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Minutes for Mar. 19, 2005, Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

Present: Marilyn Anderson, Pat Pehling, Sally Schiller, Barb Ferguson, and Jerry Newman

State Fair Premium Book will be in electronic form only as Western Washington Fair will no longer print the book. This year will be a transition for the Premium Book. We all need to work hard to see that everyone who needs access to the premium book has that opportunity. Counties will need to work hard to make the premium book available to all volunteers who do not have access to the Internet.

Recommended Workshops for 2005 State 4-H Leader Forum:

- Equine Behavior and Body Language... Jennifer Leach (confirmed)
- Organizing a Horse Show... Maravell Gonsioroski (confirmed)
- Starting Horse Bowl and Hippology in your County... Pat Pehling and Cheryl Mendenhall (confirmed)
- Promotion of 4-H Programming within and outside the organization

Promotion of Forum...we need to promote at State Fair with handouts, on the list serve, and on www sites.

Funding for National Horse Events is no longer available for the teams. We need to check and see if there are still funds for coaches. (WSU funding will pay for the coach and a rental car for the team.)

National Horse Presentation name needs to be clarified in State Fair Premium book to reflect the demonstration priority that the Eastern National Horse Event has at their contest. (Pat and Jerry are working on it.)

Advancement Program/Horseman Award: we need to find a good name. The components of the award would be Husbandry, Horsemanship, Citizenship, and Leadership. We all agreed for the fall meeting, we would review the Oregon and Washington Advancement programs to select the best sections of each.

Issues we feel the CORE committee should address:

- Should the structure program committee be uniform?
- Can a volunteer serve on more than one board or committee at a time?
- Review the facilitation of the Washington 4-H Council Meeting as a number of volunteers were upset at the procedures used and do not plan to come back.

Fair Board – Equine Committee Meeting

Feb 19, 2005

Agenda:

- Purpose
- Group Agreements
- Review of committee roles
- Common ground/uncommon ground
- Identification of major issues
- Problem solving process
- Next steps

Conflict Resolution Principles:

- Respectful communications
- Respect the jurisdiction of committees and resolve issues at the lowest level
- Decisions must be time appropriate
- Management Structure Principles and 4-H PRK apply (programming framework)
- 4-H Management Structure matrix
- Director, 4-H Youth Development has the ultimate responsibility for decisions
- Decisions will be made by consensus

Brainstorming Discussion:

- We should not make programming changes in the middle of the year...we try, but implementation often comes in the following March or April.
- State Fair should be a showcase of what youth have accomplished in the 4-H Program
- We need to define what the words “policy” and “rules” mean
- We need to study geographic representation versus program representation on committees and boards.
- What is public information and what is confidential information of committees and boards (We must follow state law...confidential information for public boards is information only about personnel issues, contract agreements and the sale of property...Jerry)
- Fair Board operates the show, and project committees establish policy in the projects

Policy organizational flow:

- Policy... produces rules that reflect work that must be done

Guidelines...are a range of strong recommendations...that would be “nice” to do, but not required.

Next Steps:

- Provide a closed listserv to allow committees and boards to work together
- Fair Board and Equine Advisory Committee will need to process this meeting to all members of both groups.

Report back who we are...

- Question: How can we best represent 4H?
- Extension Staff needs to be present at the meetings.
- Define Responsibilities
- Boundaries of group operations
- How representatives are selected to Fair Board and Equine Advisory Committee...should selection be geographic, by project, or other?

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