

1/25/09 – Adult Committee Meeting

Web site update (A. Blevins):

All items are updated except points and work shifts

Notify Angie Blevins if you have any ideas or items that need to be added.

Judging Team (L. Parks):

First meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 – 7:00pm @ the Noble County Library in Albion. This will be an organizational meeting.

Hippology (J. Newton):

First meeting took place on 1/25/09, from 1-3 pm @ the Extension office. There should be enough kids to have a Jr, Intermediate and Senior team. Some new kids did come to the meeting.

Spring Clinic (T. Wilkinson, J. Parks):

There will be more riding and hands on events at this year's spring clinic. Larry and Kathy will be assigned to the beginner group all weekend. No one will be able to get both participant points and helper points (one or the other only). This year 1-5 year members will be able to participate in the spring clinic.

Judging Committee (J. Newton):

Three judge's names were sent into the Extension office and their first option was selected.

Larry Kline will be judging the **fair Monday/Tuesday** of fair @ \$200/day and \$.42/mile (may be less).

Horse and pony will pay 1 day and 2 nights hotel stay (Sunday and Monday night).

Extension will pay one day (\$200 and total mileage).

Speed day – Scott Husband will be made an offer at \$150/day plus mileage. (Emily Sprague was also an option, but charges \$250/day).

TT – Judge will be Alina Malone (Ill. area) for \$250/day @ \$.25/mile. She will judge Saturday and Sunday. She will charge us for one nights hotel stay.

ACTION ITEM – Jenny to try and work a deal with one of the Kendallville hotels to see if we can get discounted/donated rooms for sponsorship.

Team Tournament (L. Pippenger, A. Blevins):

Next committee meeting will be 2/1, 1:00 @ the Extension office.

ACTION ITEM – Angie to put on the website that sponsorship information is available by request.

Lisa has gathered addresses for 113 surrounding counties to send out Team Tournament packets. The entry information will be sent to Peg.

Two showbill websites were mentioned for potentially posting the TT showbills. Those sites are Midwest showbills (free?) and Showbills (\$10-\$25?) on line.

ACTION ITEM – Angie to check on these sites to post showbills.

Suggestion was made to have the color guard practice the TT grand entry after the TT tryouts on 6/20.

ACTION ITEM – Mary to communicate that to the color guard team and Angie to post to the website.

Anyone knowing any vendors that might want to set up at the TT can contact Kim Bell. She will be coordinating the vendors and the fee is \$125 for the weekend (same as last year).

Discussion came up about Average Joe not paying the \$125, but giving us the team pictures for our sponsors.

ACTION ITEM – Jenny N. to find out what the standard rate is if you have a photographer at your show.

Fair (T. Wilkinson):

English show was moved from Sunday to Monday evening (not before 3:00pm)

Draft Horses will have the arena Sunday and Wednesday.

\$500 start up money will be available (from the fairboard) to put on the speed show

Saturday after the fair...this money will not be required to payback.

ACTION ITEM – Angie to find out if IBRA would be interested in having classes at this show.

Having more non-riding classes have been suggested or even a “quiz bowl” event.

Some suggestions were made for the fun show classes. The kids will be deciding on the final showbill.

Color Guard (M. Worman):

Five returning members and three new for this year. They will be using the same rule book as last year. There is a possibility that we will have a horse and pony color guard this year...only one can go to state. Mary may have the teams tryout for state fair at the TT tryout day.

Points/Finance (T. Wilkinson):

Tina asked, “What is the goal of this point system?” Answers given were – “encourage participation”, “get workers for our club function”, “good club representation”. Group questioned if the Judging/Hippology team kids should get points for participating. After much discussion, Jenny N. stated that the kids get nice shirts/ jackets...and the points were not necessary. Jenny N. did suggest that we consider “wrap around points”. This means the kids would have from TT tryouts 2009 to TT tryouts 2010 to get their needed points to tryout for the team. This item will be **tabled** for everyone to think about the impacts between now and the next Adult meeting. A question was also raised if we need to have a TT tryout point requirement at all.

The club set a goal for the kids to each raise \$50.00. If everyone in the club did that, they would raise \$4000.00. This goal was discussed at the kids meeting on 1/20/09. The clingy stickers have not yet arrived, but will be distributed when they do. There was a discussion that due to the economic situation, we need more emphasis on fund raising.

The recommendation was made that we suggest the kids amend the point system to raise the one point/\$25 raised to 5 points/\$25 raised. It was also suggested that the sooner we get the donation money in, the more accurately we will be able to plan club spending.

The suggestion was made that, any money that has been turned in this calendar year until

3/10 (youth club meeting) – the kids will get double points (10 points/\$25 raised). There will be no max on the number of points they can get for fund raising.

Also – Tina explained that some parents work for companies that will donate matching funds to non-profit organizations. Last year no one got points for the matching funds. There was a **motion** made by Lisa Pippenger to allow the base points for donations to be set at 5 points/\$25 raised (instead of 1/\$25), double points to be given until 3/10 and matching donation points given to the 4-H family that made those funds possible. Mary Zeigler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Area Judging Contest (J. Newton):

Committee has not met. Noble Co. will be responsible for providing a “sack lunch” and should stay around \$5.00/kid. A count of participants will be provided once the entry deadline has passed. It was suggested to order extra lunches to have on hand, as well as having coffee and donuts to sell in the morning. Shelly volunteered to help in the kitchen that day.

JR Rodeo (T. Wilkinson):

The rodeo competitions will take place in the H&P arena on 8/15-16/09. They will be setting up on 8/14. The club will need to help work in the food booth on 8/15-16. Sign ups will be available when the event gets closer.

Work projects (T. Wilkinson, L & M Pippenger):

The list of projects discussed:

Exhaust fan for the kitchen – needed for the freezer (~\$269.00), would need installed.

Remove the kitchen front screen and replace with three windows (Lisa is getting costs).

Additional ideas:

Fill dirt for the stalls needed.

Barn stall sponsor plaques need fixed up.

Enclosure for tractor at the end of the barn.

Tractor needs two seals (~500.00).

Next Adult Meeting:

3/15, 3:00pm - Extension Office - Albion