

**State 4-H Horse & Pony Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 31, 2008  
Marten House  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

The meeting was opened by Vice President Dennis Flock. Those in attendance were Colleen Brady, Jim Baker and the following areas:

Area 1-- *Educator* via conference call

Area 2-- Dennis Flock in person and *Educator* via conference call and Dave Redman Area 2 as State Fair Show manager

Area 3-- Dianna Hatcher in person and Maria Restrepo and Cathy Boerste via conference call

Area 5-- Jeff Pell via conference call

Area 6-- No representation

Area 7-- No representation

Area 8-- Melva Stamberger, Darla Greer, Cindy Keene

Area 9-- Sara Shelton, Patty Shelton, Wendy Medley-Davis, and Brenda Light

Area 10- No representation

Area 11- Neasa Kalme, and Terry McManama

The minutes were accepted as written.

Colleen gave a report on the upcoming dates:

January 24, 2009 - Beginning Horse Judging Camp it is a one day event held at Lebenon, Indiana.

February 7&8, 2009- The advanced Horse judging camp will be held at Purdue

March 28 & 29 Horse bowl & Hippology Contest at Purdue

April 3-5, 2009 - Hoosier Horse Fair at Indianapolis

May 2, 2009 is the state Horse and Pony contest

The date for the horsemanship camp is going to be the third week of June.

The results from the survey for the Horse Bowl and Hippology were passed out.

They were about even.

Dave Redman gave his report on the State Fair as well as Maria Restrepo. Both agreed that all went well. Minimal amount of problems to handle.

Jim Baker gave a report on the State Fair. The round pens were purchased and will be available each year. Every thing went smoothly. The number of exhibitors were down but with the increase in the number of classes each one could enroll in the number of entries were up which made for a couple of long days. He would like names of good TWH judges. Check-in went smoothly with no waiting. 2009 may be some what different because of the change in the schedule. Four different species will be checking in on the same day. He has requested the repair of some rails and moving the announcer's stand. The same staff will be back and he is planning a training meeting in June for them. The goal is to create a user friendly State fair.

Jim Lankford was available to discuss some of the changes to the 2009 State Fair. He will be the new Director taking Cary Cervenka's position.

Area's represented voiced thoughts and concerns on the State Fair. Most thought it was a positive experience for the exhibitors and parents. There was a complaint about water spigot issues. Some are leaving the water on after filling buckets. There was concerns addressed about jumping, size of the round pens, Area 9 voiced concerns about kids being notified about being State Fair ineligible. Colleen said that every form is checked and if there is a minor mistake every effort is made to correct it like age or color of animal. If it cannot be done they are notified by mail and the extension office is notified as well. Letters were also sent to individuals concerning body condition of their animal.

Most areas have discontinued the area horse show due to lack of participation. The only areas having them in 2009 are 1,2,3,& 5.

The next meeting of the State Horse and Pony Advisory board will be on February 7, 2009 at Purdue 10 a.m.