

## 2002 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

### A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **4-H Event Eligibility** -- Ferry. Recommends that 4-H membership be required for your participation in 4-H conferences such as Know Your Government.

**Council Action:** *No action required;* State policy already requires that attendees be enrolled by the county, EM0758, membership, #8.

2. **4-H Chaperones** -- Pierce. Recommends that chaperones for any 4-H event must be enrolled and have passed the screening process.

**Council Action:** *No action required;* State policy, under Volunteer Staff (4.A., Em0758), already requires that chaperones be screened.

3. **4-H Chaperones** -- Pierce. Recommends that chaperones for County and State overnight 4-H events must be at least 21 years old.

**Council Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Any district or state overnight event have an 8:1 ratio met by a 21 or over chaperone before an under 21 chaperone can serve.

**State 4-H Office Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Chaperones for State and County overnight events must be screened and enrolled 4-H volunteers. There must be a 1:10 adult to youth ratio of chaperones, ages 21 and older. 18-21 year-old volunteers may serve as additional chaperones as long as the 1:10 ratio is maintained and they have been in the program at least two years.

### B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Educational Displays** -- King. Recommends the creation of a new Ed. Display Class for Livestock Best Management Practices.

**Council Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Creation of a new class for livestock Best Management Practices contest. Refer back to State Fair Board for implementation.

**Fair Board Action:** *Rejected.* The Fair Board management will work with King

County to implement a 4-H in Action activity to showcase the Best Management Practices: demonstration/display during the 4-H Livestock weekend of the State Fair.

2. **Premium Points** -- Pierce. Recommends that State Fair premium points be adjusted so exhibitors who are allowed to enter only one animal receive the same points for their non-Fit and Show class.

**Council Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Recommends that State Fair Board look at the premium points and adjust to achieve equity across projects.

**Fair Board Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* The State Fair Board will appoint an advisory committee to examine and review the determination of premium points in all divisions.

3. **Judging Contests** -- Pierce. Recommends that for Judging Contests, each oral reasons class have the same judge(s) for each age division.

**Council Action:** *Rejected.* It is impractical to apply this rule to all judging contests.

4. **Goat Classes** -- Yakima. Recommends that all fairs and regional shows support the companion goat classes.

**Council Action:** *Rejected.* Referring back to the county for further development and resubmission.

## C. DOGS

1. **4-H Dog Health Certificate** -- Spokane. Recommends that the "4-H Dog Health Certificate" 1) should read "Approved again in 12 months and then repeated every 3 years; 2) should change "age" to "whelped"; 3) the bill from veterinarian's office with their letterhead is all that is accepted at State Fair (not C0794 Project Record).

**Council Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Accept C.1.3) in its entirety -- sending questions of standardization to the State Dog Committee. C.1.1) & C.1.2) are mute because C0805 is no longer used.

**State 4-H Office Action:** *Rejected.* A Rabies Vaccination Certificate has been developed and will be required for State 4-H Fair.

2. **Dog Publications** -- Spokane. Recommends that publications designate rules from guidelines.

**Council Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* See C.3.

**State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.*** Changes will be implemented upon review by the State Dog Committee.

3. **Dog Publications** -- Spokane. Recommends that subjects in publications be worded to members do not get confused; for example, exhibitor dress as described in EM4796 (*WA State 4-H Dog Program Ldr. Guide*), pg. 5, and EM4904 (*Fitting & Showing Your Dog*), pg. 9.

**Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.*** Combine C.2. & C.3. Recommend all dog publications be reviewed by the State Dog Committee for inconsistencies and set up an ongoing process to review and revise periodically.

**State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.*** Changes will be implemented upon review by the State Dog Committee.

4. **Dog Score Sheet** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. Recommends that "Veterans/Handicapped" name be changed to "Veterans/Modified."

**Council Action: *Accepted.***

**State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.*** The scorecard is available now online at the WSU 4-H website.

5. **Dog Project** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. Recommends that an Agility Program be added to the Washington State 4-H Dog curriculum.

**Council Action: *Accepted.***

**State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.*** Forwarded to the State Dog Committee for implementation.

6. **State Fair Judging Contest** -- State 4-H ad Hoc Dog Committee. Recommends that the following changes be made to the State Fair Judging Contest: 1) Late registrations will not be allowed; and 2) Contestants found talking during the contest will be disqualified.

**Council Action: *No action required.*** All recommendations in proposal are already listed in the State Fair Premium book.

7. **State Dog Program** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. It is recommended that the Ad Hoc Dog Program Committee that was established at the 2001 State Leader Forum be formalized by the county and state 4-H Youth Program as the Washington State 4-H Dog Project Committee.

**Council Action: *Accepted.***

**State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.***

## D. EQUINE

1. **Performance Horse** -- Yakima. Recommends that EM4727, "*Performance Horse*," be amended on pg. 42, under Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, Personal Attire, to read: "Tall hunt boots, jodhpur boots or half chaps."

**Council Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Performance Horse be amended on pg. 42 and any other pages, under Hunt Seat Equitation. Personal attire to read: "Tall hunt boots, jodhpur boots, jodhpur boots or paddock boots with half chaps."

**State 4-H Equine Committee/State 4-H Office Action:** *Accepted.*

2. **Performance Horse** -- Yakima. Recommends that 4-H members who ride in jumping and hunter hack classes be allowed to have their horses wear martingales.

**Council Action:** *Rejected.* County option issue. State policy already allows for martingales in jumping classes; pg. 42, EM4727, *Performance Horse Member Manual & Class Rules*.

3. **Miniature Horses/Ponies** -- Pierce. Recommends that a program of in-hand obstacle and in-hand jumping be developed using curriculum from AMHA and AMHR (rule books for miniature horses and ponies).

**Council Action:** *Accepted.*

**State 4-H Equine Committee/State 4-H Office Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* Counties are encouraged to develop opportunities for miniature horses and ponies to participate in the local 4-H Equine program, and to research educational materials for their leaders and youth.

4. **Competitive Trail**-- Pierce. Recommends a statewide program of Competitive Trail be developed using curriculum from Ohio, Penn. State, and resources from NATRC and WSH.

**Council Action:** Accepted.

**State 4-H Equine Committee/State 4-H Office Action:** *Accepted with Modification.* The equine Advisory Committee recommends that we use the Pennsylvania Competitive Trail program and publication as a guide to develop a Washington program. Pat Pehling volunteered to work with interested leaders. The WSU State 4-H Office's biggest concern is the safety and health of 4-H youth and their horses.