

**Mat-Su Copper River 4-H District Horse Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**9/4/2025**

**I. Call Meeting to order 5:49PM**

**II. Roll Call for minutes:**

Agent: Samantha Blumenkonig; VP: Colette Cook, Secretary: Stephanie Haase,  
Treasurer: Sonna Hanson, Members: Kyrie Cook, Natiley Robinson, Lydia Hanson,  
Sierra Dorman, Rebecca Paniwozik

**III. Amend/adopt agenda**

Natiley moved to adopt the agenda with alterations placing treasurer nomination with VP nomination under new business. Sonna seconded.

**IV. Announcements None**

**V. Persons to be heard**

Colette - Concerns over how Green Horse division was questioned, understood, and communicated at the district show. In an effort to prevent future members from being left out without their knowledge, Colette proposed adding a green horse and junior horse option to the required horse certificate due in March. This would allow members to declare their horse as green or junior well in advance and give HC ample time to discuss any horses in question and communicate with the member well in advance also allowing the member time to make their case for the qualification. This solution was accepted by all present and Samantha will add this to our current horse certificates. In addition, current horse certificates will be reprinted or stickered to accurately display our Mat-Su date of March 1st and possibly adding to the certificate a statement with regard to training "I hereby certify that my horse will not be in professional training from March 1st-September 30th."

Samantha also made mention that she would like to be looped in on any challenges or decisions at the time they arise so she can be in the know. She expressed that as long as the privilege isn't abused, she is happy to be contacted for these types of concerns even on weekends and evenings.

As a follow up on this discussion the general frustration in communication was brought up. Parents and families are feeling disconnected. Consensus was that in an effort to meet all communication needs we have probably created instead too many platforms to keep regularly updated and it may be best to make sure we have one central form of official communication that routes through the district office.

**VI. Secretary Report**

July minutes have not been submitted. Stephanie will get those typed and submitted for review ASAP.

## **VII. Treasure Report**

See separate report attached for balances.

## **VIII. Agent Report**

- 4-H age is officially changing this year! Your 4-H age will now be whatever age you are as of October 1st, hopefully avoiding any confusion.
- Agent is hoping to consolidate meetings into one night (Livestock, VLA, Horse) concerns from Horse is that we can't meet any earlier than we already do as most of our board members work a 9-5. In addition several of our members also like to be able to participate in the other meetings if possible.
- VLA is looking for a president and an outreach coordinator if anyone is interested.
- Joint awards night dates proposed were the 9th, 10th, and 11th of October. Horse will be doing ours on the 10th and we are happy to do that jointly or by ourselves, just need to know ASAP for planning purposes.
- Samantha wanted to know if Anchorage folks are welcome in our clubs, we said, yes!
- Questions regarding record book contest. We said that HC determines our district winners and we have announced those at our awards ceremonies. Samantha is in charge of state record book contest this year and will be sure feedback is given and she promises "fabulous awards". While Lydia is hoping to submit a record book for this year, she is open to helping with the process next year as a volunteer!

**IX. Club Reports: S&S** – KRR will have their next club meeting in October. S&S has their next meeting this coming Sunday with an activity planned. In addition, they had a great turn out for exhibits at the 4-H building for the fair and at the horse show!

## **X. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Fair wrap-up**

#### **a. Good things**

- i. Great sales!
- ii. Decent participation
- iii. 4-H meals always a hit!

#### **b. Notes for next time**

- i. Need a photographer!
- ii. More clarity with 4-H meals
  1. Don't advertise or include on the menu
  2. Have Samantha communicate with other clubs the offer - good for active 4-H & FFA members and leaders.
  3. Make a sign for cashier and train so they understand difference between 4-H meal and regular meal
  4. Drop the sweet treat - too much and a profit sucker
- iii. More clarity with parking pass/ticket process for our one off CW workers

1. Need to have a clear and understood safe way for workers to get to CW. All should have an orange pass and tickets for parents to enter with them (even if purchased).
- iv. WE NEED AN UPGRADED POINT OF SALE SYSTEM!
- v. Need new grill
- vi. Need to expand the back of building possibly addition of prep space
- vii. Additional Utensils (if dropped have to sanitize before reuse)
- viii. Weekends or busy times 2 cooks is a MUST
- ix. Need new pretzel warmer
- x. Signage needed - flutter flies? Large sign on side of building? Larger menus seen from line? Advertise the fresh cut fries!!
- xi. Offer corn dogs?
- xii. Need bar stools
- xiii. Possible funding source: Fair grants -great idea for grill
- xiv. Possible potato sources: Rebarcheck farm
- xv. Beginning of season we need a training day to get older members comfortable with grill and fryer. Idea: Playday, AM have younger members get checked out on food prep and CW basics while older members ride, and in the afternoon, the older members can make food while youngers ride. In the evening dinner will be available for all. Needs to be the main 3 foods, burgers, fries, and hotdogs.
- xvi. For clarification 5% of PROFIT will go to CW repair/upgrade fund.
- xvii. Discussion proposed by Sonna that due to high profits, we consider paying managers a wage due to the fact they often worked shifts alone.
- xviii. Decided CW conversation should be tabled for a special CW meeting, too much to finish any discussion about tonight.

## **XI. New Business**

- A. Nominations
  - a. Sierra D nominated Colette to continue in the VP role, Natiley seconded.
  - b. Colette nominated Stephanie H to take the treasurer position being vacated by Sierra seconded.
  - c. Sierra nominated Stephanie B for secretary, Stephanie H seconded. Elections will be held at the October meeting.
- B. Record Book Check
  - a. Books Due Sept. 19th
  - b. Sonna and Stephanie H can be available Tuesday the 23rd at 3PM to start scoring. Colette will be out of town.
- C. FEC Fall Clean-Up Sept. 28
  - a. CW Clean-Up Sept 7th 11AM
- D. Awards Night
  - a. We decided on October 10th Location and details TBD

- E. Discussion of awards pushed to an executive session time/date TBD based on Sarah's availability.

**Next Meeting: October August 2nd 5:45PM @ CES**

**XIV. Adjourn 7:57 PM**

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Treasurer's Report  
September 4, 2025

**Balance as of August 31, 2025**

Checking: \$12160.17  
Savings: \$8081.54  
Money Market: \$15,153.39  
Pay Pal: \$2125.73

**Checking Account Balance: \$12160.17**

1. \$880.82 in expenses CW supplies and Fair tickets
2. \$9235.73 in deposits. (Pony Club, District Show, CW Sales, CTR, T-shirt Sales)
3. \$500.00 deposit - Sponsorship - *Bright Star*
4. \$576.12 deposit - Belt Buckles - *It taken from Paypal*
5. \$.28 dividend earned

**Savings Account Balance: \$8081.54**

1. \$7856.15 deposit -Square Pmts for CW at fair

**Money Market Account Balance: \$15,153.39**

1. \$7.08 earned in interest
2. \$5000 of this is designated for scholarships
3. \$5000 of this is designated for Chuck Wagon start-up costs

**PayPal Account Balance: \$2125.73**

1. \$100.00 deposit for Trail Trials/CTR
2. \$600 Buckle Sponsor
3. \$28.11 paid in fees
4. \$576.12 transfer to checking (Buckle Sponsors)

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**2025**  
**4H - Mat-Su Back Country**  
**Trail Trial CTR - Collaboration**

<b>Income</b>		
<b>Entry Fees</b>		
Apr	\$165.00	
May	\$950.00	
June	\$690.00	
	\$90.00	cash pmts
July	\$815.00	
August	\$100.00	
	\$120.00	cash pmts
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,930.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Apr	\$7.23	Pay Pal Fees
May	\$39.37	Pay Pal Fees
June	\$165.00	Reimbursement for over pmt (Harris x2, Montalbano)
	\$381.67	Ribbons
	\$28.69	Pay Pal Fees
July	\$185.00	ATS Portable Toilets
	\$107.85	Pet Zoo (prizes)
	\$30.60	Alaska Farm Supply (prizes)
	\$33.08	Pay Pal Fees
August	\$4.23	Pay Pal Fees
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$982.72</b>	
Income	\$2,930.00	
Expenses	\$982.72	
Profit	\$1,947.28	
<b>Split Profit</b>	<b>\$973.64</b>	