

MINUTES OF HORSE CLUB ADVISORY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

JUDGES:

Good comments regarding 2013. There were some questions on some of the Trail Horse Judge's calls. She was good in explaining things though. Problems with Jan and the Showmanship patterns. Jan might not be asked to return next year. Tabatha was easy to work with.

FAIR SCHEDULE:

Discussion about changing the classes. Because the numbers are down we could change the schedules to do all showmanship one day, gaming one day and ranch horse one day. No mention was made of how to work in Western and English. Once the participation numbers rise again, then this could be change back to what it was. Doing these changes might cut down on the rushing around to get from one class to another.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

NUTCRACKER: Three shifts will be needed. This will be the first week of December and sign up will start the end of October.

VOLUNTEERS:

Parents need to be enlisted to volunteer to assist in all areas at Horse Fair. If a child is just doing Ranch Horse or gaming, we should try to enlist those parents to help with trails, raking, setting courses, etc.

The question was asked as to why we couldn't use some of the kids who are not participating to help rake the arenas and maybe some other jobs. It was brought up that some kids might not have the strength to do some of these jobs and what would be the age we would be looking for to assist.

PROBLEMS WITH TRAIL COURSES:

Performance trail was a little tight.

Ranch Horse was a little confusing to some, especially the Jrs.,

STATE-WIDE ANIMAL TRAINING:

Horse people don't need to attend. Courses will be geared toward ethics, market animals.

IMPROVEMENTS;

Dress code needs to be discussed further

Supervision of young children, who are family members of 4H Club Members, needs to be explained to families that young children must

follow the same barn rules as all others. No running, screaming, proper shoes, etc.

STATE FAIR:

Footing is horrible. Gaming: This was talked about in November, so this is ongoing.

Parking people were too regimented.

There is a Comment box at State Fair to make comments, is this being used?

OTHER PROBLEMS:

DOGS: Too many are not picking up after their dogs. Because the fairgrounds has a "No Dog" policy, this needs to include Horse Fair. No dogs should be allowed at Horse Fair and we are for banning them.

We need a horse trailer parking volunteer.

Meeting adjourned...