

## Horse Committee Meeting Minutes – October 24th, 2022

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by Sarah Bock.

**Minutes** The minutes were approved as read.

**Financial Report** – Sarah reported that the horse committee currently has \$4,396 in their account.

### **Old Business**

- Kim reported that herself, Chasi, and Jaymie met and did some revisions on the Level 1 and Level 2 Ranch Horse tests. They reworded some questions and changed the formatting, but the content is very similar to the past exams. After receiving some feedback, the committee decided to ask them to have a final draft of the two exams to Sarah at the Extension office by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Sarah will then review the tests to be sure they align with the book and then approve them for use in 2023.

### **New Business**

- The committee discussed potential fundraisers for the following year. It was brought up that many of the horse kids do not get the sponsorship they are asked to get in the spring. The committee decided that we will do concessions at the Montana Winter Fair on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We will make a simple breakfast both days of maple bars and coffee and then grilled cheese/tomato soup one day and chili/cinnamon rolls another. Yvette said she was willing to lead the concessions. If you are not participating on one of those days at the winter fair, please sign up for a shift. Sarah will send out a sign up in November.
- Kim offered to put together a “Starter Guide” for horse members that the Extension office can put into the books for each participant to help them with some of the basics of the program that may be difficult to understand.
- The committee discussed judges for next year. Sarah offered to call Rich (2022 ranch horse judge) and see if he would be willing to come back if he was willing to provide more feedback. Sarah said she would talk with other agents around the state and Penny and begin looking for a performance horse judge as well.
- The idea of doing more assessments for kids to participate or move up in level was brought up and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 6: 33 PM.

In attendance: Karen Barth, Maggie Barth, Sarah Bock, Cody Ream Allison Smith, Yvette Hersel and Kim Hershberger