

Call to Order

**Pledges-** Everyone

**Clubs in Attendance:** BC Wranglers (Sam O., Kim A voting Ruth H. nonvoting), Elite Equestrians (Amanda F.), Horse Sense (Sara J.), Knight Riders, (Michele W.), Rough Riders (Jen S., Chris W.), Saddle Seekers (Peggy B., Nandini V. non-voting Lara Y.), Trailblazers (Carla K., Lynn S. (non voting JW M., Marti L.)

**Clubs not in Attendance:** Jr Leaders

**Executive Report:** Amanda R- Will cover in other areas of the meeting.

**Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes- Sara J.-** Peggy B. motion to approve January 2020 Minutes, Carla K. seconds. Motion passed

**Extension Update- Jackie K.-** Thanked advisors for everything we are doing. Asked advisors to send her an email about what the clubs are doing to stay connected. No one currently knows what the status of State Fair is. There will be no PAS qualifying shows in 2020. Dr. Cole gave information about qualifying and is going to clarify what was sent out. June 1 is registration date at 12:01 AM. They will take up to 850. Normally they have approximately 750 at state. The state has sent out a draft survey form that Jackie K. will send to Sara J. It will determine the number of kids interested in state fair, if they are final year members, and what classes they plan on competing in them. Based on the survey that will reserve the number of last year member slots. After that, they will open the rest of the entries to first come/first serve basis. Per Carla K., we are still going to have a Coggins/Vaccine clinic even if it has to be drive thru. Jackie K. says this is going to be about animal care so should be OK to have. Glenn B. asked about Coggins tests being only good for 2020 when the state allows for full year from date pulled. Dr. Cole is the person that set the date and it was brought up at the Advisor Update in January. Jackie K. asked how many clubs do not have the books they need. Refer to the email that she recently sent. Horse projects must be ordered directly from OSU publications; there is a link in the email. They are giving a 20% discount on the total order or free shipping. Amanda R also stated there are free projects on OSU's project book site which includes Horseless Horse. Equistep will be required in 2022. The problem with it is it an OSU course that people may need special permission to take the class. Clubs will have to ask Dr. Cole & Jackie K. to get permission to do a virtual meeting to show it to clubs. Carla K. forwarded the Equine Permission to Participate to everyone at the meeting.

**Committees:**

**PAS- Chris W./Sara J.-** Discussed that we would like to do a rule book test and possibly book judging. Carla K. stated that previous qualifiers in the same class should be given preference. Sam O. stated that all schools are virtual so judging books online should be and really would like to see some sort of visual confirmation that the person can ride their horse. Jen S. likes the idea of the horse/rider combination has been there before being OK, but was concerned about the person if the horse has gone to state but the person has not. Amanda R. stated we do not want to exclude people who cannot go to the barn. Nandini V. agrees that there ought to be criteria in principle but is worried about counties that do not have criteria. Sam O- Stark County does not have any criteria. JW M. asked who and how many videos will have to be watched to evaluate, and who is making the call of who is safe? What liability are we setting up if we deem it safe and it isn't? He feels that it should come from the state level and not the county level.

Michele W. likes the idea of last year members getting priority, but advisors have the responsibility of knowing their members and making sure who is able to go to state safely. Jackie K. does not think the state will come up with a standard for all of the counties. In a normal year the advisors should see their kids ride before county fair. Carla K. states it ultimately falls upon the parent to determine if the kid is safe enough to go to state. Peggy B. states maybe we should get a letter from the kid's trainer? Sam O- some kids do not have trainers. Sara J. asked about encouraging gatherings if 4H meetings are not allowed until July 6. Jackie K. states that two adults must be present if watching a 4Hers. Sam O. asked where to get Equine Permission to Participate. Carla K. states we are limited on what we are allowed to do so we might be only able to judge project books and let parents determine if it is appropriate to go to state. Sam O. motion for a member to go to state fair to both complete a rules quiz by May 28 and finish their project and have it judged. Carla K. second. Sara J. stated they can sign up for times to get book judging times. Sara J. Amanda R & Sam O. are willing to make the quiz that are like 10 questions long and have to get a passing score and only able to take it once. JW M. states we never questioned the rules before. Sara J. states it is to help with illegal equipment or actions in a class. Jackie K. states the criterion grid: Are they a member enrolled & in a good standing? Permission to Participate in Equine Activities is signed & turned in. (it will be required in Equistep). Are project books completed? Rules review, whether it be a sign off or a rules quiz? Jackie K. will send permission to participate forms. Sam O. amended motion to include being enrolled and in good standing and turning in the permission to participate form. Michele W. asked how many people went to state last year- 23. Motion passed. Amanda D. talked about state awards for 2020. Currently the rules state that everyone must attend state to receive an award. We also have no income this year. Suggestions were made that people could pay half on buckles, possibly not doing them this year due to events being cancelled. Carla K. asked what the current balance in checking and savings are. Jackie K. asked about kids who are approved to go to state fair who don't go; they don't get a belt buckle per the rules. Kids have to pay \$50 to get their stall so hopefully people aren't taking this lightly. Chris W. stated she is still trying to get a tack swap going at the fairgrounds once quarantine is over. Amanda D asked about stall signs as well, in case we don't have a fair. Carla K. stated that if our fair is cancelled state will be cancelled. Nandini V. asked about the academics kids getting buckles; yes because they can still participate. Carla K. motion to pay for the eligible kids belt buckles. Sam O. second. If state fair does not happen, then no buckles unless kids competed in a state level academic event. Sam O. states we need to encourage kids to do academics if they really want a buckle. Academic kids will still need to do project book judging. If there is no state fair, then no signs. Jackie K. will not be dispensing projects books that she has to kids. Motion passed. JW M. asked how judges contracts are written so we do not have to pay them or have to pay them. JW asked if we should send a communication to judges asking for what to do when the show doesn't happen. Jackie K. will hopefully be able to send the project book judging guidelines to advisors, but it was on her laptop that died. She will look for it on her new laptop. Carla K. asked advisors to figure out which classes kids were interested in so we can make the appropriate quizzes. Chris W. will send out the PAS entry form with class numbers so kids can let us know what classes they want. Try to let us know by May 1 so kids have times to do quizzes.

**Academics- Sara J.-** All academic contests will be online this year. Horse bowl will happen on April 25. Speaking contest is next and will be done virtually. Registration for speaking contest is due May 4. Email Jackie K your entry form before then so she can confirm it for state eligibility and please let me know if you plan on doing speaking contest.

Fairboard/Jr Leaders- Angie H.- See email

**Horse Committee/ Open Show- Sam O.-** Prior to COVID the fair was well planned. We have judges, steward, point program, announcers, there is a paperless entry system for fair this year & open show. If 4H cancels fairs for kids but OFMA does not, then fair will run as an open show. Horse Committee decided to take over open show. May open show is cancelled and a September show was added. If we have to cancel June, then we will add October. The banquet will be the first week of November. Michele W. asked about no activities until July 6; Open Show is not a 4H activity. 4H clubs cannot work the June show but may be able to work other shows. Ad book horse brought in \$8,240, minus 10% for printing. Top 3 sales people are: Hannah Benoit, \$1760, Denise Barto \$1050, Lyndsey Alekna \$950.

**Scholarship- Nandini V.-** Forms are set up. Asked Jackie K. for a list of seniors in high school or final year members. Jackie K. cannot get the three year project books, will have to get that from the advisor. As we have no income this year, it is proposed to offer \$500 for scholarship, and if more than 5 entries, then adding another \$500 scholarship for a maximum of \$1000. Last year we had two applicants; one was in on time & one was not turned in on time. Sam O. states she does not feel that it should be changed. Michele W. & JW M. both feel it should not be changed. Michele W. asked if we can find out how many applicants and if we should modify based on number of applicants. Nandini V. asks for a budget of \$1000 but if we get more than 5 people then it gets split in to two \$500 scholarships. Michele W. motion to budget \$1000 for scholarship. Lynn S. second. Motion passed. The deadline is July 1.

**Sunshine Club- Chris W.-** Elaine Chapman passed away last month; she was a former Saddle Horse member. Michele W. was hospitalized. Jim W. is still struggling with his issues. We haven't heard how Mary Ellen L. is doing, but she is living with her son.

Treasurer's Report- See email from Lynn S.

Old Business

**New Business-** Rotating Trophies need to be brought back but we aren't able to do face to face until July 6. We should know by June 1 for what is going on in July. Per JW M. leave it pending until a later date. Possibly send an email out to all recipients advising that trophies will need to be back but will be at a later date. Asked to get responses from people. Amanda R also asked for executive email to be included with this.

**Announcements:** Carla K. asked if we could have a June meeting; yes. It will have to be on zoom.

Adjourn meeting at 9:48