

Mat-Su District 4-H Horse Council 02/06/2025 Meeting Minutes Location: CES Office - Mess Hall
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**Present:**

President, Sarah Rodriguez; Vice President, Colette Cook; Secretary, Stephanie Haase; Treasurer, Sonna Hanson

Members: Stephanie Bakk, Jason Bakk, Marianne Bakk, Ayla Bakk, Templar Wilson, Kyrie Cook, Lydia Hanson, Lexi Malone, Elsa Rodriguez, Natiley Robinson, Kabella Tubbs, Bobbi Walrath, Liz Post, Alana Naatz

**Call to Order:** 5:50PM

**Pledges**

**Agenda:** Templar moved to add ordering checks, transferring funds, calendar adjustments, VRBO, and fundraising packets to the agenda. Stephanie H. seconded, all in favor, none opposed agenda adopted with additions.

**Announcements:** None

**Persons to be heard:** None

**Secretary Report:** Minutes need to be amended, to reflect that there was a \$1000.00 transfer from MM to Checking approved at the January meeting and the Nacho Cheese Machine and Flag order was not to exceed \$400.00.

**Treasurer Report:** As of Jan.31st: Checking balance \$1191.37, Savings Balance \$219.53, Money Market Balance: \$18096.51 (\$5000.00 designated for Chuck Wagon start up costs, \$5000.00 designated for scholarships. Paypal balance \$0.00

We need another box of checks. Colette moved to purchase an additional box of checks, Templar seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Discussion of having enough money in checking to cover expenses coming up. Stephanie H. moved to transfer \$2000.00 from the Money Market account to the checking account, Colette seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Lexi moved to pay Silver Legacy for Horse Contest Judging, Colette seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Agent Report:** None

**Club Reports:**

**S&S:** Club meeting is coming up tomorrow night.

**KRR:** Club meeting tomorrow night is going to cover Holistic Horse care with a presentation by Bobbi and a Berner exhibition.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. District Horse Contest (Feb. 28-March 3rd)
  - a. Change of venue due to cost. WILL BE HELD AT 4-H OFFICE
  - b. Public Speaking and Demonstration (Colette)
    - i. 2 judges lined up need a 3rd, Alana will be back up.
  - c. Hippology (Sarah) - Is going well
  - d. Horse Judging (Templar)
    - i. Official Judge Alana with help from Lydia
    - ii. Secure Judges for oral reasoning - possibly Peyton?
  - e. Quiz Bowl (Stephanie) - Going well
  - f. Awards Dinner (Stephanie and Colette) - soups and bread, cake

**New Business:**

- A. Scholarship info out - We need to review/Share w Sam/ and share out w district ASAP (Stephanie)
- B. Camp
  - a. Senior Camp *June 2nd-4th* Committee (Sarah, Stephanie H., Sonna, Colette?)
  - b. Junior Camp *June 17th-19th* Committee (Tempar? Liz, Stephanie B) For next meeting: Horse Council Swag
    - i. Day camp vs. Overnight?
    - ii. Ages? 8-12 = Jr, 13 and up = senior. Discussion of when they turn 13, determined that for camp, it should be age at the time of camp.
  - c. Add a packing list to the application (Stephanie H.)
  - d. Last minute sign-ups can be a problem, concerns with horses and new members we don't know. Suggestions, when it's a brand new to all of us family, require parents to be present at all times. Deal with exceptions on a case by case basis at the club level.
  - e. Need a sign-up genius for volunteers this year and hold them to the requirement. Perhaps include the \$50 as a check deposit that is returned when volunteer duty is complete?
  - f. Application update - needs to be complete by the next meeting
- C. 4-H CTR conflicts w/reined cow horse and dressage events. Moved 4-H CTR to June 11th&12th. Which should be less hectic at Knik River anyway.
- D. Question about fees we've been paying to Flying Horse, Alana thinks we have been overpaying, review of previous minutes indicates she is right. Sonna will check in with Flying Horse to rectify and get a refund.
- E. VRBO for State Horse Contest - Sarah will check to see if we can get a refund if needed before booking. \$198/night. With a \$100 travel fee for competitors, it should cover the cost of lodging and food.

- F. Eliza reached out to us to see if we would be interested in running the Chuckwagon for the summer barrel series. This would potentially be a weekly commitment. Need to see if there are parents/members willing to do this.
- G. Fundraising updates
  - a. Forms need to be updated
    - i. Stephanie B said she could share some more bright photos
    - ii. Horse Council Members need to be updated
    - iii. Levels need to remove wording that suggests “daily announcements and advertising”
    - iv. Add a \$1500 level for sponsors and a \$2500 level for members?
    - v. We need to have something else that delineates the sponsorship levels? Framed photos or certificates instead of plaques? banners on the stall rows?
    - vi. Changing the incentives for members?
      - 1. Possibly issuing a 4-H bucks program, a certain amount of fundraising results in so many 4-H bucks that can be used for any 4-H activity or swag?

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:06PM**

**Next Meeting March 6th 5:45 in mess hall @ CES**