

State Horse and Pony Advisory Committee Meeting September 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Rocky Hamilton, President.

Those in attendance were:

Linda Swain, Cathy Nue-Area 7, Dennis Flock- Area 2, Dianna Hatcher, Darlene Decker-Area 3, Patty and Sara Shelton-Area 9, Cindy Keene- Peggy Naile, Kathleen Koch- Area 6, Rocky Hamilton- Area 1, Neasa Kalme Area 11, Dave Redman-Show manager, Jim Baker- State Fair 1st assistant, Randy Simon

Also attending via IP Video was;

Nathan Crane-Show Manager, Attendees from Area 9 and Area 3, and Rush County.

Secretary's report-A motion was made to accept the minutes as written for the February 17, 2007 meeting.-Motion passed

Specialist's Report-

Colleen went over the 2008 event dates

*The only date currently received for Horse Bowl and Hippology are
Area 3-March 1st
Area 6-March 8th.

Dates need to be reported as soon as possible.

*State Contest is set for March 29, 2008 at Purdue.

There is a new resource "Dictionary of Equine Terms" ISBN 0-931866-88-x
(replaces Equus glossary)

Judging Camp for beginners is January 19 at Boone Co. The intermediate and advanced is February 9-10 at Purdue. The Hoosier Horse Fair judging Contest is April 6, 2008 and the State Judging Contest is May 3 at Hendricks Co Fairgrounds. If you have entries the week before the state Judging Contest please fax them to Purdue on the Monday before the Contest.

* The new rulebook should be out on October 1st. Every one is encouraged to get rid of the old books.

*There have been several reports of members having not heard about the No Qualifying for the state Fair. Every one was encouraged to get the word out.

*Yellow forms should come to the State Fair. We will be tightening up on this in 2008. If copies of the yellow form are retained in the County Office you should call the family and tell them so they do not come to the State Fair.

* The Judges School and Show Managers Clinic is Nov16-18, 2007 in Lansing, Mi. All were encouraged attend.

*Colleen encouraged the use of contracts when hiring a Judges for a show. The cost of a reputable judge could be \$250/ day plus mileage. Possibly the cost of a judge versus the cost of awards should be evaluated.

Colleen also reported the following upcoming events:

There is a website for equine education www.extension.org/horses that also has a live chat. The next one is scheduled for November 7- Selecting a horse.

Indiana Horse council is hosting Horse Farm Tours. Registration deadline is October 4th.

Hoosier Horse fair is April 4-6 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
www.indianahorsecouncil.org

Dave Redman- Indiana State Fair Show manager reported that everything went smoothly. There was one issue with a yellow form but other than that there were no problems.

There were several suggestions made for changes at the Indiana State Fair. Extensive discussion was held on the different possibilities for increasing participation at the state level. There was a motion made and passed that will be presented to the Fair Board that we bring the third grade back to the state Fair and also allow all other participants to choose any three classes in the same show in keeping with current State Fair guidelines. All areas voted yes except Area 5 that had Technical difficulties and Area 10 that had no representation at the meeting.

There was also a motion made and passed to add Speed and Action back to the State Fair. All areas voted yes except Area 5 & 10 (for the same reasons) with Areas 6 & 9 abstaining.

There was a motion made and passed to allow Color Guard as a Free Class as it used to be and not limit Color Guard to one team per County.

Many suggestions and comments were made by all Areas attending about the State Fair show.

Jim Baker reported that there were no real problems at the State Fair and discussed some exciting possibilities for changes and accommodations at the State Fair. He also announced the extending of the State Fair to cover three weekends in 2009.

The possibility of moving the Horse Bowl and Hippology back to the Hoosier Horse Fair instead of having it at Purdue. One of the consequences may be to as much as triple the entry fee to pay for the accommodations at the State Fairgrounds. All were encouraged to take it back to there Area and discuss it.

The next meeting will be February 9, 2008 at Purdue University at 10 AM .

Meeting Adjourned