during fair, BYOT. A way to bring all the clubs together.
 - New rule books are being released this year- which is why they are still in the budget.
 - The budget was formed by taking the current balance (8.,800) and adding it to the estimated income of \$6,000 (80 exhibitors times \$75). We do not want the budget to exceed \$14,000. After all of the items are figured for the budget the remaining amount will be added to Awards as this was one of the biggest complaints.
- Make sure to announce volunteer hour awards and discussed prizes (cash)
- Open show on Sunday--INPUT
 - Suggestion to not make it a part of the series for points
 - Make a package including fair admission for those coming in on Sunday
 - Help from fair directors may be a possibility to fill various positions for the show.

Pros	Cons
Exhibitors may leave the fair earlier- Saturday OR Sunday	Too busy of a schedule already, too much for a show
Gives the horse committee AND the fair board an opportunity to raise some money together	Open Shows are struggling to find volunteers to fill the duties.
Allows a way for Alumni and other counties to come in and show during the fair.	Horses are tired- humans are tired.
Puts events in the arena on Sunday.	Schedule would need revamped, but there is room for it all to work out
Still get the full fair experience while being able to leave earlier to allow for a day to get home and unpack	

- Reach out to local schools for volunteer hour opportunities during fair
- Groom and clean during fair week--INPUT
 - Decline on saddle horse expense
 - Utilize the judges that are already on the grounds
 - Ideal days to hold the competition discussed- after point classes would be over.
 - Most likely the horses that are being used for groom and clean are already at the fairgrounds
 - Its one less day that we all need to find in the year to have a horse event.

- Takes the pressure off of the advisors to organize an event which possibly decides a very important decision of who's going to state.
- There were large gaps that need filled in the schedule- this can be utilized then.
- Was suggested to run it on Sunday with or without the open show
- Points analysis-7/10 versus 10/10
 - in short. the results at the end of the week would still have been very similar. The saving grace is sport horse. It was recommended and discussed that if the numbers exhibitors did not support having a sport horse division it's in the better interest to go back to 7/10 due to jumping. But if sport horse remains its in the better interest to remain with the 10/10. Possibly wording our rules to reflect this in the event that sport horse doesn't exist due to numbers?
 - Go back to individual clubs and ask opinions on the two. "Did you feel more pressure to participate in all TEN classes?"
- Don is already hired as the steward for 2020
 - Introduce him at opening ceremonies and let people know who to go to
 - Write him a job description, have a meeting with him prior to fair week
 - We as a committee need to ALLOW him to do his job. Put the pressure off of us as volunteers and on to him as the PAID STEWARD. He is good at what he does- let him do it!
- Committees, Duties, and Coordinators: Sheets to sign up were passed around. These will continue to be passed around at all meetings.
 - Committees would meet at 6:30, actual meeting would begin at 7:00
 - Make sure to sign up for subcommittees and for coordinator positions
- Horse camp: June 14th-Friday
- JFB:
 - Fair theme is Blue Jeans and Country Dreams
 - Parade of entries moved to Tuesday night in the arena- so all species may participate
 - Project reimbursements: four \$250 animal projects and two \$50 non animal projects
 - Hours for fair available during open shows and the provided work days. You must sign in at the fair office or the show office ONLY on those days.
 - March 13th is the reverse raffle (BUY TICKETS!)
- Next meeting: December 3rd at 6:30
 - Anyone with rule change recommendations please send those to Carla Kline at toby2indy@yahoo.com
 - Please bring your final input about the potential show on Sunday & Groom and Clean so we can start to develop a schedule.
 - We will start to go over committee duties as well.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01