

Mat-Su Copper River 4-H District Horse Council
Meeting Minutes
6/3/2025

I. Call Meeting to order 6:58PM II.

Roll Call for minutes:

Pres: Sarah Rodriguez, VP: Colette Cook, Secretary: Stephanie Haase, Treasurer: Sonna Hanson, Members: Sierra Engler, Kyrie Cook, Liz Post, Alana Naatz, Jody Peck, Sierra Dorman

III. Amend/adopt agenda

Sonna moved to adopt agenda as written, Stephanie H seconded. Agenda adopted.

IV. Announcements None

V. Persons to be heard None

VI. Secretary Report

May minutes were shared and reviewed, Collette moved to accept as written, Sonna seconded.

VII. Treasure Report

See separate report attached for balances, Sonna added a profit and loss statement to the backside of monthly reports.

VIII. Agent Report Agent not present, but 4-H hats were shared by her.

IX. Club Reports: S&S – Meeting this Friday

X. Unfinished Business

A. Review of Missions

- a. General Store - Building was purchased with donated funds for educational outreach, as such a portion must always remain open and visible to the public at events to help support and promote the program. Need manpower to keep it open as often as possible.
- b. Chuck Wagon - built as an entrepreneurial and leadership project and to promote service to the community that supports us, while it affords working scholarships for our youth members who work shifts the ultimate goal and mission of the Chuck Wagon is not to make money but to build experience.
- c. The 4-H Horse Program is ultimately a youth development program geared to building healthy lifestyles, and providing educational, service, and leadership opportunities within our community both small and large.

B. Camp

- a. Jr Camp update and needs? Currently 10 participants registered. Need a check for \$105 to Lori Hackenberger (\$35/hr). Liz will check with Stephanie B on # of hours for Rebecca P so they can pay her the same amount we did for Sr Camp. They will need access to the log cabin, Chuck Wagon, and schoolhouse for the event. Otherwise good to go!

XI. New Business

A. Chuck Wagon

- a. Lucky Two Shoes Events - Colette now has her servesafe! We need vetted volunteers for the adult in charge to be in compliance with 4-H rules. May check with Stephanie Udy for open time slots if we can't fill them all.
- b. Pony Club - This is a volunteer event not a paid shift event. We are doing it as a community service. Stephanie H will make a sign up genius for days and times, Sonna will check with Barb to verify the menu and times, Colette will do Costco shopping for the event.
- c. Palmer AQHA show, Stephanie will update time slots on SignUp Genius. Open Thursday night-Sunday. 7AM-1PM and 1PM-7PM. Breakfasts, lunch, dinner, and easy meals in between (hotdogs/chili/pretzels/etc). We may want to consider getting a hot dog machine.
- d. Fair **Note for Marla, Sat and Sun timed events happening in the far arena at 4PM on.**
 - i. % held back for repairs, some discussion on amounts and also who is responsible for the building and its repairs. While there was some concession that the fair bears some responsibility and Sierra indicated willingness to contribute as possible, reality is large item costs like a new grill would be outside the scope of what the fair would be willing to pay. Colette moved to set aside 5% of all sales to go to Chuck Wagon repair/replace costs. Sonna seconded, all were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
 - ii. Permits - Sonna will secure for the fair, need to be complete 3 weeks in advance.
 - iii. Pay for parents/kids - some had asked if parents could get aid for their shifts in the CW, in particular as some had been putting in hours far beyond others. Discussion indicated most were concerned with the optics of paying parents and the possibility that it would appear families are making money off of the community rather than using it as a learning experience for the youth members and that it would fall outside the scope of the mission of the CW. Parents will remain volunteer only and youth members will be the only ones eligible for the working scholarship.
 - iv. Schedule - Sierra requests we are open for fair hours (or close to) 11-7 min. If we have shifts filled we could consider serving breakfast, but only if there is volunteer interest.
 - v. Sign -up genius will be created by Stephanie H and available for review at our July meeting.
 - vi. Manager position, Stephanie H moved to pay this position \$500/week (Thursday-Sunday) plus hourly scholarship rate and tips for any shifts worked. Collette seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. This position should be a youth member with a serve safe certificate over the age of 16 and we encourage it to be a different member each week to share the work load.

- vii. Tips - It was decided that workers should get tipped out at the end of each shift. It will be the responsibility of the CW manager to do so at the end of each shift and correctly account for the tips on a provided spreadsheet.
- e. Trail Trial Committee
 - i. Mark Trails - Ally, Sierra, and Alana will do this on the 13th
 - ii. Judges - Plenty of volunteers , 6 obstacles (2,3,5 will need a helper present to reset) and there will need to be 2 people with walkie talkies at the hwy crossing for safety.
 - iii. Craig and Sonna offered to flag.
 - iv. Meals - Stephanie H will send a remind, breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be on riders. Dinner the 13th will be hotdogs provided by HC with sides provided by riders potluck style. Liz Post volunteered to get the hot dog fixins (buns, water, etc.) HC will reimburse.
- f. District Horse Show July 27th
 - i. Stephanie will have the google form and judges lined up ASAP.
 - ii. REMIND everyone NO CAMPING unless out of town AND preapproved.
 - iii. Awards are here
- g. Fair
 - i. Schedule - 15th Our show starts with trail and ranch riding, 16th and 17th is us until 4PM but we can start early (before 11AM). 21st and 28th are Kelsey's Barrel Events 23rd and 24th ARCHA. Otherwise open to ideas, options: playday, costume contest, mini show, Zoe's obstacles, Cow costumes for advertising and a demo?
 - ii. We need someone in charge of horses on site, Sierra wants us to have first dibs but needs to have the barn full so needs to know our plan. In the past we paid Deb to do this. This may be an option this year. Stalls MUST be clean and tidy. Tabled for July meeting.
 - iii. Passes exhibitors will get passes, adult leaders will get passes, Sierra will get us parking passes as needed. Marla and Sam are in charge of show passes.
- h. Awards night date - tentatively October 10th, VLA will be doing a combined awards night.
- i. State Horse Show buckle update - state can't purchase awards exceeding \$75 without requiring large amounts of paperwork and W-9s for the recipients. Long discussion on whether or not to pay the \$1000 in buckles from our district as the purchase needs to be made by the end of next week to arrive on time. The kids really want buckles and would like to have something meaningful they can use and wear as an award rather than a trophy or ribbon that is likely to collect dust, concerns are that it is

a very large sum of money for a small number of benefactors. Several members suggested seeking donors specifically for the buckles next year and/or asking other district to pitch in \$200 for the purchase of awards since they also benefit. Ultimately, it was decided to leave the awards as is if we can;t fins another funding source outside of HC by the end of next week.

Next Meeting: July 1st 7PM @ FEC

XIV. Adjourn 9:03 PM